

OFF SOUNDINGS CLUB

GENERAL INFORMATION AND RESERVATION SHEET

Thursday, June 11, 1998

Docking and mooring space at Dodson's in Stonington is available on a first-come, first-served basis. Dockage or mooring charges will be \$10.00 per boat (a special and very reasonable rate for Off Soundings participants). Launch service will be available from 0800 till 2200. Dodson's can be reached at 860-535-1507.

Ram Island Yacht Club has generously offered its facilities to members of the fleet on Thursday night. The Committee Boat NOR'EASTER will be at the dock at Ram Island Yacht Club on Thursday night.

Friday and Saturday, June 12 & 13, 1998

THE OAR at Block Island Boat Basin in Great Salt Pond, Block Island, RI will be the site of the weekend rendezvous.

DOCKING AND MOORING

The Block Island Boat Basin has approximately 47 slips available varying in depth from 4 to 8 feet. Reservations for a slip must be made directly and as early as possible. The price is \$2.25 per foot and your reservation must be accompanied with a deposit of one night's dockage. Address and phone: Block Island Boat Basin, PO Box 369, Block Island, RI 02807; phone 401-466-2631. For reservations before June 1st, use address: 125 Steamboat Avenue, North Kingston, RI 02852; phone 401-294-3361.

There are also slips available at Payne's Dock at \$1.50 per foot (\$2.00 per foot over 40 feet); phone 401-466-5572, and Champlin's Marina and Resort; phone 401-466-2641. Rates for Champlin's: <49', \$2.25 per foot; 50' - 69', \$2.50 per foot. Champlin's has a lot of space as they will raft boats three to four deep on each side of their long fixed docks.

The town of New Shoreham has lime-green moorings that are for rent on a first-come, first-served basis at \$30 per night. Rafting on these moorings is permitted, to a maximum of one boat on either side of the moored boat, each at \$30 per night.

LAUNCH SERVICE

There will be launches servicing the fleet of Off Soundings participants and available for transportation ashore between the hours of 1400 and 0130 Friday and Saturday nights. Morning service will be from 0700 - 0900 Saturday and 0700 - 1100 Sunday. They may also be available at other times during the course of the weekend to individuals, using their normal fee schedules. The launches monitor Channel 68 and appreciate the showing of "T" flags. Please display an OSC burgee or other OSC identification (e.g. the Final Notice booklet) to the launch operator.

REFRESHMENTS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

The after-race shore party will be held at THE OAR following Friday's and Saturday's races. Spigotted crocks will be arranged to the side of THE OAR and your beverage of choice may be readily identified by the code flags properly arrayed. Timely finishes permitting, mainbrace splicing will commence at approximately 1730. Results of the day's racing plus the combined results of the two-day series will be announced following the party. Please assist in keeping the grounds neat and tidy by using the trash barrels available.

A buffet dinner will be available Friday night and a buffet breakfast will be offered Saturday morning under the tent at THE OAR. More info will be in the Final Notice.

FACILITIES

Toilet and shower facilities in the lower level of THE OAR will be made available to race participants. Trash and garbage removal provisions have been arranged for and the deposit location will be in the vicinity of THE OAR.

NO-DISCHARGE ZONE

Great Salt Pond has been declared a federal no-discharge zone. Marine toilets and holding tanks cannot be discharged in the harbor. This includes Type I devices such as Lectra/San. The Harbor-master may board your vessel to ensure that seacocks are sealed. Discharge of "gray water," i.e., sinks, showers, etc. is permitted. The fine for unlawful discharge is \$200. The town of New Shoreham operates a pump-out boat at no charge. Advance arrangements must be made with the Harbormaster (Larry Constantine, 401-466-3204) for this service. Further, by courtesy and law, heads, except Type I, and holding tanks should not be discharged overboard within three miles of any shoreline.

TRANSPORTATION

TAXI: Privately operated taxis are the primary means of public transportation on the island. There should be plenty around seeking your business, as Off Soundings is the first major event of the season and the winter has been long and lean. The basic flat fare within the triangle New Harbor - Old Harbor - Airport is \$5.00 for up to five persons, plus \$1.00 per person over five. There are surcharges for longer distances, dirt roads, etc.

FERRY: Runs from Pt. Judith to and from Old Harbor several times per day. The trip takes a little over an hour. One way fare is \$6.60 for adults, \$3.15 for children. Round trip discounts are available. One way fare for a car is \$20.25, and advance reservations are required. Telephone 401-783-4613 for exact schedules and further information.

AIR SERVICE: New England Airlines operates flights (about 10 minutes flight time) to and from Block Island out of Westerly Airport on nearly an hourly schedule year round. Fare is \$34 one way, \$59 round trip. Call 800-243-2460 (outside RI), or 596-2460 (in RI) for schedules and reservations. Charters are also available.

EMERGENCY INFORMATION

Medical emergencies will be coordinated by the Fleet Surgeon, who will be guarding Channel 72. Participants are encouraged to have on board a medical kit properly outfitted and to be prepared to handle minor problems. Should you have a medical emergency, call the Committee Boat and/or the Fleet Surgeon on Channel 72.

While at Block Island, call:

Police	466-3220
Rescue Squad	466-3226
Doctor	466-2974

CLUB TIES, PATCHES, ETC.

The Off Soundings Club has arranged with The Club House to offer an expanded line of ties, burgees, patches, pins, shirts, hats and jackets for sale. Inquire directly at The Club House, 29 Soundview Road, Unit 5, Guilford, CT 06437; 203-453-8366 or 800-453-3224 or (fax) 203-453-8364. Special 1998 Off Soundings Spring Race Series tee shirts will be available at the Shore Party.

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