

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. Please be reminded that our rules require that at least one of the persons in whose name the vessel is entered 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! If your's is a syndicate boat and you wish to list the syndicate name indicate the skipper's name only.

2. Complete the enclosed entry blank and send by First Class Mail postmarked on or before August 24th, to Donald P. Robinson, Mystic Seaport, Mystic, Connecticut 06355.
3. Have a valid measurement certificate. A valid measurement certificate is one that is less than three years old, as of September 16, 1972 - i.e. valid during both days of racing, providing no alterations have been made which affect the measured factors entering into the rating. Please read and complete your entry blank carefully. It has been changed! Note that the 1972 re-rating, transmitted to you via postcard, does in no way alter the normal expiration date of your certificate. 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 T. M. Russell, III, Off Soundings Club Measurer, Cedar Drive - Box 438, North Stonington, Connecticut, postmarked not later than August 24, 1972. Your measurer should keep one copy. The third copy is for your files.

The closing date for entries is the latest practical date and will be rigidly adhered to. No exceptions will be made.

Contributions from Entrants

Your contribution of \$4.00 per participant 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 31st, for both the Spring and Fall Series. No more guests may be invited for 1972 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 (2) consecutive race series, such as Spring '73 and Fall '73, or Fall '73 and Spring '74.

Yacht Eligibility

- I. The minimum rating for any yacht sailing in the OSC Annual Race Series is 18 feet. Yachts whose ratings calculate lower than this 18-foot minimum shall race using this 18-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 below these minimums 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.
- IV. Stars, 110's, 210's, Atlantics and certain other similar yachts will not be eligible.

Preliminary Racing and Rendezvous Information

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

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.

NAYRU Sail Numbers

North American Yacht Racing Union requirements regarding sail numbers are mandatory for Off Soundings participation. Class insignia, however, may continue to be displayed. A NAYRU number for your vessel may be obtained by writing North American Yacht Racing Union, 37 West 44th Street, New York, New York 10036.

Racing Equipment

It is urged but not required that Off Soundings yachts conform to the NAYRU Off Shore Equipment List for Class Four (4) events. This list is available from NAYRU at \$.25 per copy.

Other Racing Information

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, Leo A. Geyer, 78 Bay Drive, Huntington, L. I., N. Y. 11743. A handsome hand stitched tie may still be ordered from Mrs. Howard Smith, Mason's Island, Mystic, Connecticut 06355 for \$6.00 each. Club tie clasps may be ordered from retail outlets carrying Commodore Nautical Supplies or directly from them at 396 Broadway, New York, New York 10013. The quoted price is \$9.50 with a three to four week delay.

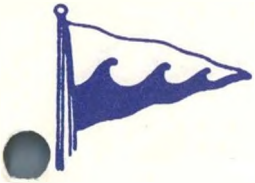
Good sailing, and we shall look forward to seeing you at Block Island.

Cordially,

OFF SOUNDINGS CLUB



Donald P. Robinson
Race Secretary



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RACE SECRETARY
MYSTIC SEAPORT
MYSTIC, CONN. 06355

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July 21, 1972

35th ANNUAL FALL RACE SERIES

1972
September 15th & 16th

FIRST NOTICE

Enclosed are the following:

1. Entry Blank
2. Off Soundings Club Measurement Certificate, 1972 Rule
3. List of Off Soundings Club Measurers

Commodore's Message

After the Spring Races we received a rather disconcerting letter from the Town Council of New Shoreham (Block Island) taking note of a large number of violations of ordinances against "revelry and littering in the streets" ostensibly by people from our fleet, and requesting that we try to behave in a more gentlemanly manner ashore. I answered the letter apologizing for the negative impact of the action of a few on so many.

Off Soundings has always been proud of the fact that we sail hard and clean, and that we play hard and clean. We want to keep it that way! I hope all skippers will feel a degree of responsibility for their and their crews' behavior ashore as well as afloat. There is no reason we can't play as hard as we sail and still treat the town we are playing in as we would want our own hometown treated. 'Nuff said!

William L. Ames
Commodore
OFF SOUNDINGS CLUB