

Off Soundings Club

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GUEST SKIPPER INVITATION APPLICATION

Approval of invitations for guest skippers may be limited or denied at the discretion of the Board of Governors of the Off Soundings Club.

A guest may be eligible to receive an invitation if the Sponsor complies with the following procedure:

1. The (postmark) deadlines for the receipt by the Race Secretary of the signed Guest Invitation Application form are May 3, 2001 or August 9, 2001, which is two weeks prior to the Closing Date for entry into the Spring or Fall Race Series. Following review by the Board of Governors, the Race Entry Packages will be mailed to the approved Guests on May 10th or August 16th. Completed race Entry Blanks, together with the contribution check, must be returned to the Race Secretary, postmarked on or before the Closing Date, May 17th or August 23rd. Similarly, any necessary Measurement Data Certificates must be sent to the Chief Measurer, meeting the same Closing Date (postmark) deadlines.
2.

<p>Sponsors must point out to prospective guests that the one-week period between the mailing to the approved guests of the Race Entry Packages and the Closing Date is seldom enough time to have the guest's yacht measured and its Measurement Data Certificate sent to the Chief Measurer. Prospective guests should be urged to begin the measurement process well in advance of the scheduled mailing of the Race Entry Packages, in anticipation of approval of their Guest Invitations.</p>

3. Early Decision service: Guest Invitation Applications received on or before April 5, 2001 will be reviewed by the Board of Governors at its April 7th meeting and Race Entry Packages will be mailed at the same time Packages are mailed to members (April 20th).
4. A Guest Invitation Application postmarked on or before May 3, 2001 will be good for both the 2001 Spring and Fall Race Series. A Guest Invitation Application postmarked later than May 3, 2001, but on or before August 9, 2001, will be good for the 2001 Fall Race Series only.
5. The Guest Invitation Application form must be filled out completely and signed by the Sponsor and two Seconders, all three being current members of the Off Soundings Club. For legibility, the names of the Sponsor and Seconders must be printed or typed above the signatures. In using the term "Sponsor" instead of "Proposer," it is intended that the person who is the Sponsor bear more than a casual responsibility for the Guest. The Sponsor shall ensure that the Guest is appropriately aware of Off Soundings Club race procedures, is made to feel welcome and is introduced to other club members, and that the Guest conducts himself appropriately on and off the race course. Admonishment or withdrawal of a Guest Invitation will be done via the Sponsor. If the request for a Guest Invitation is denied, notification will be made via the Sponsor.
6. A new Guest Invitation is required for each calendar year. Only two invitations will be issued to a Guest. The Board of Governors may, under certain circumstances, elect to waive the two-invitation limit.

It should be remembered that a guest invitation recommendation should be submitted only for a person who is a qualified racing skipper of good character and who is a member of a recognized yacht club.

YACHT ELIGIBILITY

1. The minimum LOA of yachts which may race in the OSC Spring or Fall Race Series is 23.75 feet. Yachts smaller than this LOA will not be permitted to enter, nor will yachts in excess of 62 feet LOA. Yachts must have self-bailing cockpits and afford normal cruising accommodations (head, galley, bunks, etc.).
2. The yacht must submit an Off Soundings Club Measurement Data Certificate on or before the Closing Date for the Race Series being entered, unless she has an existing Certificate which is valid on both race days of that Race Series.
3. The yacht shall conform to the Off Soundings Club Minimum Equipment and Accommodations Standard (based on ORC Category 4 requirements), dated April 2000.
4. For handicapping purposes, the maximum PHRF base boat number will be 300.

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2001 Guest Invitation Application

This form is to be filled out by the Sponsor and the two Seconders. The Application to race as an Invited Guest skipper must be submitted to the Race Secretary by the Guest Invitation closing date.

Name of guest _____ Boat name _____
Address _____ Owner () Charterer ()

Type and Class of boat _____

(Note that this is the address to which race information will be mailed.)

Sail Number of boat _____ PHRF _____

Is the Guest a member of US SAILING?

Yes () No ()

Is the boat eligible to sail in Off Soundings?

Yes () No ()

Guest's racing experience. (Be sure to include types of boats, responsibilities, Off Soundings experience, etc.) _____

Guest's recognized yacht club membership _____

	<u>SPONSOR</u>	<u>SECONDER</u>	<u>SECONDER</u>
<u>PRINT</u> Name	_____	_____	_____
Address	_____	_____	_____
	_____	_____	_____
Signature ---->	_____	_____	_____
Date	_____	_____	_____
Business Relationship with Guest? (Describe)	Yes () No ()	Yes () No ()	Yes () No ()
	_____	_____	_____
	_____	_____	_____