

July 30, 1960



OFF SOUNDINGS CLUB

23RD ANNUAL FALL RACE SERIES

1960

SEPTEMBER 16-17th

FIRST NOTICE

OFFICE OF
RACE SECRETARY
194 LOWER BOULEVARD
NEW LONDON, CONN.

Enclosed are the following:

1. Entry Blank
2. Three copies - Off Soundings Club Measurement Certificate (New)
3. Reservation Information Sheet
4. List of Off Soundings Club Measurers
5. Chequit Reservation Card

Courses for the 1960 Fall Off Soundings Race Series will be comparatively new and are designed so as not to finish against a strong tide. We are sure this will meet with approval from everyone. In order to do this, the rendezvous the first night, September 16th, will be held at Three Mile Harbor and shore facilities will be those of the Maidstone Marina. We feel that Three Mile Harbor will provide a different rendezvous and will result in an improvement in the courses on both days. Mr. & Mrs. Stephen Palmer, owners and operators of the Maidstone Marina, can very capably take care of our shore needs. Enclosed you will find a reservation information sheet. Please meet the deadlines for the reservations, both at the inns and with Mrs. Palmer. Saturday night's rendezvous will be in Dering Harbor; make your reservations with the Chequit Inn.

These races are open to Off Soundings Club members and by invitation to members of recognized yacht clubs providing letters are received by the Race Secretary from three Off Soundings Club members requesting that such invitation be issued, and who fulfill the following requirements:

1. Complete the enclosed entry blank and mail it by August 25th to the Race Secretary, John B. McPherson, 194 Lower Boulevard, New London, Connecticut.
2. Have a valid measurement certificate. A valid certificate is one less than three years old on date entries close (August 25, 1960) providing alterations have not been made which affect the factors entering into the measurement. If your yacht does not have a valid certificate, it must be measured by your Yacht Club Measurer, Yachting Association Measurer or one of the measurers shown on the enclosed list. All three copies of the measurement certificate should be completed with

one copy being sent to the Off Soundings Club Measurer, William L. Ames, 9 Gravel Street, Mystic, Connecticut, postmarked not later than August 25, 1960. Your measurer should keep one copy and the other copy is for your files.

This year a majority of the Off Soundings Club measurement certificates expire with the larger portion expiring prior to the entry date for the fall race series. Please check the date of your measurement certificate and if you find that it does expire prior to our entry date in the fall, have your boat remeasured promptly in order to meet the deadline of August 25th for the fall races.

The Race Secretary and Measurer have a great deal of work to do in preparation for these races. The dates set are the latest practical ones possible, and will be adhered to, so do not ask for or expect exceptions from these dates. They will not be granted. Final postmarked date for entry blanks and measurement certificates to be submitted is August 25th, first class mail only.

The division of classes will be announced later. Stars, 110's, 210's and certain other yachts at the discretion of the Race Committee will not be eligible. Classes B-1, B-2 and C-2 will start before the larger classes on both days. The warning signal for B-1 on Friday, September 16th will be 7:50 A.M. Eastern Daylight time. The starting signal for B-1 on Saturday, September 17th will be 8:50 A.M.

Handicap penalties for winners are 15% for first place, 10% for second place and 5% for third place, with a maximum penalty of 45%.

For your information, Off Soundings Club members may still purchase a solid silver tie clasp with colored enamel Club Burgee by mailing a check for \$5.00 to the Race Secretary. Off Soundings Club cap buttons may be purchased directly from Crow's Nest in New York City, and Off Soundings Club ties may be purchased from Mrs. Howard Smith, Mason's Island, Mystic, Connecticut, for \$4.50 each.

We are continuing this year with the use of two shore launches, generously provided by the Saybrook Marine Service. On Friday night, there will be in addition to these two launches, two boats provided by the Maidstone Marina which should give us ample launch facilities. We do, however, urge you to bring a dinghy if it is possible. We again suggest a payment of 25¢ per head to go from boat to boat or from shore to boat.

Trophies will not be presented to the winners at the shore parties. They will be engraved and mailed at a later date. Tentative winners, however, will be announced at Shelter Island subject to final correction. This is necessary to give the committee time to settle protests and for final verification of the results.

In the past, most of you have been generous in contributing to the cost of running our races. If each skipper participating will contribute his

share of running these races, our financial situation will then be placed on a sound basis. We, therefore, ask that when you send us your contribution, that it be figured on a "minimum" basis of \$3.00 per each person per boat. Please be sure to make your check payable to the OFF SOUNDINGS CLUB and enclose it with your entry blank by August 25th. Please be sure to sign your contribution check. Last year we received three checks unidentifiable because of lack of signature.

In accordance with a new policy, we are publishing the names of two applicants for membership in the Off Soundings Club. See the attached page.


One of our members has called our attention to a bad practice which has been indulged in by many members and guests. From time to time, a certain number of boats raft up together with only one anchor line out. About the middle of the night, a stiff breeze comes up and this group of boats starts dragging through the fleet, endangering other craft in the adjacent area. This is neither good seamanship nor good common sense. Will you all, therefore, please put down a sufficient number of anchors when more than two boats are rafted together and a sufficient size anchor in any case. We do not want any needless accidents happening.

The response to our cards asking how the membership liked going into Three Mile Harbor the first night has been very gratifying and overwhelmingly in favor of repeating the spring courses. In order to make things easier, we are planning to run practically the same courses this fall, however, we will finish off the BW Bell off Three Mile Harbor on Friday and will start there on Saturday morning. Included in our replies were many good suggestions which will be taken up this winter.

FALL SERIES

First Notice	July 30
CLOSING DATE FOR ENTRIES	August 25
Final Notice	September 9
Race Dates	September 16-17

Cordially,

OFF SOUNDINGS CLUB


John B. McPherson
Race Secretary



OFF SOUNDINGS CLUB

To the Members:

The following have been proposed and seconded for membership in the Off Soundings Club. Their names are submitted for YOUR CAREFUL SCRUTINY AND CONSIDERATION. Members acquainted with the candidates should send any information they possess, or recommendations they have concerning the candidates to the Membership Committee.

All such communications will be STRICTLY CONFIDENTIAL and should be mailed to the Membership Committee:

c/o Peter H. Comstock, Chairman
Pratt, Read & Co. Inc.
Ivoryton, Connecticut

No action will be taken on the following applicants until at least thirty days after the date of this notice.

NAME AND ADDRESS	PROPOSER	SECONDEES
Richard S. Nye Knollwood Drive Greenwich, Connecticut	G. W. Blunt White	Fred Adams P.S. duPont
William E. Coykendall, Jr. 11 Knoll Street Riverside, Connecticut	Frederick C. Norman	Horace S. Ford, Jr. Ragnar D. Naess

Sincerely,

PETER H. COMSTOCK
Chairman-Membership Committee

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Enclosure