



OFF SOUNDINGS CLUB

July 18, 1964

27TH ANNUAL FALL RACE SERIES

SEPTEMBER 18th & 19th

OFFICE OF
RACE SECRETARY
SMITH'S NECK
OLD LYME, CONN.

FIRST NOTICE

Enclosed are the following:

1. Entry Blank
2. Off Soundings Club Measurement Certificate
1964 Revision - Three Copies
3. List of Off Soundings Club Measurers
4. Reservation Information Sheets
5. Membership Chairman's Posting of Membership Candidates
6. Special Notice

Off Soundings Club races are open to Club members and, by invitation, to those skippers in whose name letters from three Club members recommending the invitation are received by the Race Secretary, and who are members of recognized yacht clubs.

1. Complete the enclosed entry blank and send by First Class Mail postmarked by August 26 to John B. McPherson, Race Secretary, Smith's Neck, Old Lyme, Connecticut.
2. Have a valid measurement certificate. A valid measurement certificate is one that is less than three years old as of Aug. 26, 1964, providing no alterations have been made which affect the measured factors entering into the rating. If the yacht does not have a valid certificate, it must be measured by one of the measurers shown on the enclosed list of OSC measurers, your yacht club measurer, or a Yachting Association measurer. The certificate should be completed in triplicate with one copy being sent to William L. Ames, Off Soundings Club Measurer, 9 Gravel Street, Mystic, Connecticut, postmarked not later than Aug. 26, 1964. Your measurer should keep one copy. The third copy is for your files.

The closing date set for entries is the latest practical date and will be rigidly adhered to. No exceptions will be made.

The division of classes will be announced later. Stars, 110s, 210s, and certain other yachts at the discretion of the Race Committee will not be eligible.

The warning signal for the first class to start on Friday, September 18th, will be at 8:50 a.m. EDT and on Saturday, Sept. 19th, also at 8:50 a.m. EDT. Class B-1 will be the first to start on Sept. 18th (as in all recent series). However, as the first leg of both short and long courses on Sept. 19 are the same, Class A-1 will be the first to start on Saturday.

Your attention is called to NAYRU Rule No. 25 (Revision of 1961) pertaining to racing numbers being required on spinnakers as well as on mainsails. This will be a requirement for all future Off Soundings Club Races as voted by the Board of Governors, April 8, 1961.

Please also note that by resolution of the Board of Governors on April 8, 1961 only properly entered boats are to be in the vicinity of the starting line or the race courses during the races. No matter how good the intentions, it is almost impossible for a non-competitor to keep completely clear of the competing boats, when trying to race "unofficially".

No changes were made to the OSC Measurement Rule since last year. Revisions adopted by the Board of Governors on April 7, 1962, in essence are:

1. The factors that are used in defining a ketch were altered, together with the ketch rig allowance.
2. The penalties for excess spinnaker width or excess spinnaker pole length were reduced affecting vessels whose foretriangles are small in relation to the area of their mainsails.

These changes require no measured information that is not already included on a valid measurement certificate. Hence, if your certificate is valid, the Chief Measurer can compute your rating change, if any, from the certificate on file with him.

Handicap penalties for winners are 15% for first place, 10% for second place, and 5% for third place with a maximum penalty of 45%.

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As in the past, the cost of running the races and the shore parties will be offset by your contributions. Most skippers have been prompt and generous. We ask that this spirit continue so that our finances can remain on a sound basis. Please base your contribution on a minimum of \$3.00 per person per boat, making your check payable to the Off Soundings Club, and enclose it with your entry blank.

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Friday's races will finish at the BW Bell off Three Mile Harbor. The Friday night rendezvous will be at the Maidstone Marina.

Saturday's races will finish at the BW Bell off the entrance to Greenport and Dering Harbor with the Saturday night rendezvous at the Shelter Island Yacht Club.

Please consult the enclosed Reservation Information and make whatever reservations you wish directly and early.

When writing letters to the Race Secretary requesting that guests be extended an invitation to race, please remember the requirements which are, that there must be one letter signed by three members, or three separate letters, all signed by members, requesting that the guest in question be extended an invitation. These letters should contain some background and a statement of how long and how well you know the guest and state his correct name and address. Also please do not write any letters for more than one guest at a time. We have had several instances of letters containing the names of four or five guests, some of whom acquire the three needed letters and some do not, but it is too confusing to have multiple names in one letter.

We are continuing this year with the use of 1 or 2 shore launches from Saybrook Marine Service. In addition, local launches will be running. We do, however, urge that you bring a dinghy if possible. We suggest a fee for launch service of 25¢ per head between shore and boat or between boats.

Tentative race results will be announced at Three Mile Harbor and at Shelter Island, subject to final correction. This is necessary to give the committee time to settle protests and for final checking and verification. Trophies will be engraved and mailed to the winners at a later date.

We have just acquired another shipment of Off Soundings Club tie clasps. Due to a rise in the cost of these clasps, the present 50 will be the last ones sold at \$5.00 each. After these 50 are gone the price will rise to \$6.00. So, if you contemplate purchasing any clasps, please do so this summer. Incidentally, they make very fine Christmas presents for husbands, beaux, etc. Off Soundings cap buttons may also be purchased.

Two additions to our Off Soundings Club Crew Register are listed as follows:

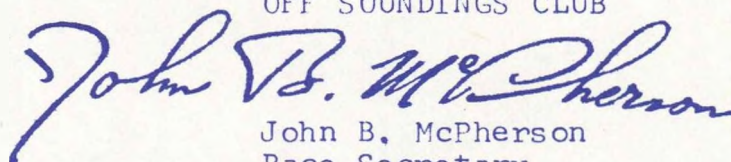
Ackley Shove, Jr., 176 Beach Ave., Watertown, Conn.
Bus. Address: 41 Jefferson Street, Waterbury, Conn.
Home Phone: 274-8401 Business Phone: 753-3161

John W. Anibal, 158 Hynes Ave., Groton, Conn.
Bus. Address: Electric Boat, Groton, Conn.
Home Phone: 445-8082 Business Phone: 445-4321

Both have had sailing experience and can give references from Off Soundings Club members.

We shall look forward to seeing you in New London, Thursday evening, September 17th.

Cordially,
OFF SOUNDINGS CLUB

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "John B. McPherson". The signature is written in a cursive style with a large, sweeping initial "J".

John B. McPherson
Race Secretary

Please Note: There will be no new classes created during the year 1964, however, certain classes have become too large and unwieldy while others have decreased in size. In order to equalize the classes, certain yachts at the top of one class may be shifted into the bottom of the next larger class, also yachts at the bottom of a class may be shifted into the top of another class. Every effort will be made to keep yachts of a certain type and category together and not split similar yachts into separate classes. This will be accomplished at the discretion of the Race Secretary and Measurer.