



## OFF SOUNDINGS CLUB

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TO: Commodore H. Wes Maxwell  
FROM: Race Secretary Richard H. Roberts  
SUBJECT: Race Secretary's Report

1. Results The results of the Fall Race Series and the combined, perpetual trophy results were mailed to the members and guests on October 11th, as scheduled.
2. Statistics Continuing the statistical work began when Andy Anderson was Race Secretary, I've added 2002 information to the attached table of Race Entry Statistics and the enclosed table is provided for your study.
3. Dates I have attached a tabulation of the dates for Off Soundings Club events, showing the dates approved for 2003 and the proposed dates for 2004. Also included is a page showing the Basis for the selection of the dates. Those 2004 dates are scheduled for review and approval at the Board meeting on January 17, 2003.
4. Guests There was so much going on with the Guests again this year that I've created a separate report, attached.
5. Alternative Penalty This year we continued with an Alternative Penalty scheme, where the penalty is 10 minutes added to the boat's Corrected Time. One boat (EUPHORIA) elected to take advantage of the Alternative Penalty, in the Spring Race Series.
6. Classes We now have three High Performance Classes, Class C-1, Class C-3 and Class C-4. Our "C" Class alignment is: C-2, C-5 and C-6. Full-keel boats are in Classes A and B. There are three Non-Spinnaker Classes, NS-1, NS-2 and NS-3. Class D (multihulls) was included again this year. Because of an effort by Nonsuch sailors, Class F was added in 2002. It included 13 Nonsuches in the Spring but only 4 in the Fall. And, a Spirit of Tradition class, Class T, was added for racing in the Fall Race series on Saturday, within Gardiner's Bay. Also, the standard per boat fee of \$40 was reduced to \$25 for Class T, as that Class raced only on Saturday.
7. Perpetual Trophies The Kenneth B. Millett Trophy, which had been awarded to Class A-2 and had been retired in 1999 was brought back in 2001 and assigned to Class C-6. A new trophy, named the RHUBARB Trophy, donated by Ron Noe and Dorothy duPont, has been assigned to Class NS-3. A new Trophy, donated by Past Commodore Bill White, was assigned to Class D in 2001 and is called the DIANE Trophy. It should be noted that only members are eligible for Perpetual Trophies and many of the multihull participants are non-members. (Non-member participation normally is limited to two years.) Class T does not have a Perpetual Trophy, as such awards are made for combined results in four races (two Spring and two Fall) and Class T sailed just one race for the year.

8. Rendezvous The location for our Fall Race Series Rendezvous was changed from Shelter Island YC to the city of Greenport, at the Townsend Manor Marina. This appears to have been a successful switch.

9. Error In the initial results, which were used for reading at the awards presentation and which were posted on our website as "Preliminary," the Saturday finishing places had been inadvertently entered in the Saturday Penalty field. That field is for the 30-minute penalty (for being over early and not returning) or for the 10-minute Alternative Penalty (accepted in lieu of disqualification for a breach of a rule in Part 2), which are added in when calculating the Corrected Time. The computer assumed those finishing place numbers were penalties and added one minute to the first place boat, two minutes to the second place boat, etc. That error has been corrected and the revised results were posted on the website and have been mailed to members and guests. Rear Commodore O'Connell is rearranging the trophies.

Respectfully submitted,



Richard H. Roberts  
Race Secretary

October 26, 2002

## DATES FOR OFF SOUNDINGS EVENTS

	<u>APPROVED</u> <u>2003</u>	<u>PROPOSED</u> <u>2004</u>
"Early-decision" Guest Invitation Cut-off *	April 3	April 1
Annual Meeting and Shore Party	April 5	April 3
<b>SPRING RACE SERIES</b>		
First Notice	April 18	April 16
Late Guest Invitation Cut-off **	May 8	May 6
Closing Date	May 22	May 20
Final Notice	June 6	June 4
Race Dates	June 13-14	June 11-12
Results of Spring Race Series	July 11	July 9
<b>FALL RACE SERIES</b>		
First Notice	July 11	July 9
Late Guest Invitation Cut-off **	August 7	August 12
Closing Date	August 21	August 26
Final Notice	September 5	September 10
Race Dates	September 12-13	September 17-18
Final Results	October 10	October 15
<b>BOARD MEETINGS</b>		
January	January 17	January 16
April	April 5	April 3
October	October 25	October 30
<b>REFERENCE DATES</b>		
Seaport Trustees' Meeting	Jan	Jan
Easter	Apr 20	Apr 11
Bermuda Race (3rd? Fri in June)	June 20?	June 18 (M/B)
Labor Day	September 1	September 6
Dyer Dhow Derby	October ___‡	October ___‡
US SAILING Meeting	October 15-19	October 20-24

### NOTES

\* Thursday prior to the Annual Meeting

\*\* 14 days prior to the Closing Date

‡ Seaport is considering scheduling so as to avoid the US SAILING meeting

October 31, 1998

## **BASIS FOR SELECTION OF DATES FOR OFF SOUNDINGS EVENTS**

The following describes the Basis for the Race Secretary's selection of each season's dates. This Basis table is intended only to be a guide, a starting point -- practical adjustments will have to be considered, as well, in any given year.

Following selection, the dates for a season are proposed to the Board of Governors for approval.

"Early-Decision" Guest Invitation Cut-off	Thursday, 2 days before the April Board Meeting
Annual Meeting and Shore Party	First Saturday in April. Except Easter Eve. Constitution specifies to be held in Feb, Mar or Apr.
<b>SPRING RACE SERIES</b>	
First Notice	Friday, 13 days after the Annual Meeting
Late Guest Invitation Cut-off	Thursday, 14 days before Closing Date
Closing Date	Thursday, 22 days before Race Friday
Final Notice	Friday before Race Friday
Race Friday	Bermuda Race minus one week, or 2nd Friday in June
Results of Spring Race Series	Friday, 4 weeks after Race Friday
<b>FALL RACE SERIES</b>	
First Notice	With the results of the Spring Race Series
Late Guest Invitation Cut-off	Thursday, 14 days before Closing Date
Closing Date	Thursday, 22 days before Race Friday
Final Notice	Friday before Race Friday
Race Friday	11 days after Labor Day
Final Results	Friday, 4 weeks after Race Friday
<b>BOARD MEETINGS</b>	
January	Third Friday in January (4th Saturday?)
April	Afternoon of the Annual Meeting
October	Saturday. Set so as not to conflict with US SAILING's Annual Meeting (dates of which are set, through 2005), which involves a few Governors.

Class	S 1995	S 1996	S 1997	S 1998	S 1999	S 2000	S 2001	S 2002	X	F 1995	F 1996	F 1997	F 1998	F 1999	F 2000	F 2001	F 2002
	BI	BI	BI	BI	BI	BI	BI	BI		SI	SI	SI	SI	SI #	SI	SI	G
12-M	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--		2	--	--	--	--	--	--	--
A-1, A	17	17	15	13	11	10	15	13		12	15	10	9	10	11	11	13
A-2	12	11	8	5						11	8	10	6				
B	8	11	10	8	13	7	11	8		8	11	12	10	13	13	11	6
Sub [A-1 + A-2 + B]	[37]	[39]	[33]	[26]	[24]	[17]	[26]	[21]		[31]	[34]	[32]	[25]	[23]	[24]	[22]	[19]
C-1	18	16	18	13	18	16	11*	11*		14	20	20	13	13	16	13*	14*
C-2	16	17	17	18	18	20	16	14		12	20	18	20	20	20	13	14
C-3	18	13	16*	13*	13*	14*	11*	12*		19	12	13*	7*	11*	11*	10*	8*
C-4	17	14	16	16*	14*	12*	9*	12*		15	12	20	13*	11*	7*	9*	10*
C-5	18	17	20	16	15	20	17	17		16	15	15	13	18	17	15	13
C-6							14	14								15	14
CR-1 [NS-1]	11	11	17	16	17	19	11	12		14	10	17	14	17	25	12	10
CR-2 [NS-2]	11	16	19	17	19	17	13	12		15	15	17	18	15	22	15	11
NS-3							13	11								17	11
D (Multihull)						7	11	6							6	11	8
F (Nonsuch)								13									4
T [Tradition]																17	5
Totals	146	143	156	135	138	142	152	155		138	138	152	123	128	148	169	141
Crew Count	869	855	947	823	844	828	898	897		844	820	902	723	783	831	896	813
Crew per Boat	6.0	6.0	6.1	6.1	6.1	5.8	5.9	5.8		6.1	5.9	5.9	5.9	6.1	5.6	5.3	5.8
Income, boat + crew	\$9,503	\$9,421	\$11,206	\$9,826	\$9,894	\$10,071	\$12,574	\$12,720		\$9,005	\$9,058	\$10,912	\$8,612	\$9,236	\$10,411	\$13,109	\$11,113
\$ per boat	\$65.09	\$65.88	\$71.83	\$72.79	\$71.70	\$70.92	\$82.72	\$82.06		\$65.50	\$65.64	\$71.79	\$70.02	\$72.16	\$70.34	\$77.57	\$78.82
\$ Non-racers @ \$6 [\$7]	\$66	\$66	\$66	\$126	\$222	\$198	\$203	\$238		\$108	\$66	\$180	\$42	\$114	\$246	\$371	\$189
Approved Guests §	25	22	21	12	25	66 (29/99)	43	80		27	27	25	15	33	82 (29/99)	67	99
Ent Guests + USCGA	15 + 2	17 + 0	25 + 0	9 + 0	21 + 0	30 + 0	37 + 2	22 + 0		11 + 4	12 + 4	14 + 4	5 + 3	17 + 4	29 + 3	50 + 2	25 + 3
	+3 USNA																
Fee, per boat	\$30	\$30	\$35	\$35	\$35	\$35	\$40	\$40		\$30	\$30	\$35	\$35	\$35	\$35	\$40 (T=\$25)	\$40(T=\$
Fee, per crew	\$6	\$6	\$6	\$6	\$6	\$6	\$7	\$7		\$6	\$6	\$6	\$6	\$6	\$6	\$7	\$7
Scratch, boats (DNC)	3	6	5	2	3	3	0	6		5	5	6	4	128 #	5	13	3
Scratch, \$ refunded	\$138	0	\$168	\$54	\$102	\$60	0	\$203		\$162	0	\$216	\$90	\$4810	\$138	\$476	\$98
Scratch, crew	23	39	28	9	17	10	0	29		27	26	36	15	785	23	68	14

Scratch data have not been subtracted from other statistics.

# The 1999 Fall Race Series was cancelled. Party fee (\$4810) was refunded.

\* High Performance Class

§ Some Guest data include Pending Members. Delayed approval for Guest Invitations began in 1995.

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### Report on Guests for the Year 2002

1. Enclosed is a table of the Guest Participation for this past year. Discussion of the various categories of Guest Invitations follows.
2. The columns shown are for Spring 01, Fall 01, Spring 02, etc. Year numbers are shown in those columns where a skipper has been given a Guest Invitation. If a Guest actually enters the race, (some approved Guests fail to enter) the class to which the boat is assigned replaces the year number. Our new policy is that a Guest Invitation will cover two calendar years. So, anyone shown as having a Guest Invitation in 01 was automatically extended to 02. And, new Guests in 02 are shown also as Guests for 03. There were 8 of those, 5 approved for Spring and Fall and 3 approved in the Fall.
3. You will note that there are many Guests who have reached their two-calendar-year limit for Guest Invitations. They must begin the membership process this winter, or seek from the Board of Governors an extension for one additional calendar year as a Guest.
4. Those who are in the membership process are invited to race as Guests, in a Pending Member category. Names of those Pending Members, and their prior Guest activity, have been removed from the table.
5. There are some groups of skippers treated as Special categories. While the Race Secretary mailed info to previous Guests, the effort to seek out new Guests in these groups was centered on Jack Lombard (Nonsuches), Steve Corkery/John Lockwood (Tradition Class) and Blunt White (Multihulls).
  - 5a. The Coast Guard Academy is invited to enter its boats in each of our races, as are other service academies. USCGA usually enters in the Fall but the Cadet schedule often is such that the Academy cannot muster a Spring entry. This year, they have two new (to them) J-35s and all three were entered in the Fall. Note that RAMPAGE is undergoing repairs, after which it will be sold.
  - 5b. Last year, Commodore Maxwell and Stephen Corkery of Coecles Harbor Marina got together and cooked up a special class -- the "Spirit of Tradition" Class -- for classic designs. Most are constructed of wood. Class T raced only on Saturday and only in the Fall -- that is, within Gardiner's Bay. Lifeline and cockpit rules and formal Guest procedures were waived. The per boat fee was set at \$25. While 17 boats entered that class in 2001, only 5 entered in 2002 -- and in each case, 2 skippers were Off Soundings Club members.
  - 5c. The activity of the Nonsuch fleet goes up and down. In 2000, Arthur Langley put together a list of 19 Nonsuch guests invited to participate in the Fall Race Series. (Six others were already Club members.) Some 14 entered that Race Series. Interest seemed to fall off. For 2002, Jack Lombard tried again and we arranged for a separate class for the Nonsuches. The result was that Class F had 13 Nonsuches (7 Guests) in the Spring and 4 Nonsuches (no Guests) in the Fall.
  - 5d. Multihulls were again invited to compete as Class D in 2002. Six multihulls (3 Guests) were entered in the Spring and eight (4 Guests) in the Fall.
6. In 1999, the Board began permitting Guests to compete in the Non-Spinnaker classes. The result in 2002 is that there were: three in NS-2, and four in NS-3 in the Spring; and one in NS-1, two in NS-2, and two in NS-3 in the Fall.



Special	S 01	F 01	S 02	F 02	S 03	F 03	First name	Last Name	Boat	Type	Ft
		01	02	02			Steven	Belavia	FIRST CLASS	Beneteau 265	1
	01	01	02	02			Neil G.	Bergh	VESPER	Tartan 33	1
	C-5	C-5	02	02			Matthew	Bollo	NATURAL MYSTIC	C&C 37	1
			NS-3	02	03	03	Guy	Cambria	POLPERO	Catalina 30	1
	C-5	C-5	C-5	02			Matt	Champney	KAOS	J-30	1
		C-1	02	02			Brian	Hardy	DUBLIN	J-35	1
	C-3	C-3	C-3	02			Lawrence	Hennessy	WOODY	J-105	1
	01	01	02	02			Kevin	Horrigan	RELENTLESS	J-105	1
	NS-1	NS-1	02	02			Hugh R.	Hunsinger	INNER PEACE	Hunter 43	1
	D	D	02	02			Bill	Kinney	PLAN A	F-24	1
	NS-2	NS-2	02	02			Gary	Krogman	VOLUTION	Tartan Ten	1
		NS-3	02	02			Malcolm	McCullough	MAHAYA	Lippincott 30	1
			C-5	02	03	03	Angus	McDonald, Jr.	SKYE	Norlin 35	1
			02	02	03	03	Joseph A.	Ney	SWEET ROCKET		1
	NS-3	01	NS-3	02			William H.	Plunkett	MAIN SHEET	Pearson 31-2	1
	01	01	02	02			Thomas C.	Rich	SETTLER	Peterson 42 ctm	1
	01	01	02	02			John	Santa	GALADRIEL	Swan 46	1
	NS-2	NS-2	NS-2	02			Scott	Walker	PEGASUS	Sabre 36	1
	01	01	02	02			Andy	Warkentien	DUET	C&C 27	1
			02	02	03	03	G. Martin	Wiley	NOBLE HOUSE		1
		B	02	B			Robert	Bunger	VALIANT	Tartan 34	1
			02	C-1	03	03	Steve	Clarke	USHUAIA	J-35	1
			02	C-1	03	03	David	Saurette	SERAPHIM	J-35	1
	C-2	01	02	C-2			John	Brim	BROADSWORD	Swan 48	1
	01	C-2	02	C-2			James	Sanders	TEAM TONIC	Beneteau 42s7	1
		C-3	02	C-3			Mark	Belsky	DREAMLAND EXPRESS	J-80	1
		C-4	02	C-4			William	Cronin	SURPRISE	J-30	1
		C-4	C-4	C-4			Mark	Dixon	NUNNEHI	Olson 911	1
			C-4	03	03		David	Gilmore	WIINDSHEAR	Olsen 911	1
	C-4	C-4	C-4	C-4			John A.	Tracy	COLD DUCK	J-30	1
	01	C-5	02	C-5			Richard	Scavotto	DREAM CATCHER	C&C 35 MK III	1
			C-6	03	03		Robert	Bruno	TURTLE LOGIC	C&C 29 - I	1
	C-6	C-6	02	C-6			Kevin	Horne	CALLI	Ranger 26	1
			NS-1	03	03		Sean & Janet	Saslo	INTREPID	Endeavour 51	1
	NS-3	NS-3	NS-2	NS-2			Bill	Coster	SILENT PASSAGE	Tartan 33	1
	NS-3	NS-3	NS-2	NS-2			Stanley	Riker	AMBIENT	Tartan 33	1
	NS-3	NS-3	NS-3	NS-3			Charles H.	Delamater	MOON FLEET	Concordia 40 Y	1
		C-6	NS-3	NS-3			Joseph L.	Kaplowe, Jr.	CARPE DEJM	Catalina 30	1
											38
USCGA			C-1	03	03			USCGA	BEAR	J-35	1
USCGA			C-1	03	03			USCGA	DIVA	J-35	1
USCGA	C-1	C-1	02	C-1	03	03		USCGA	STEAMBOAT	J-35	1
USCGA	C-2	C-2						USCGA	RAMPAGE	Nelson Marek 41	1
											4
Tradition		T	02		03		Kim	Bonstrom	BLACK ROSE		1
Tradition		T	02		03		Seymour	Chalif	SOUTHWIND		1
Tradition		T	02		03		Larry	Cullen	BEANNACHTAI		1
Tradition		T	02		03		David	Doody	GOOSE		1
Tradition		T	02		03		John C.	Ehlers	ELIZABETH		1
Tradition		T	02		03		John	Fullerton	EDITH		1
Tradition		T	02		03		C. Wesley	Greenleaf	NIGHTMARE		1
Tradition		T	02		03		Robert	Jones	VIGNETTE		1
Tradition		T	02		03		Ken	Judge	MASQUERADE		1
Tradition		T	02		03		Bill	Pedersen	ARAMINTA		1
Tradition		T	02		03		Andy	Reeve	HIGH COTTON		1
Tradition		T	02		03		Mark	Robert	ELSEWHERE		1

## OFF SOUNDINGS CLUB



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March 17, 2002

Dear Member,

Our club is more alive and better than ever thanks to all of you. Last summer we completed two successful series on Block Island Sound and Gardeners Bay. Membership is hovering around five hundred. Bob Edmands ( Membership) is willing and able to entertain as many new proposals as possible. Please take the time to nominate young blood to carry on the club legacy.

Lately our "C" class boats continue to grow in numbers and the "A" and "B" classes try to hold their own. This is not necessarily good or bad just a trend in yacht design. Our Off Soundings Board members are cognizant of these trends and are being thoughtful concerning our class makeup to accommodate the changes. This continual reshaping of the classes is an art of matching the rating spreads with the type of boats entered. Norm Rabe (Measurer) and Dick Roberts (Race Secretary) are doing their best to make fair adjustments. You might be disappointed one race series, but hang in there...the next season might be better. After all, racing in Off Soundings is really all about the fun of the sport of sailing and spending treasured time with your friends. As the world of yachting changes, we will continually reach out to examine and think strategically about those new directions.

Our multi-hull class instituted by past Commodore Bohlen and organized with the support of Blunt White will be welcomed back again this year. We now have several multi-hull owner/skippers in the hopper for membership. It is vital that the Club continues to broaden its constituencies and embrace new and diverse classes. In keeping with that idea, last fall was the first time in about thirty years that we had a wooden boat class. Thanks go to Steve Corkery from Long Island for organizing the classic yachts. It was a pleasure to see these boats again. They rekindled my own childhood memories of sailing Off Soundings with my Dad, Ed Maxwell, in his Atlantic, AVENGER. Those were the days of Past Commodore Blunt White's WHITE MIST, John Lockwood's DOLPHIN, and so many more. These classic yachts will always have a special place in the hearts of many in Off Soundings. They will be on hand again in the fall series to race with us on Saturday.

This fall our venue is changing slightly. We are sailing to Greenport. Jamie Mills and John Lockwood have opened the doors to make our Greenport stay possible. Dockage has been coordinated with Brewer Yacht Yard, Sterling Harbor Marina, and Townsend Manor. Moorings will also be available at Dering Harbor. The shore party will be held

at the Townsend Manor Inn on the lawn. More details will follow in the Notice of Race. For your convenience, a water launch service and shore taxi will be in place to move participants around the Sterling Harbor basin and downtown areas. Lodging space at Greenport is like Shelter Island...limited. Make reservations soon!

Why the change? The town of Greenport is in the process of constructing Mitchell Park and Marina adjacent to the Shelter Island Ferry Terminal. When completed, it will have sixty-two slips with ample, convenient parking. It will be a venue able to house our yachts and our shore parties with ease. Although the park will not be finished this fall, we will have the opportunity to enjoy the greater facilities in Greenport.

Special thanks are extended to Shelter Island Yacht Club. They have welcomed Off Soundings for decades and we appreciate their years of hospitality. We envision taking Off Soundings to other harbors as well as returning to Dering Harbor in the future.

In every non-profit organization it seems most of the volunteer work is done by a very few dedicated people. Off Soundings had such a treasure in Bill Ames. This past winter we lost Bill our "Worthy Historian." Bill became a member in 1957, sailed his wooden yacht VEGA and later BLACK ARROW. He served as our commodore from 1971 – 1972, Measurer 1960 – 1970, and Historian 1986 – present. Bill also served for years on the Race Committee checking in boats and crunching numbers. I'll never forget when I first started as Race Committee Chairman. Bill took me aside and said, "Nobody in your position has screwed up yet. No point in you changing things." He will be remembered as the person on the Off Soundings Board with the best sense of history and tradition. "This is the way we do it." I think it can be said that if you know where you come from then you can figure where to go. Bill knew. He served and guided our Club, Off Soundings, well. We will miss him.

There are other people who give selflessly to our club as well. Henry duPont is one. Henry has donated NOR'EASTER as stake boat and has been our Race Committee Boat for the last ten years. Henry not only provides his boat, but also supplies all the food and creature comforts for the Race Committee. Race Committee Chairman Chuck Chorlton does a first-rate professional job in race management. Henry sets the stage to enable and support that race management and all of Chuck's Race Committee team. NOR'EASTER has set the standard for elegance, grace, and tradition. What a lovely sight Spring and Fall! NOR'EASTER will not make it this Spring, but she will be back home with us in the Fall. Thanks Henry!!

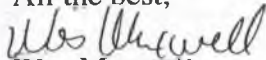
Vice Commodore Brooks is planning a great Winter/Spring party this April 6<sup>th</sup> at the Seamen's Inne. Last year we brought our celebration home to Mystic Seaport with cocktails in the Mallory Building and tour of the new VOYAGES Exhibit before dinner in the Seamen's Inne. This year we will be hosting a cocktail party instead of a sit down dinner. During the last seven years the attendance at this party has dwindled from 180 attendees to 110. What to do? Many people are not willing to spend \$35 for dinner, so we have lowered the price to \$18 for cocktails and hearty hors d'oeuvres. (A grazing affair.) Chris Cox, Vice President for Development and Communications at Mystic

Seaport (you know him "Nimble"... the stake boat guy) will take us on another behind the scenes tour of the Mystic Seaport Watercraft Collection. Our tour leaves from the front of the Seamen's Inne at 1700 sharp. We will return back to the Inne at 1800 for the lightening swift Annual Meeting, cocktails, and awards. I invite all to come celebrate the success of our Off Soundings Club and congratulate the winners of our Perpetual Trophies. It promises to be a something new, spontaneous, and fun! We also would like to hear from you... are we on the right tack?

Last, but certainly not least, Bruce Lockwood has volunteered to write a history of the Off Soundings Club. Old memories have started to fade so time is of the essence. Those with special stories and/or pictures are encouraged to contact Bruce. The project should encompass two years with a printed monograph as the final goal.

I look forward to seeing all of you April 6<sup>th</sup> for our spring celebration and launch of 2002 season!

All the best,



Wes Maxwell

Commodore