



OFF SOUNDINGS CLUB

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Enclosed are the following:

1. Notice of Race for the Spring Race Series
2. Spring Race Series Entry Blank
3. Roster of Off Soundings Club Measurers
4. Off Soundings Club Minimum Equipment & Accommodations Standard (Based on ORC Category 4), dated April 2, 1994
5. General Information and Reservations Sheet

What was called the "First Notice" has been revised and reconfigured to conform to the standard Notice of Race, as outlined in Appendix C2A of the Racing Rules. Some superfluous wording has been eliminated and some provisions which were lacking have been added.

I call your attention to the following:

- The 1994 Race Series will use the Time-on-Time system of handicapping. In that system, each yacht's PHRF rating, as properly determined by the Chief Measurer and modified to reflect any penalty assigned to a prior winner, is converted to the yacht's Time Correction Factor (TCF). The values of TCF will range from 1.1321 (for PHRF = 50) to 1.0000 (for PHRF = 120) to 0.8219 (for PHRF = 250). The Corrected Time for each yacht is calculated by multiplying its Elapsed Time by its TCF. There should not be much of a difference in the results for an average race, but there should be some improvement in the scoring of very fast or very slow races. Also, the procedure for calculating the results of a shortened race will be simplified.
- This year we will use an Alternative Penalty System, in lieu of disqualification for an infringement. Refer to pages 81-82 of the Rule Book. Important features are:
 - The infringement must have been of a Rule in Part IV (Right of Way Rules), must not have resulted in serious damage, and must not have given the infringing yacht a significant advantage;
 - The infringing yacht accepts the penalty by promptly displaying a yellow flag and then notifies the Race Committee at the finish, identifying the other yacht;
 - The penalty is 10 minutes added to the infringing yacht's Corrected Time.
- The Off Soundings Club safety standards have been reviewed and up-dated. The new Off Soundings Club Minimum Equipment & Accommodations Standard (Based on ORC Category 4),

dated April 2, 1994 is enclosed. For your background information, a copy of the 1994 ORC Special Regulations booklet also is enclosed with this Notice.

- A procedure is being developed to permit the communicating of corrections in the Sailing Instructions to the contestants by radio. This will be spelled out in the Sailing Instructions.
- By utilizing volunteer-supplied Committee, Stake and Patrol Boats we have been able to realize certain economies in our race costs. Accordingly, the per-yacht contribution this year is reduced from \$35 to \$30.
- Because of the potential for confusion with signals having other meanings, the Class Flag for Class C-2 is changed to "Oscar" and the Class Flag for Class CR-2 is changed to "Golf."

Good sailing, and we look forward to seeing you at Block Island.

Cordially,



Richard H. Roberts
Race Secretary
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57th ANNUAL SPRING RACE SERIES

1994

JUNE 10th and 11th

NOTICE OF RACE (NOR)

1.0 Rules

- 1.1 The Race Series will be governed by the Constitution of the Off Soundings Club (which is concerned with NOR 14.0 of this Notice of Race), the 1993-1996 International Yacht Racing Rules (referred to herein as "Rules"), the Prescriptions of US SAILING and by the Sailing Instructions. The Series is classed as a Category A event, as described in Rule 18 and Appendix A3.
- 1.2 Yachts shall conform to the Off Soundings Club Minimum Equipment & Accommodations Standard (Based on ORC Category 4), dated April 2, 1994, and enclosed with this Notice.
- 1.3 The Off Soundings Club will adhere to and enforce Rule 25 and Appendix B3 regarding sail numbers.
- 1.4 Off Soundings Club rules require that at least one of the persons in whose name a yacht is entered (Master) must be on board for each race and in command of that yacht. In the case of guests, only the guest can be the Master and must be aboard and in command for each race.
- 1.5 These regulations apply to the Cruising Canvas Classes:
 - a. Only Off Soundings Club members may enter. You must mark the appropriate box on the Entry Blank to enter.
 - b. Spinnakers (including mizzen spinnakers) may not be used. Headsails must be attached along their length to the headstay by means of either hanks or a slotted headstay. This does not exclude roller-furling headsails. Headsail girths measured from the luff to the leech must be no greater than their proportional distance from the head.
 - c. Spinnaker poles may be used as whisker poles. Whisker pole length is limited to 80% of LP or spinnaker pole length, whichever is greater.
 - d. Only one sail at a time, other than forestaysails on standard double-head rigs, may be tacked forward of the mainmast (foremast on schooners). This does not prohibit a transient condition (i.e., during a sail change evolution).
 - e. Use of other sails, such as mules, mizzen staysails, is permitted.
 - f. Yachts must meet all Off Soundings eligibility requirements.

2.0 Responsibility

- 2.1 The legal age for drinking in Rhode Island is twenty-one. The "Captain's Responsibility" statement printed on the reverse of the Entry Blank makes it clear that your signature denotes that, as Master/Captain, you shoulder the responsibility that your under-age crew members are advised of the prohibition on their drinking at Off Soundings Club events. Further, you take full responsibility for their actions.

2.2 Guest invitees who have not received prior communication please take note of this emphasis on the Master/Captain's responsibility.

2.3 You will note that the Entry Blank requires you to sign a certification that your yacht meets the Off Soundings Club Minimum Equipment & Accommodations Standard (Based on ORC Category 4), dated April 2, 1994 and that you agree to the waiver contained on the reverse thereof. As a Corinthian yachtsman, your certifying signature is the verification needed to assure that all entrants have complied and are racing fairly and truly.

3.0 Alterations of Racing Rules

3.1 A procedure for broadcasting corrections to the Sailing Instructions has been prescribed, under the requirement of Rule 3.4(b).

3.2 Visual signals have been added to Rule 4.1 to indicate where Saturday's race is to be sailed in the event that Friday's race is Abandoned.

3.3 The visual signal for a short course will be made before or with a class' Preparatory Signal and will be accompanied by two long horn blasts. Rules 4.1 "S"(a), 4.2, 5.1 and 5.2 are modified accordingly.

3.4 A racing yacht starting early and failing to restart properly will be penalized by having thirty minutes added to her Corrected Time. Rule 51.1(b) is modified accordingly.

3.5 General Recall procedures are modified in that the recalled class is to re-start last. Rules 4.1 "First Substitute," 4.2(c) and 7.2(a) are modified accordingly.

4.0 Eligibility and Entry

4.1 The Race Series is open to those members and invited guests whose yachts qualify in all respects to the provisions outlined in NOR 4.3, below.

4.2 The closing date for requests for Guest Invitations was set at March 17, 1994 for both the Spring and Fall series. No more guests may be invited for 1994 racing. Only two Guest Invitations will be issued to an acceptable non-member to participate in our racing events, each invitation being sufficient for two consecutive race series -- such as Spring '94 and Fall '94. The Board of Governors may, under certain circumstances, elect to waive the two-invitation limit.

4.3 Yacht eligibility is defined as follows:

a. For handicapping purposes, the maximum PHRF base boat number will be 300.

b. The minimum L.O.A. of yachts which may race in the OSC Spring or Fall Race Series is 23.75 feet. Yachts smaller than this L.O.A. will not be permitted to race, nor will yachts in excess of 62 feet L.O.A. Yachts must have self-bailing cockpits and be capable of normal cruising (head, galley, bunks, etc.).

c. Excepted from this ruling are yachts, owned by members, which fall outside the limits of 4.3.b above, but which have raced in a series prior to this date. Those yachts will be permitted to race, using ratings based on the yacht's valid Measurement Data Certificate, so long as there is no change in yacht ownership.

4.4 Eligible yachts may be entered by completing the enclosed Entry Blank and sending it by First Class Mail to Richard H. Roberts, Race Secretary, 60 Dart Street, New London, CT 06320. Your entry will be acknowledged by return postcard.

4.5 In order to determine perpetual trophy winners accurately and assign handicap penalties equitably, it is necessary to confirm the ownership or charter arrangement of all entered yachts for each race series. Please list the names of all owners or charterers, whether or not also listed as master(s), in the space provided on the Entry Blank. For reasons of space, please do not list more than two names as Master. If yours is a syndicate boat and you wish to list the syndicate name, indicate the skipper's name only.

5.0 Schedule of Events

5.1 The Off Soundings fleet will race from Watch Hill to Block Island on Friday, June 10th, and will race on selected courses near Block Island on Saturday, June 11th. Each evening we will rendezvous at THE OAR (Block Island Boat Basin).

5.2 The logistics particulars for this series are outlined on the enclosed General Information and Reservations Sheet. Information on docking, mooring, shore facilities, transportation, emergency facilities, etc., are included therein and you are requested to make whatever reservations you wish direct and early.

5.3 The First Warning will be at 0950 on Friday and 0850 on Saturday.

6.0 Contribution

6.1 Please note that, in order to assign actual expenses equitably, there is an expected \$30 contribution per yacht plus \$6 per person on board. Please make your check payable to the Off Soundings Club and enclose it with your Entry Blank.

6.2 Non-racing members and guests are always welcome at our rendezvous parties, at the normal per-person contribution. We've included a place on the Entry Blank for you to let us know how many non-racing people to expect, and for you to include payment for them.

7.0 Measurement

7.1 PHRF ratings will be used for all classes. PHRF ratings will be based on the work of the PHRF of Long Island Sound (the PHRF group of the Eastern Connecticut Sailing Association), information from regional areas with PHRF experience, and additional information which may be developed by the OSC Chief Measurer. The adjustment factors will be in accordance with the procedures used by PHRF of LIS.

7.2 Each yacht must have a valid OFF SOUNDINGS CLUB MEASUREMENT DATA CERTIFICATE, which is one that is less than three years old, i.e., with an original date of June 10, 1991 or later. If the yacht does not have a valid Measurement Data Certificate, it must be measured by one of the following: an Off Soundings Club approved measurer, your yacht club measurer, or a yachting association measurer. The Certificate should be completed in triplicate, with one copy being sent to Norman E. Rabe, Off Soundings Club Chief Measurer, 33 Valley Drive, Salem, Connecticut 06420. Your measurer should keep one copy. The third copy is for your files.

7.3 In determining your Off Soundings Club PHRF rating, necessary yacht dimensional information will be taken from your valid Off Soundings Club Measurement Data Certificate. Owners of a class type (such as Tartan 41 or Morgan 34, etc.) must inform the OSC Chief Measurer of any substantial modifications to the yacht which might affect the speed potential but which might not be evident on the Off Soundings Club Measurement Data Certificate. Examples of such modifications are added keel ballast or lightened interior joiner work. This request must be treated in a true Corinthian spirit.

8.0 Entry Deadline -- Entries (together with contribution check) must be received by the Race Secretary, postmarked on or before **May 19, 1994**. Measurement Data Certificates must be received by the Chief Measurer, postmarked on or before **May 19, 1994**. No exceptions will be permitted, Postal Service foibles notwithstanding.

9.0 Classes -- There will be three "A" and "B" classes, five "C" classes and two Cruising Canvas Classes. Where appropriate, classes will be grouped generally based on PHRF rating and the rating break point for any of the classes cannot be determined until after all entries have been received.

10.0 Class Flags

10.1 You must fly a class flag at all times during the race. This flag shall be no smaller than size "0", (i.e., 12" x 15"). It should be flown vertically, as far forward as possible, on the pulpit.

10.2 The following International Code Flags will be used as class flags:

A-1	Alpha
A-2	Echo
B	Kilo
C-1	Papa
C-2	Oscar*
C-3	Foxtrot
C-4	Zulu
C-5	Juliet
CR-1	Uniform
CR-2	Golf*

* Note this Change

10.3 Class assignments will be mailed with the Sailing Instructions. Owners needing to know their yacht's class flag sooner may call R. H. Roberts at 203-443-4621 (H) or N. E. Rabe at 203-433-5144 (W) or 203-859-0165 (H) after May 26th.

11.0 Sailing Instructions -- The Sailing Instructions, together with the Entry List, by class, are scheduled to be mailed to members and invited guests on Friday, June 3, 1994.

12.0 Scoring

12.1 All Classes will be handicapped using the time-on-time system. Each yacht's Time Correction Factor (TCF) will be based on its PHRF rating (including penalty, if any). A yacht's Corrected Time is obtained by multiplying its Elapsed Time by its TCF.

12.2 As is customary for Club races, standings are given on a "Corrected Time" basis computed from the combined results of two days of racing. After each day's racing, tentative results will be announced. Complete results will be mailed later to members and guests.

12.3 Any yacht winning a first, second or third place will carry a penalty until the yacht and Master have participated in three additional race series. The penalties are 15% for each first place, 10% for each second place and 5% for each third place, for a maximum of 45% total penalty. A penalty under PHRF is in seconds per mile and is, numerically, twice the percent value. Present penalties will be carried over if a class changes for any reason.

12.4 Penalties may be worked off in three race series. To work off a penalty, the Master must start each official race in each series and either be identified as a finisher or submit a written withdrawal to the Race Secretary as soon as possible. Penalties will be removed after five race series, sailed or not.

12.5 If a yacht is acquired by a person not associated with the acquisition of the penalty, the penalty will be dropped from the yacht. If the owner then purchases or charters a non-similar yacht, he also will not continue to carry the penalty. It is the responsibility of the entrant to contact the Race Secretary prior to the entry closing date if there is any question regarding the dropping of a penalty.

13.0 Alternative Penalty

13.1 The Off Soundings Club has established an Alternative Penalty, for use in lieu of disqualification, for the 1994 Race Series.

13.2 The Scoring Penalty of Section 2 of Appendix B1 will apply, modified in that the penalty will be 10 minutes added to the infringing yacht's Corrected Time. Note that Section 1 (720° Turns) does not apply.

13.3 You are reminded that the infringement must have been of a Rule in Part IV (Right-of-Way Rules), must not have resulted in serious damage, and must not have given the infringing yacht a significant advantage.

14.0 Decisions of the Jury -- The decisions of the Protest Committee (jury) will be final, in accordance with the Off Soundings Club Constitution, which does not allow the decisions of its Protest Committee to be appealed.

15.0 Radio Communications -- The Coast Guard First District has advised that, effective April 1, 1992 and within its jurisdiction, VHF Channel 9 is to be used as the calling channel, reserving the use of Channel 16 for distress communications. Off Soundings Race Committee communications will be carried out on VHF Channel 72.

16.0 Prizes

16.1 Four prizes will be awarded in each class. Prizes will be mailed to the winners if not picked up at the prize ceremony Saturday night. All prizes are donated by the Off Soundings Club.

16.2 Perpetual trophies will be presented at the winter shore party for the yacht and Master with the best corrected time, without penalties, in the year's races in several categories. Winners, and second and third places, will be awarded keeper plaques.

17.0 Fall Race Series -- The following are the key dates for the Fall Race Series. If you plan to be away during the entry period please write the Race Secretary in advance to request a Fall Entry Blank.

Notice of Race (including Spring results)	July 8, 1994
Closing Date	August 25, 1994
Race Dates	September 16 & 17, 1994

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GENERAL INFORMATION AND RESERVATION SHEET

Thursday, June 9, 1994

Docking and mooring space at Dodson's in Stonington is available on a first-come, first-served basis. Dockage or mooring charges will be \$10.00 per boat. Launch service will be available from 0800 till 2200. Dodson's can be reached at 203-535-1507.

Ram Island Yacht Club and Wadawanuck Yacht Club have generously offered their facilities to members of the fleet on Thursday night. The Committee Boat NOR'EASTER will be at the dock at Ram Island Yacht Club on Thursday night.

Friday and Saturday, June 10 & 11, 1994

THE OAR at Block Island Boat Basin in Great Salt Pond, Block Island, RI will be the site of the weekend rendezvous.

DOCKING AND MOORING

The Block Island Boat Basin has approximately 47 slips available varying in depth from 4 to 8 feet. Reservations for a slip must be made directly and as early as possible. The price is \$2.25 per foot and your reservation must be accompanied with a deposit of one night's dockage. Address and phone: Block Island Boat Basin, PO Box 412, Block Island, RI 02807; phone 401-466-2631. For reservations before June 1st, use address: 125 Steamboat Avenue, North Kingston, RI 02852; phone 401-294-3361.

There are also slips available at Payne's Dock at \$1.50 per foot (\$2.00 per foot over 40 feet); phone 401-466-5572, and Champlin's Marina and Resort; phone 401-466-2641.

The town of New Shoreham has lime-green moorings that are for rent on a first-come, first-served basis at \$30 per night. Rafting on these moorings is not permitted.

LAUNCH SERVICE

There will be launches servicing the fleet of Off Soundings participants and available for transportation ashore between the hours of 1400 and 0130 Friday and Saturday nights. Morning service will be from 0700 - 0900 Saturday and 0700 - 1100 Sunday. They may also be available at other times during the course of the weekend to individuals, using their normal fee schedules. The launches monitor Channel 68 and appreciate the showing of "T" flags. Please display an OSC burgee or other OSC identification (e.g. the Final Notice booklet) to the launch operator.

REFRESHMENTS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

The after-race shore party will be held at THE OAR following Friday's and Saturday's races. Spigotted crocks will be arranged to the side of THE OAR and your beverage of choice may be readily identified by the code flags properly arrayed. Timely finishes permitting, mainbrace splicing will commence at approximately 1730. Results of the day's racing plus the combined results of the two-day series will be announced following the party. Please assist in keeping the grounds neat and tidy by using the trash barrels available.

FACILITIES

Toilet and shower facilities in the lower level of THE OAR will be made available to race participants. Trash and garbage removal provisions have been arranged for and the deposit location will be in the vicinity of THE OAR.

We have been informed that boats must not discharge holding tanks or heads in Great Salt Pond. Block Island now has a boat for the pumping of holding tanks. There is no charge for boats on town moorings, but there is a \$10 charge for all others. Arrangements must be made with the Harbor Master in advance (Larry Constantine, 466-3204). Block Island has a law providing for a \$200 fine for discharging into the harbor. Further, we should display courtesy and not discharge holding tanks until a legal distance offshore.

EMERGENCY INFORMATION

There will be a physician on board the patrol boat as well as several physician-members throughout the fleet who have agreed to be "on call." Should you have a medical emergency, call the Committee Boat on Channel 72; assistance will be dispatched.

While at Block Island, call:

Police	466-3220
Rescue Squad	466-3226
Doctor	466-2974

CLUB TIES, PATCHES, ETC.

The Off Soundings Club has arranged with Sportsline to offer an expanded line of ties, burgees, patches, pins, shirts, hats and jackets for sale. A brochure was included with a recent mailing. Inquire directly at Sportsline, Box 227, No. Branford, CT 06471; 203-488-2558. Some of the merchandise will be available at the Shore Party.

**PLEASE RETAIN THIS INFORMATION SHEET AND
BRING IT ABOARD FOR THE RACE**