



OFF SOUNDINGS CLUB

April 10, 1975

38th ANNUAL SPRING RACE SERIES

OFFICE OF
RACE SECRETARY
THOMAS M. RUSSELL, III
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1975
June 13th & 14th

FIRST NOTICE

Enclosed are the following:

1. Entry Blank
2. Off Soundings Club Measurement Certificate, 1975 Rule
3. List of Off Soundings Club Measurers
4. Membership Chairman's Posting of Membership Candidates *
* (to members only)
5. USYRU Membership Application

Please take special notice of the following!

1. The "cruising canvas" class has been accepted as a permanent class. Because of the frequency of light airs, the conventional definition has been modified. The only sail you cannot fly is a spinnaker. The class will be the last to start and will sail the short course. Four prizes will be given; Past Commodore Raymond has generously offered a perpetual trophy for the class. Vessels must meet all Off Soundings requirements. Your normal rating will be used in calculating handicaps. You must put a check in the appropriate box on the entry form to be eligible!
2. To qualify to race in the Spring 1975 Series and thereafter, your vessel must meet all Offshore Rating Council (ORC) Category 4 requirements, including lifelines and pulpits. ORC specifications for lifelines and pulpits will be waived if your vessel meets M.O.R.C. requirements and you certify that you have a valid M.O.R.C. Certificate. Catboats may apply for a waiver for lifelines and pulpits.

In recognition that some vessels may have unique problems in meeting the lifeline requirement, or have existing installations which approach the specific requirements, Rear Commodore Donald C. Davis and a small committee will attempt to assist you. As soon as possible, submit a written request for waiver, clearly stating the problem, preferably with a dimensional sketch, if appropriate. You will be notified of the ruling. Requests should be mailed not later than April 25, 1975 for consideration for the Spring Race Series. They should be addressed as follows: Donald C. Davis, Walkley Hill, Haddam, Connecticut 06438.

Naturally, it is ultimately your responsibility to meet the ORC Category 4 requirements. To assist you in this, we have included them in this notice.

3. With great reluctance, but because of increased costs associated with our races, your Board of Governors has asked that you increase your donation to \$6.00 per person sailing with you. Various ideas were discussed to reduce service to you in order to avoid this increase, but were discarded as inappropriate or not in the best interest of you, the participant. For two good races and parties can we complain?
4. Enclosed is an application for membership in United States Yacht Racing Union (USYRU) (formerly NAYRU). Most of the yachting magazines have described the substantial changes under way to make USYRU more responsive and helpful to all yachtsmen, not just to the "Grand Prix" competitors. NAYRU ran a \$40,000 deficit last year with a membership of only 8,000.

Your membership and support will make a difference! Join now. Please!

5. Please be reminded that, to receive a propeller allowance of any kind, the propeller must be capable of propelling the yacht at a speed (in knots) equal to VLWL in smooth water with no wind.
6. The Measurement Rule Committee has made some improvements to the Rule this year. These include:
 - a. A clarification to the instruction for measuring a rudder.
 - b. A limit to the Beam Correction.
 - c. Modifications to sail area equations to tax foretriangles more and mains less heavily and to reduce the tax on mizzens, mules and schooners. Rig allowances were also adjusted to keep pace.
 - d. A distinction between the propeller allowances for feathering (@98%) and folding (@99%) two-bladed propellers.
 - e. An increase in the denominator to reduce all ratings to approach waterline length.
 - f. A requirement defining the maximum permitted luff length of headsails, including spinnakers.

The 1975 Measurement Certificate, enclosed with this notice, contains these changes. Each owner was notified in March of his new rating, via a postcard. Ratings expiring before June 1, 1975 were not converted. You should check with your measurer to make sure that you meet the requirements of a. and f. above.

7. As of April 5th, Thomas M. Russell, III is your new Race Secretary. Tom's knowledge, enthusiasm and unfailing hard work will serve to improve our racing in innumerable ways.

The past eight years as Race Secretary have been enormously rewarding for me, because of your interest, suggestions and help when it was needed. Thank you all and keep your ideas coming to your Club!

Entry Procedure

Off Soundings Club races are open to those members and guest vessels which qualify in all respects to the provisions outlined in this FIRST NOTICE.

1. Complete the enclosed Entry Blank and send by First Class Mail postmarked on or before May 22nd to Thomas M. Russell, III, Riverbend Road, Box 254A, Mystic, Connecticut 06355.
2. In order to accurately determine perpetual trophy winners and equitably assign handicap penalties, it will be 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.
3. Please be reminded that our rules require that at least one of the persons in whose name the vessel is entered, i.e. master(s) must be on board for both races and must be in command of the yacht.

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.

4. Have a valid measurement certificate. A valid measurement certificate is one that is less than three years old, i.e. with original date of June 14, 1972 or later. The 1973 and 1975 Revisions do not constitute remeasurement, which must be done every three years. Please read and complete your Entry Blank carefully. 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 Richard H. Roberts, Off Soundings Club Chief Measurer, 60 Dart Street, New London, Connecticut 06320, postmarked not later than May 22, 1975. Your measurer should keep one copy. The third copy is for your files.

The closing date of May 22, 1975 for entries is the latest practical date and will be rigidly adhered to. No exceptions will be made.

Contributions from Entrants

Your contribution of \$6.00 per person on board is vital to the continued success of our Off Soundings Races. Please make your check payable to the Off Soundings Club and enclose it with your Entry Blank.

Guest Vessel Invitation

To prevent our Off Soundings classes from getting dangerously large, the closing date for guest invitations was set at March 28, for both the Spring and Fall Series. No more guests may be invited for 1975 racing.

Only two invitations will be issued to any acceptable non-member to participate in our racing events, each invitation being sufficient for any two consecutive race series, such as Spring '76 and Fall '76, or Fall '76 and Spring '77.

Yacht Eligibility.

- I. The minimum rating for any yacht sailing in the OSC Annual Race Series is 17 feet. Yachts whose ratings calculate lower than this 17-foot minimum shall race using this 17-foot rating.
- II. The minimum L.O.A. of vessels which may race in the OSC Annual Race Series is 23.75 feet. Vessels smaller than this L.O.A. will not be permitted to race, nor will vessels in excess of 62 feet L.O.A.
- III. Excepted from this ruling are vessels owned by members which fall outside the limits of II above, but which have raced in a series prior to this date. These vessels will be permitted to race using ratings shown on the vessel's valid rating certificate, so long as there is no change in vessel's ownership.

Preliminary Racing and Rendezvous Information

The fleet will again race in Block Island Sound waters this year. The start will be off Watch Hill and the finish off the entrance to Great Salt Pond the first day. Courses will be described in the Final Notice.

Note!!

Your class may change from last year, as a result of balancing class sizes!

You must fly a class pennant at all times during the race. This pennant 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. This will be of great assistance to all participants while racing, and will aid the Race Committee as it finishes over 200 boats. Failure to fly the pennant is not a reason for disqualification.

The following International Code flags will be used as class pennants:

A-1	Alpha
A-2	Echo
B-1	Juliet
B-2	Kilo
C-1	Papa
C-2	Romeo
C-3	X Ray
Cruising Class	Charlie

Those owners unsure of their boat's class may call Tom Russell (203-536-4235) (time will be short - don't write!) May 27th.

The Friday and Saturday night rendezvous will be held at "The Oar" adjacent to the Block Island Marina.

You should make your own reservations for slips, etc. early and directly.

USYRU Sail Numbers

United States Yacht Racing Union requirements regarding sail numbers are mandatory for Off Soundings participation. Class insignia, however, may continue to be displayed.

Fall Entries

The incidence of late, misplaced or forgotten entries for the Fall Race Series is always substantially higher than for the Spring Series. To minimize this problem, if you plan to be away during the entry period, please write your Race Secretary in advance and request a Fall Entry Blank and return it immediately.

First Notice (including Spring Results) July 10, 1975

Closing Date August 18, 1975

Race Dates September 12 & 13, 1975

Other Racing Information

Handicap penalties for winners are 15% for first place, 10% for second place, and 5% for third place, with a maximum penalty of 45%.

Handicap penalties will be carried for three race series. To work off a penalty you must start both races and either be identified as a finisher or submit a written withdrawal as soon as possible to the Race Secretary.

The division of classes will be announced in the FINAL NOTICE.

Club Ties and Patches

Club members may obtain our new tie for \$8.00, and Club blazer patch for \$3.00 from your Treasurer, Walter D. Strang, Jr. 85 Tyler Avenue, Groton, Connecticut 06340. A handsome hand-stitched tie may still be ordered from Mrs. Howard Smith, Mason's Island, Mystic, Connecticut 06355 for \$6.00 each.

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

Cordially,



Race Secretary
Off Soundings Club

The United States Sailing Association (formerly U.S.Y.R.U.) is the National Governing body for the sport of sailing and deserves the support of everyone who races...If you're not already a member, we urge you to join now.



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NAYRU WORKS FOR YOU —

These are some of the things it does:

NAYRU Represents You —

at International Yacht Racing Union (Rules, Intl. Classes, Olympics); at International Offshore Rating Council (Offshore racing, IOR, etc.); at all levels of government—legislative & regulatory agencies; by encouraging and promoting all forms of yachting activities in North America.

NAYRU for all sailors —

Racing Rules Committee recommends & formulates rules with IYRU; Appeals Committee interprets the Racing Rules & serves as court of equity; By providing publications, information and coordinating activities; Works with Congressional & regulatory agencies on regulations for lifejackets, marine sanitation, national sports federations, etc.

NAYRU Works for class racers —

Class Racing Committee operates North American Sailing Center; Class Advisory Committee recommends classes for Intl. & Olympic status; Adams Trophy Committee promotes women's sailing and conducts championship series; Sailing Championship Committee conducts men's Mallory Cup Championship; Singlehanded Championship Committee conducts O'Day Trophy series; Inter-Club Match Racing Championship Committee conducts Prince of Wales Bowl; Portsmouth Numbers Committee administers handicapping system for class & racer/cruisers; Junior Yachting Committee coordinates junior sailing, racing & training and conducts Sears Cup & Youth Championships and liaises with Sea Explorer Championship; Intercollegiate Sailing Committee provides link with collegiate sailing.

NAYRU Works for Offshore racers —

Offshore Racing Committee administers all phases of Offshore Racing; Rating Rule Committee recommends improvements in measurement and ratings; Time Allowance Committee & Research Steering Committee develop quantitative data on speed producing factors for revision of time allowance & rating rule systems; Level Rating Classes Committee conducts ¼, ½, ¾, 1 & 2 Ton championships; Safety at Sea Committee works toward reducing breakdowns in offshore races; NAYRU trained & certified Measurers provide IOR & CCA measurement services; Offshore Activities administers IOR & Simplified Rules and issues sail numbers.

NAYRU Publications every member receives —

YEAR BOOK: committee members & addresses, Sailing Instructions, Yacht Routine, Measurers, Special Regulations; **NAYRU/News:** racing & Committee reports, information, news, important bulletins, etc.; Yacht Racing & Team Racing Rules; Supplements to Decisions on Appeals.

NAYRU Also publishes —

Decisions on Appeals; IOR Mark III; NAYRU Simplified Rating Rule; Portsmouth Yardstick & Numbers; Time Allowance Tables; Special Regulations; Protest Forms; Race Committee Manual; Judging Manual; Level Class Rules; IOR Master File Print-Outs; List of Offshore Yacht Numbers.

WILL YOU WORK FOR NAYRU?

Become involved in your sport, **JOIN TODAY!!!**

Send check payable to NAYRU for annual dues for:

*Supporting Membership	\$100
*Sustaining Membership	\$50
*Contributing Membership	\$25
Regular Membership	\$15
Regular under 21	\$5

*(Membership in these categories helps support the Union)

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