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Richard Roberts
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Dear Mr. Roberts:

I am writing in response to your Application for Marine Event concerning the Off Soundings 58th Fall Race Series on Sep 15-16 1995. After reviewing your application I have determined that this event does not require a Coast Guard Marine Event Permit.

However, as the sponsor, you are responsible for conducting this event in a safe manner. Please ensure the participants understand they are subject to the "Rules of the Road" and observe all safe boating practices.

I consider communications between the Coast Guard and your organization essential to the safety and well-being of the boating public and encourage you to continue filing an application for future events of this nature. This will allow us to advertise your event in the Local Notice to Mariners.

In the event that Coast Guard assistance is required, you should contact:

Commanding Officer
Coast Guard Station Montauk
RFD #1, Box 155
Montauk, NY 11954-0620
(516) 668-2773
or via channel 16 VHF-FM

Best wishes for a safe and successful event.

Sincerely,

C. L. MILLER
Commander, U. S. Coast Guard
Group Commander

Encl: Application for Marine Event

Copy: CGD ONE(bb)
CG STA Montauk
CG GRU Long Island Sound

Proposal for Streamlining the Guest Invitation Process

Most people who aspire to be a guest contestant in the Off Soundings Race Series are of adequate racing caliber. That is, if we were to permit skippers to enter our races upon request, as a guest, most of those guest skippers would not be a problem. For those few who lack something, we would soon learn about them and not permit them to be a guest again, at least for a while. Remember that very few are turned down under the current procedure.

If we can agree on the above premise, we can build a procedure which will be somewhat simpler and quicker. We should work within the schedule framework to which members must adhere -- that is, guest deadlines should be no later than the member deadlines.

The Notice of Race is mailed to members on a Friday, 13 days after the Board meeting (for the Spring Race Series) and four weeks after the Spring Race Friday (for the Fall Race Series). Let's agree to accept a Member's sponsorship of a guest and to provide the Notice of Race to that guest, as long as that person's name has not been placed on a NG List (No-Guest List), for actions in a prior Race Series. The request could come at any time, even up to the day of Closing Day.

- a. A request submitted for the Spring would cover racing as a guest in both Spring and Fall.
- b. A request submitted for the Fall would cover only racing in the Fall.
- c. There would continue to be a limit on the number of Race Series sailed as a guest -- suggest 4 Race Series. Additional guest invitations would be permitted, as now, for those in the membership process.
- d. Deadline for receipt of Entry Form and fee by Race Secretary would be the same as for members (postmark/delivery by midnight of Closing Day), no matter when the Notice of Race had been provided. Deadline for receipt (if required) of Measurement Data Certificate by the Chief Measurer would be the same as for members (postmark/delivery by midnight of Closing Day).
- e. A person on the NG List (No-Guest List) would not be sent/given a Notice of Race & Entry Form. The NG List would be established/revised by the Board at its April Meeting.
- f. The Member's sponsorship of a guest will be made on a form, similar to the existing form. Note that, if admonishment is needed, or if denial is necessary because the name is on the NG List, that message is to be delivered via the sponsor.

If this process were in place this Spring, the deadline for a guest to apply and be accepted would be shifted from March 23 to May 18 -- an improvement of 8 weeks. (Note that we have already taken two weeks out of that process by allowing the guest applications to come to the Race Secretary as late as April 6, but that really hasn't had widespread publicity.)

4/8/95

Split
Deadline
Signatures
Board Approval

Entry Form
Two weeks
prior to closing day
either series.

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sponsor plus the other