

Race Secretary's Report for 1967  
to the  
Off Soundings Board of Governors

1/19/68

I. RACE SCHEDULES

<u>Spring Series</u>	<u>1967</u>	Proposed for <u>1968</u>
First Notice	Fri. Apr. 14th	Fri. Apr. 19th
Closing Date for Entries	Thru May 18th	Thru May 23rd
Final Notice	Fri. June 2nd	Fri. June 7th
Race Dates	Fri.& Sat. June 9&10	Fri & Sat June 14& 15

Fall Series

First Notice & Results of Spring Races	Fri. Jul 14th	Fri. July 12th
Closing Dates for Entries	Thru Aug.24th	Thru Aug. 22nd
Final Notice	Fri. Sep. 8th	Fri. Sep. 6th
Race Dates	Fri & Sat-Sep 15&16	Fri & Sat-Sep 13&14
Results of Fall Races	Fri. Oct. 13th	Fri. Oct. 11th

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The intervals used in 1967 have been applied to obtain the proposed dates for 1968, using the Bermuda Race and Labor Day as key dates.

II. 207 entries were received for the 1967 Spring Series. Of this number, 181 started in at least one race. This represents a drop-out percentage of 12.6%. Three launches were hired for use at Maidstone Marina, and the number combined with the longer hours of daylight appear to have helped in a small way our substantial problem of getting people ashore and back again.

192 entries were received for the Fall Race. Of this number, 152 boats started in at least one race for a drop-out percentage of 20.7%. It is interesting to note that, of the 152 boats racing, 42 did not start on Saturday.

The three chartered Surfmasters, because of the foul weather, could not be on hand Friday night and Saturday morning at the Maidstone Marina.

- III. Prior to the first mailing for the Winter meeting of 1967, all records were transferred to Mystic Seaport, and an addressograph file was set up for members, guests, complimentary mailings, and our Race Committee.

All printing for the Spring Races was done at the Seaport, as well as the mailing for the Spring Series.

In the Fall, the final notice was included in a booklet done by an outside printing establishment. The Race Secretary has received a number of letters indicating approval of this idea, and would plan to continue with this procedure, unless directed otherwise.

- IV. Upon approval by the Board, I will make firm commitments with Maidstone Marina and Shelter Harbor Yacht Club for our rendezvous for 1968.

I would propose inviting all participants in the Bermuda Race and Trans-Atlantic Race to take part in the Spring Off Soundings as has been done in the past. However, I would not invite boats which would exceed our Off Soundings maximum length of 62 feet. I would propose that at both the Three Mile and Deering Harbors, Off Soundings hire one or two outboard boats to serve as garbage collectors on Saturday and Sunday morning, respectively. I would try to work this out with Mrs. Palmer and Rear Commodore Helme.

Respectfully submitted



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