

# Off Soundings fleet of 144 ready for 55th battle

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**New London** — Publicity director Bob Nickerson admitted that the field for the 55th annual Fall Race Series of Off Soundings Club won't be as large as was the Spring Series. Nickerson, though, wasn't concerned about the numbers game.

"There will be a few less than the spring, but there will still be 144 boats," said Nickerson. There were 156 boats in the Spring Series. "It's something we look forward to, spring or fall. We've

been at this for 55 years."

And so year No. 55 begins bright and early Friday at 8 a.m. just off New London Ledge Light. The course will be navigated around Shelton Harbor, N.Y.

There will be nine classes ranging from A-1 to the Classic Canvass. In the Canvass class, there are 26 boats entered in the competition.

"That's the wide open one," Nickerson said. "That's the most entries of any class."

Classes A-1, A-2, C-1, C-2, C-3 and C-4 will sail the 24.6-mile long course, while the B, C-5, and Cruising Canvass Classes will sail the 16.2-mile short course.

In the A-1 class, Nickerson said Linwood Mather's "Excellence" is a boat to watch. There are 13 boats in the A-1 class, including "Excellence," in what figures to be a competitive field. Class A-1 also features Queene Hooper Foster's "Saphaetra." Saphaetra took the gun in Class A-1 both days during the spring.

Among some of the other featured boats in the remaining classes: in A-2, there's Paul C. van Dyke's "Valiant," as well as John Orzech's "Reveille," and Peter W. McFadden's "Bamboo."

Class B will feature Bill Drinkuth's "Watercolors" and John R. Saxe's "Mandalay." In C-1, Dick Rohman's

"J.A.R.D. Loose" will go against Peter Brinckerhoff's "Hooligan." Class C-2 features Bart Rapaport's "Chute One," and Kirk F. Blanchard's "Zephyros."

In C-3, there's George Martin's "Osprey" and James G. Dill Jr.'s "Menace." In C-4, Robert G. Norton's "Orion" and Jonathan Lathrop's "Arabesque." In C-5, Ronald A. Sternicki's "Strange" and Chris Field's "Maybe" are two of the featured boats.

There will be nine perpetual trophies awarded in the nine different classes, for the yacht and skipper with the best corrected time. In addition, there will be three other special honors: The G.W.

Blunt White Memorial Trophy, the Nor'Easter, and the Madrigal.

The Blunt White Memorial will go to the yacht with the best combined results, Spring and Fall, for two consecutive years in Classes A-1 and A-2. The Award will be based on the results from years 1991 and 1992.

The Nor'Easter will go to the yacht with the best combined results, Spring and Fall, for two consecutive years in C-1 and C-2.

The Madrigal will be awarded to the best from classes C-4 and C-5, once again for the Spring and Fall of the last two consecutive years.

## CGA goes on 'Rampage' in Off Soundings finale

Shelter Island, N.Y. — Rampage, sailed by the United States Coast Guard Academy, sailed first out of 17 boats this weekend in Class C-1, winning the combined championship in that division for the 55th Annual Fall Race Series sponsored by the Off Soundings Club.

Rampage finished second Friday and first Saturday to take the overall class title, defeating Bob Audette in Jack Rose. Third overall in the class was Perry Garvin in Salty.

In Class C-2, William Gunther's Froya edged Rod Johnstone's brand new J/105, Sandpiper, for the overall title, 533.74 to 535.97 minutes combined. Sandpiper was first Friday and second Saturday and Froya was first Saturday and second Friday. Third overall was John Nevin's Magbooka.

Firebrand, sailed by Dennis Posey, was first overall in Class C-3 after finishing first Friday and third Saturday. Bill Barlow's Alice was first Saturday, second overall, and Osprey, sailed by George Martin, was third overall.

On Lathrop's Arabesque took first overall in Class C-4, despite an 11th-place finish Saturday. Arabesque was first Friday by a corrected time of more than 35 minutes. Second overall was Steve Anderson's Restless, first Saturday. Third was Wharf Rat, sailed by Hugh O'Brien.

In Class C-5, Kevin Farrar's Gnat finished first Saturday and first overall, followed in the overall standings by Milan Bartek in Chasing Rainbows and Bob Puder in Wild Flower.

In the largest class, Demon, sailed by Eiliv Norvik, was the top Cruising Canvas overall, finishing first both Friday and Saturday. Tony Halsey's Patriot was second overall and Breakaway, sailed by R.A. Joslyn Jr., was third. There were 25 boats entered in the class.

Class B was dominated by Ed Purcell in Just Friends, which finished first both days. Cal Beggs' Mistral was second overall and Sesame, sailed by Al Ames, was third.

Nick Staub also finished first both days, and thus overall, in Bow-Wow, taking Class A-2. Jack Lovell's Minandet was second overall and John Hawke's Evenstar was third.

Eastwinds, sailed by J. Robert Gunther Jr., was first in Class A-1 after finishing third Friday and second Saturday. Bill Fortmann's Snow Goose was second overall and John Lockwood's Dolphin was third.

Neith, sailed by Jeffrey Stone, was first Friday but 11th Saturday in Class A-1. Irresistable, sailed by James B. Slimmon Jr., was first Saturday after finishing seventh Friday.

Races were conducted out of Shelter Island Yacht Club.

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over the Massachusetts Maritime junior varsity.

The Chancellors, coached by former St. Bernard coach Leo Facchini, opened up a 14-8 halftime lead by outscoring Mass Maritime, 12-0, in the third quarter.

Ledyard's Mike Quagan rushed seven times for 40 yards while making 10 tackles from his inside linebacker position while former Colonel teammate Tom Whipple averaged 45 yards on six punts, with a long punt of 60 yards and made six tackles.

St. Thomas More quarterback Scott Moxim was 10-for-19 for 200 yards and two touchdown passes.

### Off Soundings

Shelter Island, N.Y. — Here are the results from Friday's racing at the Off Soundings' Club 55th annual Fall Se-

■ Class A-1 — 1. Neith, J. Stone, 279.54; 2. Dolphin, J. Lockwood,

280.12; 3. Eastwinds, J. Gunther, 282.09; 4. Snow Goose B. Forman, 284.37.

■ Class A-2 — 1. Bow-Wow, N. Staub, 264.45; 2. Minandet, J. Lovell, 288.50; 3. Valiant, P. Van Dyke, 290.18; 4. Even Star, J. Hawke, 295.55.

■ Class B — 1. Just Friends, E. Purcell, 222.29; 2. Mistral, C. Beggs, 233.91; 3. Savili, E. Dickerhoff, 241.29; 4. Sesame, A. Ames, 242.53.

■ Class C-1 — 1. Salty, P. Garvin, 327.15; 2. Rampage, USCGA, 328.04; 3. Covenant, C. Moore, 328.06; 4. Leprechaun, P. LeBeau, 332.59.

■ Class C-2 — 1. Sandpiper, R. Johnstone, 314.82; 2. Froya, W. Gunther, 318.83; 3. Lindy, D. Dickerson, 321.92; 4. Wolverine, A. Karenko, 324.14.

■ Class C-3 — 1. Firebrand, D. Posey, 301.12; 2. Osprey, G. Martin, 310.79; 3. Spirit, N. Peck, 319.30; 4. Alice, B. Barlow, 320.04.

■ Class C-4 — 1. Arabesque, J. Lathrop, 270.53; 2. Orion, R. Norton, 304.53; 3. Restless, S. Andersen, 306.83; 4. Warfrat, H. O'Brien, 320.04.

■ Class C-5 — 1. Chasing Rainbow, M. Bartek, 245.40; 2. Gnat, K. Farrar, 249.57; 3. Salud, R. Sarges, 252.07; 4. Wildflower, B. Puder, 254.21.

■ Cruising canvas — 1. Dutchess, D. Tuschick, 247.09; 2. Mayflower, E. Messer, 250.69; 3. Patriot, A. Halsey, 250.91; 4. Errant, L. Landry, 251.23.

### Ledyard teams wins relay

Madison — Ledyard Legacy, a team made up of athletes from Ledyard and surrounding towns was the overall winner of last Sunday's Madison Relays in a time of 1 hour, 31 minutes, 40 seconds.

Team members were swimmer Wesley Johnson Jr., runner Jeff Kotecki, canoeists Dave and Steve Foltz and bicyclists John Rabon.

### Lehr Cup

Old Lyme — After five rounds in Lehr Cup competition, including Friday's at Old Lyme Country Club, Wethersfield and New London were

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