



OFF SOUNDINGS CLUB

April 16, 1965

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

28TH ANNUAL SPRING RACE SERIES

1965

JUNE 11th & 12th

FIRST NOTICE

Enclosed are the following:

1. Entry Blank
2. Off Soundings Club Measurement Certificate,
1965 Revision - Three Copies
3. List of Off Soundings Club Measurers
4. Reservation Information Sheets
5. Membership Chairman's Posting of Membership Candidates
(To members only)
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 May 20 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 May 20, 1965, 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 May 20, 1965. 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, June 11th, will be at 8:50 a.m. EDT and on Saturday, June 12th, also at 8:50 a.m. EDT. Class B-1 will be the first to start on June 11 (as in all recent series). However, as the first leg of both short and long courses on June 12 are the same, Class A-1 will be the first to start on Saturday.

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".

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.

You will note that there is something new added to the entry blanks. This is a more accurate description of your Class or type vessel. Too often in the past certain individuals have misrepresented their vessels and it is increasingly difficult for the measurer because of the size of the classes, so please fill out the detailed description of your vessel.

When sending the Race Secretary letters requesting that a guest be extended an invitation to race, will you please include his correct name and address. This omission happens repeatedly and only delays the invitation for the proposed guest in question.

We are discontinuing the Crew Register list as it seemed to help neither skippers nor individuals looking for berths. We also find it a rather thankless job to try to obtain crews for skippers at the last minute. We suggest respectfully that you dig up your own crews and whatever happens will be on your own head.

To enable guests to more easily meet members and other guests we are going to try erecting burgees designating the various classes which will be on the lawn both at Three Mile Harbor and at Dering. We feel that prior to announcing the winners this will give all concerned a better chance to meet participants in their own particular class.

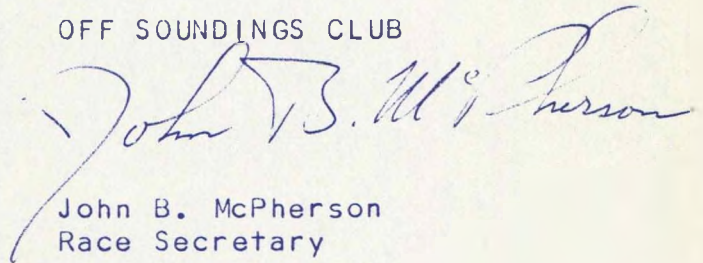
Tentative race results will be announced at Three Mile Harbor and at Shelter Island, subject to final correction. This is necessary to give the committee time to settle protests and for final checking and verification. Trophies will be engraved and mailed to the winners at a later date.

Off Soundings Club members may still purchase a sterling tie clasp with colored enamel Club Burgee by mailing a check for \$5.00 to the Race Secretary. Off Soundings Club cap buttons may be purchased directly from Crow's Nest, 16 E. 40th Street, New York City, and Off Soundings Club ties may be purchased from Mrs. Howard Smith, Mason's Island, Mystic, Connecticut, for \$4.50 each.

We shall look forward to seeing you in New London, Thursday evening, June 10th.

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