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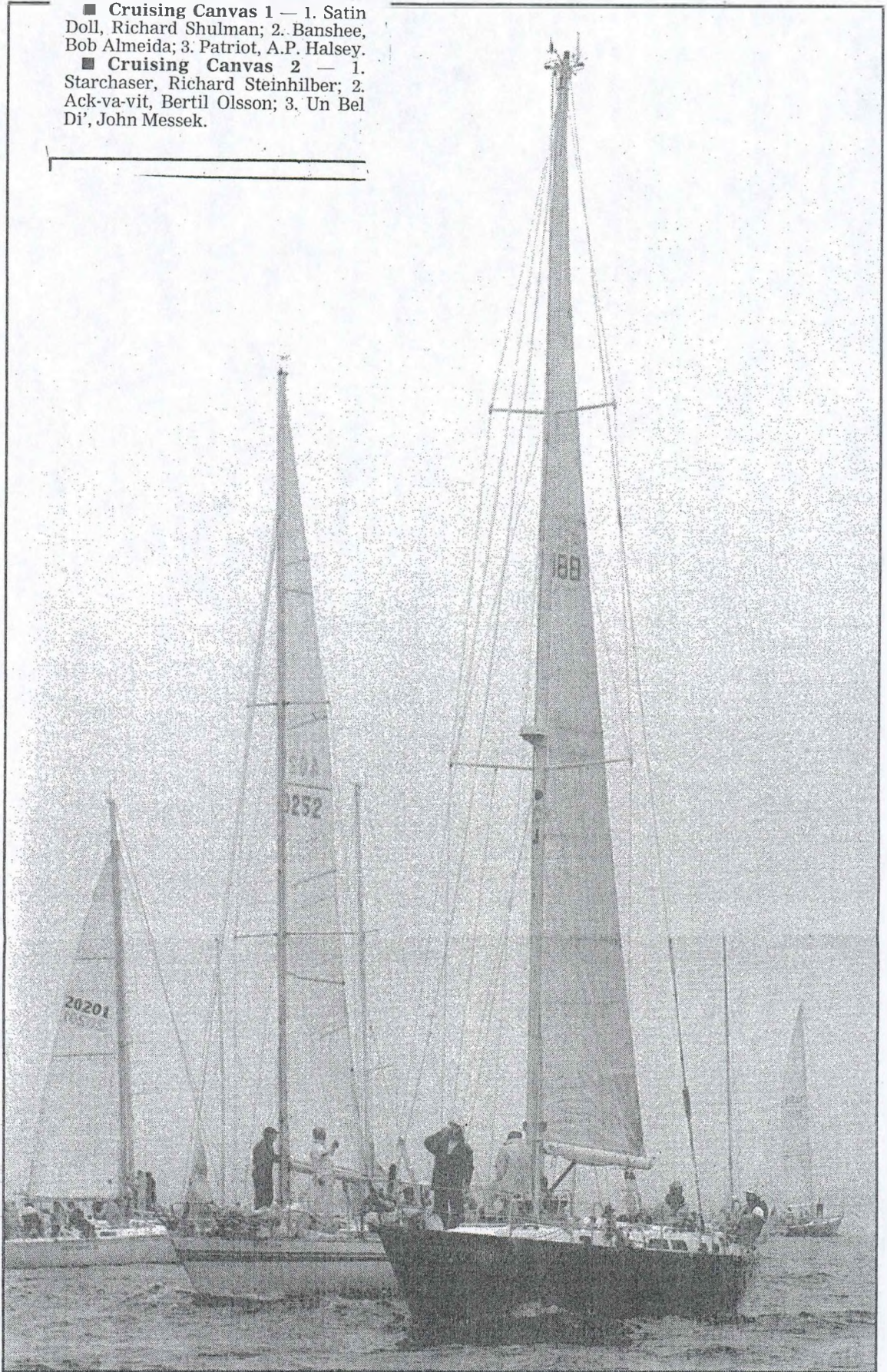
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It was the first time all six had raced together, though they had sailed in smaller groups before. They were on Fifi, the Maxwells' Evelyn 25.

The Maxwells' parents, Wes and Maryann, and Connor's mother Carol are race committee members.

Connor, the Maxwells and Dieckerhoff own several national youth racing trophies, so the weekend's Off Soundings cup went to Leuchner, who has been sailing for just the past four years, Connor said.

The six stuck together at a picnic table a short distance away from the older crowd under the tent at Saturday evening's post-race festivities.

They were modest about their achievement and said they made some mistakes they hope to fix next time.

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BOATING

WHARF RAT

140 boats expected for Off Soundings

By John Brooks

The spring Off Soundings race series is at Block Island this weekend.

Racing from Watch Hill to Great Salt Pond on Friday, the fleet of some 140 boats usually races around Block Island on Saturday.

Now in its 64th season, the Off Soundings Club is an important part of the local sailing scene.

Although it is a "paper club," with no clubhouse or shore facilities, it is very definitely a Mystic institution. It exists for two reasons: the spring and fall Off Soundings race series. Both use a winning format that is quite simple:

1. Race somewhere on Friday;
2. Have a party and announce results for the day;
3. Have a Saturday race;
4. Have a party, announce results, and present trophies;
5. Cruise home on Sunday.

The fall series usually races to Shelter Island, with a rendezvous in Dering Harbor across from

Greenport, N.Y.

With fleets of 150 or more boats, the Off Soundings races are some of the largest and most competitive on this end of Long Island Sound. To keep the racing fun, protests are discouraged, and decisions of the Protest Committee are final, and may not be appealed. Club membership is restricted to those who enjoy and participate in the sport of sailing. While boat ownership is not a requirement, "any member purchasing a motorboat will automatically be dropped from the rolls, unless they have been a member for 15 or more years, or they also own a sailboat in which they regularly participate in club races." Any questions?

The Off Soundings Club archives are located at Mystic Seaport Museum, and include a selection of videotapes and films made of races over the years. For anyone interested in doing some research into older cruising/racing

Commodore Bill Ames can point the way. In looking at many old photographs and some of the videotapes made from old movies, the biggest differences are obviously in the boats we race, especially the modern sails of Mylar™, Spectra™, and Kevlar™.

In the old photos, sailors are wearing pretty much the same style of clothes they wear today; proof that the Off Soundings Club membership will not likely be accused of being slaves to Madison Avenue!

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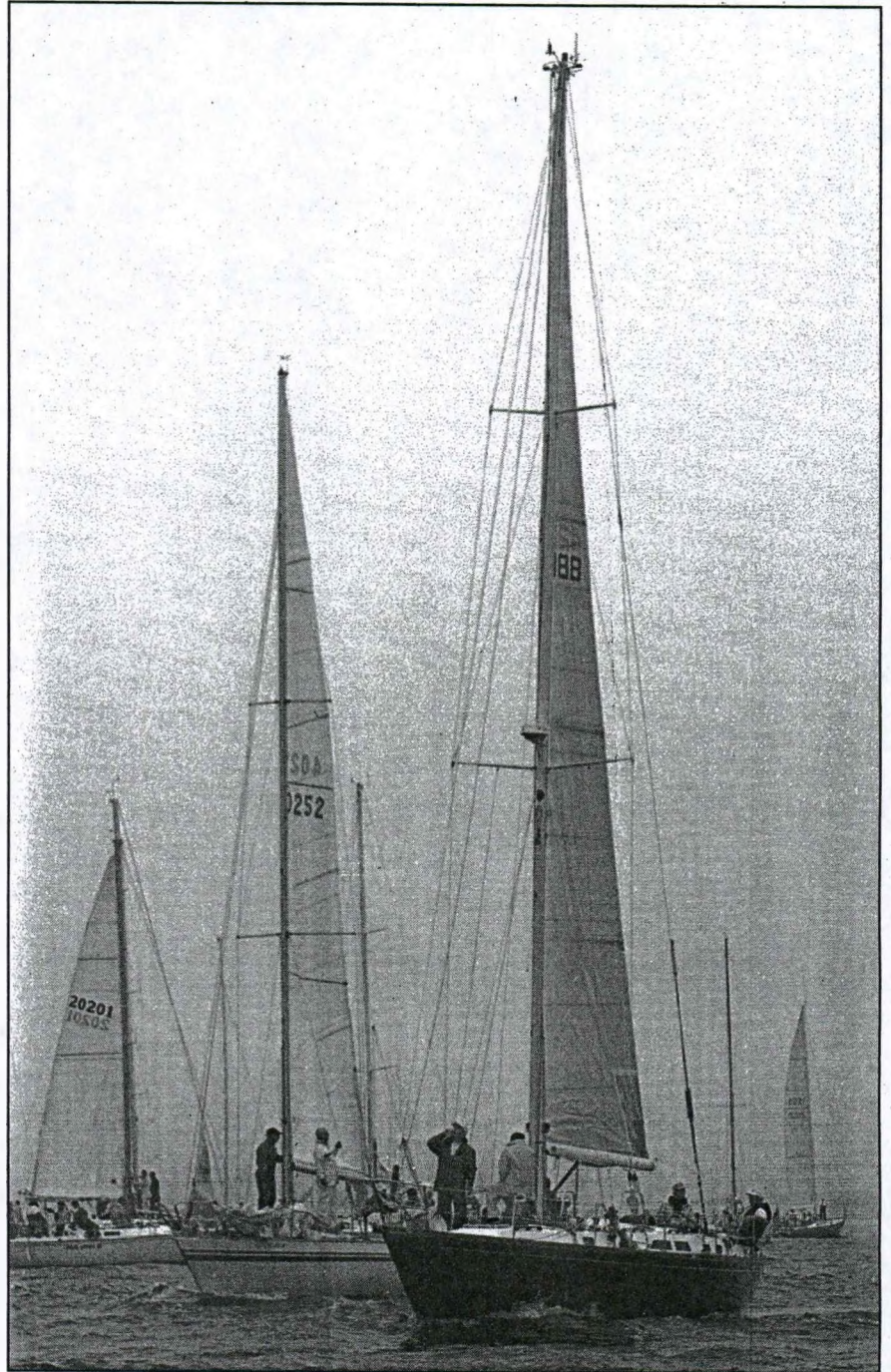
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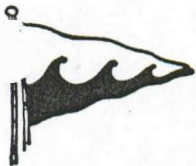
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To: See List of Readers Below

From: Andy Anderson

Re: Reading of Race Results

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If you will be unavailable, please let me know as soon as possible. Thanks for your help.

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C-4	J. English
C-3	J. Slimmon
B	P. McFadden
C-2	W. Maxwell
C-1	N. H. O'Connell
C-5	D. Davis
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C-5	S. Purdy
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