

June 2, 1955

Mr. Roderick Stephens, Jr.
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New York 16, N. Y.

Dear Rod:

Enclosed please find a copy of my letter to Warren Dellenbaugh regarding cat boat ratings under the Off Soundings Rule.

Warren wanted to know our procedure because the Pequot Yacht Club uses our rule and wants to work up a rating for his new cat boat.

Although it is clear we made the rig allowance for gaff cat boats 95% compared with 90% for sloops in line with a suggestion of John Alden's, you wrote Mr. Southworth in 1948 that the normal ratings might work out all right.

Warren Dellenbaugh definitely plans to enter his cat boat in the Fall, and as I feel pretty sure the cats entered have been no threat at all, just wonder whether you might want to reconsider the possibility of giving them the normal sloop rating at this time.

By the way, Warren checked with Leo, but Leo pointed out he had inherited the cat boat ratings from Doug Swan and apparently had not actually figured them, and it was for this reason the matter was referred to me.

With best regards, I am

Sincerely,

Phelps Brown

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