

1. Please be reminded that our rules require that at least one of the persons in whose name the vessel is entered must be on board for both races and must be in command of the yacht.

For reasons of space please do not list more than two names! If yours is a syndicate boat and you wish to list the syndicate name indicate the skipper's name only.

2. Complete the enclosed Entry Blank and send by First Class Mail postmarked on or before May 23rd to Donald P. Robinson, Mystic Seaport, Mystic, Connecticut 06355.
3. Have a valid measurement certificate. A valid measurement certificate is one that is less than three years old, i.e. with original date of June 15, 1971 or later, providing that each alteration subsequently made which affects the measured factors entering into the rating has been reflected by revision to that certificate. Please read and complete your Entry Blank carefully. If the yacht does not have a valid certificate, it must be measured by one of the measurers shown on the enclosed list of OSC measurers, your yacht club measurer, or a Yachting Association measurer. The certificate should be completed in triplicate, with one copy being sent to Richard H. Roberts, Off Soundings Club Measurer, 60 Dart Street, New London, Connecticut 06320, postmarked not later than May 23, 1974. Your measurer should keep one copy. The third copy is for your files.

The closing date for entries is the latest practical date and will be rigidly adhered to. No exceptions will be made.

#### Contributions from Entrants

Your contribution of \$4.00 per participant is vital to the continued success of our Off Soundings Races. Please make your check payable to the Off Soundings Club and enclose it with your Entry Blank.

#### Guest Vessel Invitation

To prevent our Off Soundings classes from getting dangerously large, the closing date for guest invitations was set at March 29, for both the Spring and Fall Series. No more guests may be invited for 1974 racing.

Only two invitations will be issued to any acceptable non-member to participate in our racing events, each invitation being sufficient for any two (2) consecutive race series, such as Spring '75 and Fall '75, or Fall '75 and Spring '76.

#### Yacht Eligibility

- I. The minimum rating for any yacht sailing in the OSC Annual Race Series is 18 feet. Yachts whose ratings calculate lower than this 18-foot minimum shall race using this 18-foot rating.
- II. The minimum L.O.A. of vessels which may race in the OSC Annual Race Series is 23.75 feet. Vessels smaller than this L.O.A. will not be permitted to race, nor will vessels in excess of 62 feet L.O.A.

III. Excepted from this ruling are vessels owned by members which fall below these minimums but which have raced in a series prior to this date. These vessels will be permitted to race using ratings shown on the vessel's valid rating certificate, so long as there is no change in vessel's ownership.

Preliminary Racing and Rendezvous Information

The fleet will again race in Block Island Sound waters this year. The start will be off Watch Hill and the finish off the entrance to Great Salt Pond the first day.

Note!!

Your class may change from last year, as a result of balancing class sizes!

You must fly a class pennant at all times during the race. This pennant shall be no smaller than size "0" i.e. 12" x 15". It should be flown vertically as far forward as possible on the pulpit.

If your vessel does not have a pulpit (and only in this circumstance) it must be flown from your backstay approximately 5 feet above the deck.

This will be of great assistance to all participants while racing, and will aid the Race Committee as it finishes over 200 boats. Failure to fly the pennant is not a reason for disqualification.

The following International Code flags will be used as class pennants:

A-1	Alpha
A-2	Echo
B-1	Juliet
B-2	Kilo
C-1	Papa
C-2	Romeo
C-3	X Ray
Cruising Class	Charlie

Those owners unsure of their boat's class may call my office (time will be short - don't write!) May 28th.

Your vessel must meet NAYRU Category 4 requirements; the requirement for lifelines and pulpits has been waived for the 1974 races, but will be required for the Spring 1975 races. Lifelines and pulpits must meet NAYRU specifications unless you certify that you have a valid M.O.R.C. Certificate.

Please note that on your entry blank you are asked to certify that your vessel conforms.

The Friday and Saturday night rendezvous will be held at "The Oar" adjacent to the Block Island Marina.

You should make your own reservations for slips, etc. early and directly.

NAYRU Sail Numbers

North American Yacht Racing Union requirements regarding sail numbers are mandatory for Off Soundings participation. Class insignia, however, may continue to be displayed.

Fall Entries

The incidence of late, misplaced or forgotten entries for the Fall Race Series is always substantially higher than for the Spring Series. To minimize this problem, if you plan to be away during the entry period, please write your Race Secretary in advance and request a Fall Entry Blank and return it immediately.

First Notice (including Spring Results) July 11, 1974

Closing Date August 19, 1974

Race Dates September 13 & 14, 1974

Other Racing Information

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

Handicap penalties will be carried for three race series. To work off a penalty you must start both races and either be identified as a finisher or submit a written withdrawal as soon as possible to the Race Secretary.


The division of classes will be announced in the FINAL NOTICE.

Club Ties and Patches

Club members may obtain our new tie for \$8.00, and Club blazer patch for \$3.00 from your Treasurer, Leo A. Geyer, 78 Bay Drive, Huntington, L. I., N. Y. 11743. A handsome hand stitched tie may still be ordered from Mrs. Howard Smith, Mason's Island, Mystic, Connecticut 06355 for \$6.00 each.

Good sailing, and we shall look forward to seeing you at Block Island.

Cordially,



Donald P. Robinson  
Race Secretary  
Off Soundings Club



## OFF SOUNDINGS CLUB

OFFICE OF  
RACE SECRETARY  
MYSTIC SEAPORT  
MYSTIC, CONN. 06355

Area Code 203 536-2631

April 11, 1974

### 37th ANNUAL SPRING RACE SERIES

1974  
June 14th & 15th

#### FIRST NOTICE

Enclosed are the following:

1. Entry Blank
2. Off Soundings Club Measurement Certificate, 1973 Rule
3. List of Off Soundings Club Measurers
4. Membership Chairman's Posting of Membership Candidates \*  
\*(to members only)

Your Board of Governors, at their January 11th Meeting, voted the following changes:

1. A "cruising canvas" class will be run on a trial basis in 1974. Because of the frequency of light airs, the conventional definition has been modified. The only sail you cannot fly is a spinnaker. The class will be the last to start and will sail the short course. Four prizes will be given; however, a perpetual prize has not been established at this time. Vessels must meet all Off Soundings requirements. Your normal rating will be used in calculating handicaps. You must put a check in the appropriate box on the entry form to be eligible!
2. To qualify to race in the Spring 1975 Series and thereafter, your vessel must meet all NAYRU Category 4 requirements, including lifelines and pulpits, currently waived through the 1974 season. NAYRU specifications for lifelines and pulpits will be waived if your vessel meets M.O.R.C. requirements and you certify that you have a valid M.O.R.C. Certificate. Catboats may apply for a waiver for lifelines and pulpits.

#### Entry Procedure

Off Soundings Club races are open to those members and guest vessels which qualify in all respects to the provisions outlined in this FIRST NOTICE.