



# OFF SOUNDINGS CLUB

## MINIMUM EQUIPMENT AND ACCOMMODATIONS STANDARDS FOR MONOHULL VESSELS

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### SECTION 1.0 PURPOSE

1.1 It is the purpose of this document to establish uniform Minimum Equipment and Accommodations Standards requirements for yachts racing in the Off Soundings Club events.

1.2 These requirements do not replace, but rather supplement, the requirements of the USCG, the Racing Rules and the Class Associations and the PHRF Rating Systems.

### SECTION 2.0 GENERAL REQUIREMENTS

2.1 The Off Soundings race series will be raced under ORC Category 4 as modified herein.

2.2 A yacht may be inspected at any time. If she does not comply with these Minimum Equipment Standards her entry may be rejected, or she may be liable to disqualification or other such penalty as may be prescribed by the protest committee.

### SECTION 3.0 STRUCTURAL FEATURES, STABILITY, and FIXED EQUIPMENT

3.1 General. Yachts shall be strongly built, watertight, be fully sea worthy and must meet the standards set herein.

3.2 Watertight Integrity of a Hull. A hull, including, deck, coach roof, windows, hatches and all other parts, shall form an integral, essentially watertight unit and any openings in it shall be capable of being immediately secured to maintain this integrity. Centerboard and daggerboard trunks shall not open into the interior of a hull.

3.3 Hatches and Companionways. No hatch forward of the maximum beam station shall open inwards excepting ports having an area less than 0.071 m<sup>2</sup> (110 sq. in.). Hatches shall be so arranged as to be above the water when the hull is heeled 90 degrees. All hatches shall be permanently fitted so that they can be closed immediately and will remain shut in a 180 degree capsized.

Companionways, if extended below the sheerline, shall be capable of being blocked off up to the level of the local sheerline while still affording access to the interior of the hull. All

**other rules and regulations that govern this event as listed in the Notice of Race and Sailing Instructions.**

I hereby agree that neither I nor any of my crew shall hold either the Off Soundings Club or any of its officers, governors, or committee members responsible for accidents, damage, or injuries during the races or related activities. No crew member will be aboard my boat who has not consented to this waiver on his or her behalf.

Nothing herein shall waive any claim which I or my crew members may have against any officer or member of the Off Soundings Club acting in his individual capacity as a participant in the races as a captain or crew member of any boat competing in these races.

You may wish to disclose this Certification and Waiver to your insurance carrier.

## **19. Scoring**

TOT—All Classes will be scored using the Time-On-Time system. Time Correction Factor (TCF) will be based on handicap and penalty adjustment, if any. Corrected Time is obtained by multiplying Elapsed Time by TCF.

Results—Standings are based on total corrected time including PE for the combined results of two days of racing. After each day's racing tentative results will be announced. Complete audited results will be mailed later to members and guests.

## **20. OSC Penalties (PE)**

Penalties—A monohull boat winning a series first, second or third place will be awarded a penalty for three additional race series, 15% for first place, 10% for second place and 5% for third place to a maximum of 45% cumulative penalty.

Carryover—Penalties will be carried over if a boat changes class for any reason. If a boat is acquired by a person not associated with the acquisition of the penalty, the penalty will be dropped from that boat. If the former owner then purchases or charters a non-similar boat he also will not continue to carry the penalty.

Removal—Penalties will be removed in sequence after three race series, sailed or not.

## **21. Prizes**

Series Class Trophies—Four prizes based on combined corrected time including penalties for the two days will be awarded in each class having at least eleven entrants.

Perpetual Trophies—are awarded to members only for the boats and masters with best corrected time without penalties in the year's races. Perpetual trophies are held for one year and first, second and third places are awarded a suitable keeper plaque.

*One year awards:*

<u>TROPHY NAME</u>	<u>CLASS</u>	<u>TROPHY NAME</u>	<u>CLASS</u>
Stan Bradford Trophy	A	Kenneth B. Millett Trophy	C-5
SAMUEL PEPYS Trophy	B	Charles J. Koch Trophy	C-6
Beauford H. Reeves Trophy	C-1	DIANE Trophy	D
Byron N. Durfee Trophy	C-2	CHANTEYMAN Trophy	NS-1
Henry B. duPont Memorial Trophy	C-3	NOR'EASTER Trophy	NS-2
MAGIC Trophy	C-4	Benjamin duPont Trophy	NS-3

*Two year awards (This year based on the results of the 2003 and 2004 series)*

<u>TROPHY NAME</u>	<u>CLASSES</u>	<u>TROPHY NAME</u>	<u>CLASSES</u>
G.W. Blunt White Memorial Trophy	A and B	Paul C. Van Dyke Memorial Trophy	C-3 and C-4
William J. Donovan Trophy	C-1 and C-2	MADRIGAL Trophy	C-5 and C-6

**22. Spring Series 2004—Planned Marks and Courses**

The following marks and courses are planned as of the mailing of the Notice of Race and are provided for your use in race planning. While these are the likely marks and courses there may be changes. The final official marks and courses will be defined in the Sailing Instructions.

**Planned Marks—**

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| <b>A</b> —The Stake Boat or buoy at the starting line         | <b>K</b> —Red Bell "2" off the entrance to Great Salt Pond |
| <b>B</b> —Green Bell "1BI" north of Block Island North Reef   | <b>N</b> —Red Nun "2NS" at Nebraska Shoal                  |
| <b>C</b> —Green Gong Buoy "9" at Cerberus Shoal               | <b>S</b> —Red Bell "2" at Southwest Ledge                  |
| <b>G</b> —Green & Red Buoy "BIS" 2.2 miles westerly of Mark S | <b>W</b> —OSC Special Mark                                 |
| <b>H</b> —Red Bell "4" south of Pt. Judith Harbor of Refuge   | <b>X</b> —OSC Special Mark, at L41-19.2N, Lo71-45.0W.      |
| <b>J</b> —Red Whistle "2" south of Pt. Judith                 | <b>Y</b> —OSC Special Mark                                 |
|   | <b>Z</b> —OSC Special Mark                                 |
|   | <b>4</b> —Red Whistle "4" southwest of Block Island        |

**W, Y, Z** are located by magnetic bearing and distance from Mark **K**.

**Planned Courses**—Both the course board and pre-selected courses are available for use. Numeral Pennants will be used to indicate the use of pre-selected courses. Code Flag "V" will be used to indicate the use of the course board.

If a pre-selected course is to be used—it will be signaled by a Numeral Pennant displayed on the Committee Boat. Numeral Pennants #3, #4, #5 or #6 will indicate the following pre-selected courses for Friday or for Saturday:

## *Shore Party—Refreshments and Announcements*

The after-race shore party will be held at THE OAR following Friday's each race. Spigoted 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, main-brace 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. A buffet breakfast will be offered Saturday morning under the tent at THE OAR. More information will be with the Final Notice.

### *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.

### *Transportation*

**Taxi:** Privately operated taxis are the primary means of public transportation on the island. There should be plenty seeking your business as Off Soundings is the first major event of the season and the winter has been long and lean. There is a basic flat fare within the triangle New Harbor - Old Harbor - Airport for up to five persons, and a surcharge per person over five. There are surcharges for longer distances, dirt roads, etc.

**Ferry:** Runs from Pt.Judith to and from Old Harbor several times per day. The trip takes a little over an hour. Advance reservations for cars are absolutely required. Telephone 401-783-4613 for exact schedules and further information or visit [www.blockislandferry.com](http://www.blockislandferry.com)

**Air Service:** New England Airlines operates scheduled flights (about 10 minutes flight time) to and from Block Island out of Westerly (RI) Airport nearly hourly year round. Call 800-243-2460 (outside RI), or 596-2460 (in RI) for schedules and reservations. Air charters are also available from Westerly, Groton and other points. [www.biri.com/nea/](http://www.biri.com/nea/)

### *Emergency Information*

Participants should have on board a medical kit properly outfitted and be prepared to handle minor problems. Should you have a medical emergency, call the Committee Boat and/or the Fleet Surgeon on Channel 72.

At Block Island call 911 or the emergency numbers provided in the Sailing Instructions.

### *Club Ties, Patches, Etc.*

The Club House offers a line of OSC ties, burgees, patches, pins, shirts, hats and jackets for sale. Inquire directly at The Club House, 29 Soundview Road, Unit 5, Guilford, CT 06437; 203-453-8366 or 800-453-3224 or (fax) 203-453-8364. Special 2004 Off Soundings Spring Race Series tee shirts and other items will be available at the Shore Party.

## *Rendezvous*

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

## *Docking, Mooring and Anchorage at Block Island*

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. Your reservation must be accompanied with a deposit of one night's dockage. Address and phone: Block Island Boat Basin. PO Box 369, 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, phone 401-466-5572, and Champlin's Marina and Resort; phone 401-466-2641. Champlin's has a lot of space as they will raft boats three to four deep on each side of their long fixed docks.

The Town of New Shoreham has lime-green moorings that are for rent on a first-come, first-served basis. Rafting on these moorings is permitted, to a maximum of one boat on either side of the moored boat, each boat pays a mooring fee.

There is also anchoring space available in the northern areas of Great Salt Pond. Restrictions, particularly in the shellfish bed areas, are strictly enforced.

## *No-Discharge Zone*

Great Salt Pond and all Rhode Island state waters are declared a federal no-discharge zone. Marine toilets and holding tanks cannot be discharged. This includes Type I devices such as Lectra/San. The Harbor-master may board your vessel to ensure that seacocks are sealed. Discharge of "gray water," i.e., sinks, showers, etc., is permitted. The fine for unlawful discharge is \$200. The town of New Shoreham operates a pump-out boat at no charge. Advance arrangements must be made with the Harbormaster (Larry Constantine, 401-466-3204) for this service. Further, by courtesy and law, heads, except Type I, and holding tanks should not be discharged overboard within three miles of any shoreline.

## *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.

Friday, June 11— Numeral Pennant #3 will be used to select the following course:

Classes A, C-1, C-2, C-3, C-5, NS-1 and D

Classes B, C-4, C-6, F, NS-2 and NS-3

Start

**W** Port

**N** Starboard

Finish

Start

**W** Port

**B** Starboard

Finish

Saturday, June 12—Numeral Pennants #4, #5 or #6 will signal the selected course.

Classes A, C-1, C-2, C-3, C-5, NS-1 and D

Classes C-4, C-6, F, NS-2 and NS-3

Course #4

Course #5

Course #6

Start

Start

Start

**N** Stbd

**S** Port

**G** Port

**J** Stbd

**B** Port

Finish

Finish

Finish

Course #4

Course #5

Course #6

Start

Start

Start

**H** Stbd

**4** Port

**S** Port

Finish

**B** Port

Finish

Finish

Reverse course for all classes for Course #5 on Saturday will be signaled by Code Flag "R" displayed under Pennant #5 .

Restrictions for Saturday—For Course #4, boats must pass westward of Mark **B** on the first and last legs of the course. For all other courses (pre-selected or course board) boats must pass offshore of these buoys, as indicated:

Bell R "6" near Southwest Point

Can "1" and Can "3" near Southeast Point

Nun "2" near Black Rock

Can "7" near Old Britton Rock

The Short Course—may be signaled on either day when using pre-selected courses by Code Flag "S" displayed before or with the Warning Signal and accompanied by two horn blasts. The Short Course is the course sailed by Classes C-4, C-6, F, NS-2 and NS-3. This signal will apply to the next class to start and to all subsequent classes.

If The Course Board Is To Be Used—Code Flag "V" will be displayed. The course will be designated on the course board by a horizontal arrangement of Mark symbols reading from left to right, indicating the Marks in the order to be rounded or passed.

The Classes to which a horizontal row applies will be indicated at the left of the row, example:

1—Course 1, for Classes A, C-1, C-2, C-3, C-5, NS-1 and D

2—Course 2, for Classes C-4, C-6, F, NS-2 and NS-3

XXX—Specific course for Class(es) XXX, Class(es) XXX are removed from Course 1 or 2

OTHER—All other classes

ALL—All classes

Rounding—A *circled* Mark symbol indicates that the Mark is to be left to STARBOARD, An *uncircled* Mark symbol indicates that the Mark is to be left to PORT.

For OSC Special Marks—**W, Y, Z** the magnetic bearing and distance in nautical miles from Mark **K** will be displayed on the Committee Boat.

Finish Line—will be between the Committee Boat and Mark **K** on both days.

### 23. Fall Race Series

Following are the key dates for the Fall Race Series in Gardiners Bay. Note that the Rendezvous is scheduled for Townsend Marina in Greenport. If you plan to be away during the entry period please write or e-mail the Race Secretary in advance to request a Fall Entry Blank. **Accommodations for boats and crew at Greenport are limited. You should make your arrangements as early as possible.**

Notice of Race (with the Spring Series results):	July 9, 2004
Deadline, Fall Guest Invitation Applications:	August 12, 2004
Fall Series Closing Date:	August 26, 2004
Fall Series Final Notice Mailed	September 10, 2004
Race Dates:	September 17 - 18, 2004

### 24. Special Classes

From time to time the Off Soundings Club may agree to start special classes of boats such as one-design, level rating, type ownership groups, special interest groups or others in its Race Series. Special classes must have an Off Soundings member in good standing as an appointed sponsor, who will act as Class Liaison with the Off Soundings Club throughout the class's participation in Off Soundings events. Entrants who would be eligible to participate in a special class but prefer to sail in a regular Off Soundings handicap class may do so by declaration to the Race Secretary. If there are insufficient entries for a special class to start for a series boats that would have sailed in that special class will be assigned to regular OSC handicap classes where possible. Contact the Class Liaison or Race Secretary for further information.

#### 2004 Approved Special Classes

<u>Class</u>	<u>Participants</u>	<u>Liaison</u>	<u>Status</u>
F—Nonsuch	Nonsuch yachts	Jack Lombard 203-457-1305 jackjen@webtv.net	No class in '03, contact Jack regarding '04
J—J/35 Level	J/35 and other vessels at PHRF 74 at discretion of OSC and Class Liaison	David Nickerson 781-910-9736 dave@nickersons.org	Active
T—Spirit of Tradition	Yachts of classic design and construction	John Lockwood 631-298-8332	Sails Saturday only in the Fall Series



# OFF SOUNDINGS CLUB

2004 SPRING SERIES

## GENERAL INFORMATION

The facilities and services described below are operated by private and public entities not directly associated with the Off Soundings Club. We have gathered the best information available at the time of publication. As operators may change fees without notice we do not publish prices. The individual skipper is responsible for making all logistical and accommodations arrangements. The limited facilities available may be consumed quickly by demand. To avoid disappointment and inconvenience you should do this as early in your race planning as possible.

The bulk of this information will not be repeated in the Final Notice booklet, so you should bring it with you for the race weekend. Additional copies can be downloaded in .pdf format from the OSC website, [www.offsoundings.org](http://www.offsoundings.org).

Thursday, June 10, 2004

### *Docking and Mooring:*

Stonington Harbor is the closest harbor to the starting area. Space is available at Dodson's Boatyard in Stonington (860-535-1507) on a first-come, first-served basis. Dockage and moorings are available. Launch service will be available from 0800 till 2300.

Docking is available at Skipper's Dock in Stonington on a first-come, first-served basis, and rafting may be necessary. Please do not leave vehicles in the parking lot over the weekend as parking is very limited. Call 860-535-0111 for information. Come for dinner! There is also some anchorage in the Outer Harbor.

Ram Island Yacht Club has generously offered its facilities to members of the fleet on Thursday night. We expect that the Committee Boat will be berthed there on Thursday.

There are numerous somewhat more distant docking and mooring facilities and anchorages available in the Mystic, Groton and New London areas and at Fisher's Island.

Friday and Saturday, June 11 & 12 2004

### *Friday Start*

Note that the Friday starting line is east of the R "2" Gangway Rock Bell at Watch Hill Passage. Currents are strong in Fishers Island Sound. Consider time, tide, and weather to arrive in the vicinity of the starting line to check in prior to your Class warning signal.