



OFF SOUNDINGS CLUB

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TO: Commodore W. Frank Bohlen
FROM: Race Secretary Richard H. Roberts
SUBJECT: Race Secretary's Report

1. The combined, perpetual trophy results were mailed to the members and guests on October 15th, as scheduled. That mailing would normally also include the results of the Fall Race Series, but that Series was cancelled out of respect for the approaching Hurricane Floyd.
2. Continuing the statistical work began when Andy Anderson was Race Secretary, I've added 1999 information to the attached table of Race Entry Statistics, together with some financial information for earlier years, and the enclosed table is provided for your study.
3. I have attached a tabulation of the dates for Off Soundings Club events, showing the dates approved for 2000 and the proposed dates for 2001. Those 2001 dates are scheduled for review and approval at the Board meeting on January 21, 2000.
4. We have been following the new Guest Invitation policy approved by the Board. I accepted "Early-Decision" Guest Invitation Applications up to April 15th (the Thursday prior to the April Board meeting), in lieu of the previous mid-March date, and at that meeting distributed the proposed guest list to the Board for its review and approval. The Guest Invitation Cut-Off is now two weeks prior to the race entry closing (either Spring or Fall). The resulting additions to the guest list were then circulated to the Board, with objections to be raised by any Board member on the eighth day prior to the race entry closing. (None was raised.) Race entry packages were then mailed to those guests seven days before the race entry closing.

For our 1999 races, these are the Guest Invitation Application statistics:

Received April 15 or earlier*	8	Entered:	6 (Spring)	6 (Fall)
Received April 15 - May 6*	17	Entered:	13	8
Received May 7 - August 12*	8	Entered:		5

*Does not include Membership Committee invitees. Does not include the Service Academies.

See the enclosed table "Guest Participation - 1999" for more information. You will note that 19 of the 25 Guests approved for the Spring Series actually entered. For the Fall Series, those numbers are 19 entered out of 33 approved. (One of the Fall Guest entrants subsequently scratched before the Race Booklet went to the printer.)

This year, the Board voted to allow Guests to elect to enter the Cruising Canvas Classes. Although the decision came after the entry forms had been printed saying "Members Only," five Guests in the Spring, and one in the Fall, selected this option.