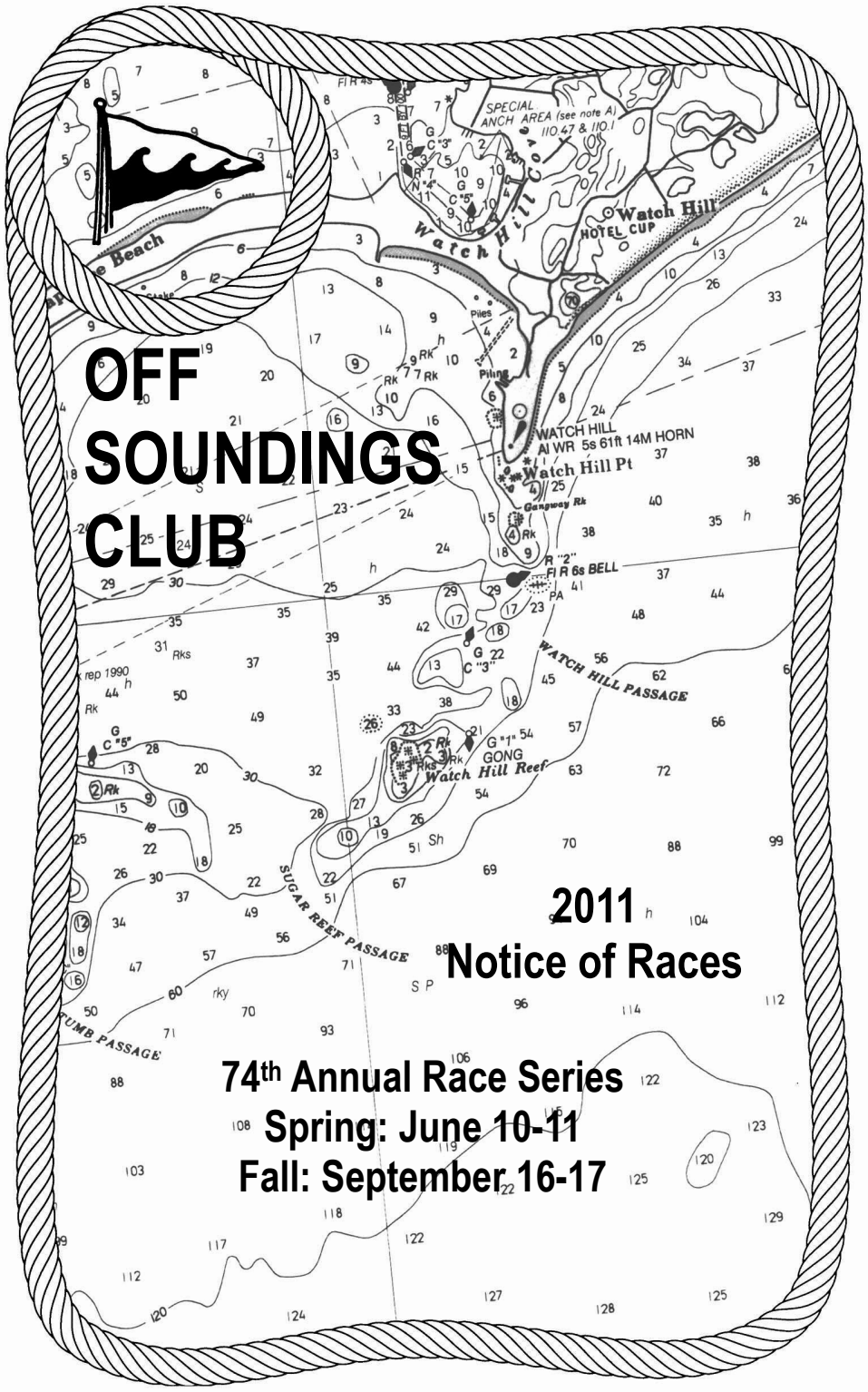

OFF SOUNDINGS CLUB

2011 Notice of Races

74th Annual Race Series

Spring: June 10-11

Fall: September 16-17

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Entries should be mailed to the Race Secretary as early as possible. Entries for both series may be submitted in one mailing. **You may enter both series using only one form if all of the information is identical.** Just note that you are doing so on the form and make your payment for both series.

IMPORTANT NEW INFORMATION

Short-handed (single-handed or double-handed) boats will be allowed to utilize mechanical or electro-mechanical steering devices. Short-handed boats should fly an appropriate pennant ("1" or "2") from their backstay.

If there is sufficient interest in short-handed racing a separate class or classes will be organized. Otherwise short-handed boats will sail in appropriate general classes.

NONSUCH entrants are required to affirm that their sails conform to the International NONSUCH Association Class Sail Specifications. Entrants unable to affirm their sails will be assigned to an appropriate general class.

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GENERAL INFORMATION

Wrist bands are used for identification at the shore parties. Please order sufficient wrist bands for your crew. Different color bands are available for minors—please indicate the number required on the entry form. They will be mailed to you with the Sailing Instructions approximately 10 days before the **Race Date**. Additional bands will be available at the party site for $10 each. Personal checks are preferred. If you must use cash please have the correct amount available.

Entry and measurement and handicap certificate deadlines will be strictly enforced for both members and guests. Please review NOR sections 7 through 10 carefully.

Special Classes

At the request of its membership the Off Soundings Club may start special classes of boats. All Off Soundings classes are sailed with OSC, ECSA, or NEMA PHRF handicaps. Special classes that consist of 'one-design' boats will be sailed as level handicap classes with a single assigned PHRF handicap number. Therefore, for these series they are PHRF class boats.

Members wishing to request a special class should contact the Race Secretary.

Approved Special Classes

OSC members who are eligible to participate in a special class but prefer to sail in a regular Off Soundings class may do so by declaration to the Race Secretary. Make a notation on the entry form.

Currently there are no active Special Classes.

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NOTICE OF RACE

1. Description
The Off Soundings Series are two-day regattas sailed in June and September. Fleets are typically in the 120-150 boat range racing in ten or more classes. They are area events drawing entrants from ECSA, NBYA, ELIYA, YRA-LIS, NEMA and other associations, and are qualifying races on the ECSA Offshore Circuit and the New England Multihull Association Race Schedule. The races are open by invitation only. Nonmembers desiring an invitation to race should contact an Off Soundings Club member or officer.

2. Dates and Deadlines—will be strictly enforced.
a. Spring Series:

Guest Invitation Deadline:	**May 5**
Entry Deadline:	**May 19**
Race Date:	**June 10-11**

b. Fall Series:

Guest Invitation Deadline:	**August 11**
Entry Deadline:	**August 25**
Race Date:	**September 16-17**

3. Schedule of Events
a. Spring Series:
Friday -The fleet will race from Watch Hill to Block Island. The first warning signal will be at 0955 at a starting line east of Watch Hill Passage, RI.
Saturday-The fleet will race a course in the vicinity of Block Island. The first warning signal will be at 0855 at a starting line north of Great Salt Pond Entrance Bell Buoy "2". Often the Saturday race is around the island, a traditional challenging and scenic course.

Each evening we will rendezvous in the vicinity of Block Island Boat Basin.

b. Fall Series:
Friday The fleet will race from New London to Gardiners Bay. The first warning signal will be at 0925 at a starting line located south of New London Ledge.
Saturday The fleet will sail in Gardiners Bay. The first warning signal will be at 0925 at a starting line in the vicinity of Shelter Island Sound North Channel Whistle Buoy "N" Mo (A) .

Each evening we will rendezvous at Townsend Manor in Stirling Harbor.

4. Rules and Regulations
Rules The races will be governed by the constitution of the Off Soundings Club, which is the organizing authority and ***The Racing Rules of Sailing.***

Advertising is restricted to Category A (ISAF Regulation 20).

Changes to the Racing Rules The Sailing Instructions change Rules 27, 28, 32, 35, 50, 52, 62, 63, 77, 78, 90, A7, and Race Signals. See Sailing Instructions Appendix 1 at www.offsoundings.org for details.

Class Rules—Off Soundings Series are PHRF handicap races, therefore, by *Definitions* of the *RRS* PHRF rules are the class rules for these series.

Alternate Scoring Penalty—A boat that has broken a rule of Part 2 may exonerate itself with a Rule 44.2 Two-Turns Penalty or a Rule 44.3 Scoring Penalty.

Arbitration—may be used as described in the Sailing Instructions. See Sailing Instructions Appendix 1 at www.offsoundings.org for details.

5. Sailing Instructions
a. Spring Series:
The Sailing Instructions will be posted at www.offsoundings.org and mailed to entrants by June 3.

b. Fall Series:
The Sailing Instructions will be posted at www.offsoundings.org and mailed to entrants by September 9.

Race documents will not be distributed on the water.

6. Eligibility
These Race Series are open to Off Soundings Club members in good standing and invited guests whose boats meet the following requirements:

Accommodations Boats must contain as a minimum a self-bailing cockpit, fixed berths, galley facilities, and the ability to be self supporting for a weekend cruise.

Min/Max LOA. The minimum LOA of boats which may race is 23.75 feet and the maximum is 62 feet.

Maximum PHRF or NEMA base boat handicap 300.

Ownership To score perpetual trophies and assign handicap penalties the ownership or charter arrangement of all boats must be confirmed. List the names of all owners or charterers, whether or not also listed as Master(s), in the space provided on the Entry Form. Please do not list more than two names as Master. For a syndicate boat if you wish to list the syndicate name also indicate the skipper's name.

7. Guest Invitations

Members can obtain guest invitation forms from Gerry Keeler, Membership Chairman, gerrykeeler@gmail.com or 860-446-0588. Completed guest invitation forms must be received by the **Guest Invitation Deadline**. Note that a current Off Soundings Club Measurement Data Certificate may be required for entry, see Section 10.

8. Submission of Entries

Enter on the enclosed entry form. Read the certification and waiver on the back before completing, signing and sending the form with your contribution check via first class mail (no fax or e-mail) to:

James D. Francis, Race Secretary
16 New City Street
Essex, Connecticut 06426

To defray expenses there is an expected $55.00 contribution per boat plus $10.00 per person on board. Please make your check payable to the Off Soundings Club and enclose it with your entry form. Non-racing club members and invited guests are always welcome at our rendezvous parties at the normal per-person contribution. There is a place on the entry blank for you to indicate how many to expect and to include payment for them. Wrist bands will be used for shore party identification.

Your entry will be acknowledged by e-mail, if available, or by postal mail. **Please provide an e-mail address if you have one**.

9. Entry Deadlines

Your entry and contribution check must be sent to the Race Secretary via first class mail postmarked on or before the **Entry Deadline.** Please enter as early as possible.

Deadline dates—will be strictly adhered to. In fairness, no exceptions will be made. **Do not submit entries by any service that requires a signature** as they may be returned to you as undeliverable. If you are concerned about missing the deadline telephone or e-mail the Race Secretary.

10. Handicaps and Measurement

Handicaps for Monohull classes—will be OSC PHRF handicaps based on the work of PHRF-ECSA and additional information which may be developed by the OSC Measurer. Handicaps may be rationalized by PHRF-ECSA and OSC procedures. Therefore, by the US Sailing prescription to Rule 64.3(b) the Off Soundings Club is the monohull handicapping authority,

Measurement or Handicap Certificate Required—Monohull entrants must have a valid Off Soundings Club Measurement Data Certificate dated three years or less prior to the Friday **Race Date,** or a PHRF–ESCA handicap valid for the current year, dated no later than the **Entry Deadline**. Corrections, appeals, changes and adjustments to handicaps must be completed and recorded by the **Entry Deadline** to be in effect for the current series. The Sailing Instructions change Rule 78 as necessary.

Your boat can be measured by an Off Soundings Club approved measurer, your yacht club measurer, a sailing association measurer, or a US Sailing IOR/IMS measurer, with a copy being sent to Paul Jennings, Off Soundings Club Chief Measurer, 6 Captains Lane, Branford, CT 06405, or handicapped by your local PHRF-ECSA handicapper. PHRF-ECSA handicaps do not have to be mailed, they will be reviewed on-line.

Modifications Owners must inform the OSC measurer or PHRF handicapper of any substantial modifications which are not evident, but might affect speed potential.

Multihull vessels will use New England Multihull Association handicaps. An OSC Measurement Data Certificate is not required. Handicaps will be verified by NEMA, the multihull handicapping authority.

11. Guest Masters

Guest Masters must be aboard and in command for each race.

12. Responsibilities of the Master/Captain

The legal age for drinking alcohol in Rhode Island and New York is 21. The "Captain's Responsibility" statement on the reverse of the entry form makes it clear that as Master/Captain you are responsible to advise your under age crew members of the prohibition of their drinking alcohol at Off Soundings Club events. Further, you take full responsibility for their actions.

13. Equipment Standards

It is expected that each Master will recognize the importance of ensuring the safety of his crew, vessel and others, and will fulfill the US Sailing prescription to Rule 40.1 by meeting applicable government equipment and safety requirements.

The Off Soundings Club believes that the equipment and other standards recommended in the International Sailing Foundation Special Regulations for Race Category 4 (available at http://www.sailing.org/tools/documents/OSR2008_Mo4_181207-[4350].pdf are appropriate for the conditions likely to be encountered in its events and recommends that entrants consider them minimum guidelines for outfitting their vessels for participation.

In accordance with Rule 1.2 competitors are individually responsible for wearing personal buoyancy adequate for the conditions.

14. Classes and Class Flags

Classification—Final assignment of boats to classes will be completed on receipt of all entries and handicap information. Recently there has been Class A, six "C" classes, three Non-Spinnaker Classes, a Nonsuch Class and a Multihull Class.

Class Flags —While *racing* you must fly a class flag of no less than size 0, i.e., 12" x 15", vertically on the bow pulpit as far forward as possible. Usually this will be an International Code Flag although others may be used.

Class Flag Designations will be in the Sailing Instructions. Recent class flag assignments have been International Code Flags, Class: A-"A," C-1-"H," C-2-"O", C-3-"F," C-4-"W," C-5-"T" C-6-"E," D-"D," NONS –"Nonsuch," NS-1-"U," NS-2-"G," NS-3-"3rd Sub."

Short-handed Entry Designation—While *racing* boats registered as 'short-handed' must fly a numeric pennant "1" or "2" (size 0 or larger), from the backstay to designate the number of crew on board in addition to the assigned class flag on the bow.

15. Non-Spinnaker Classes
Monohull vessels may elect to sail in a non-spinnaker class. **To do so you must mark the Non-spinnaker Class box on the entry form.**

Above deck Roller furling jibs on **non-spinnaker boats** receive a three second handicap allowance for OSC series.

Spinnakers (including mizzen spinnakers) may not be used. Headsails must be attached along their length to the headstay by hanks or a slotted headstay device. This does not exclude roller-furling headsails. Headsail girths measured from the luff to the leech must be no greater than their proportional distance from the head.

Spinnaker poles may be used as whisker poles. Whisker pole length is limited to 80% of LP or spinnaker pole length, whichever is greater.

Only one sail at a time other than forestaysails on standard double-head rigs, may be tacked forward of the mainmast (foremast on schooners). This does not prohibit a transient condition, e.g., during a sail change.

Other sails such as mules and mizzen staysails are permitted.

16. Sail Numbers—Total Conformance to Rule 77 is not required; however mainsails and spinnakers shall have identifying numbers that match as indicated on the entry form.

17. OSC Penalties (PE)-Monohull boats will be awarded performance penalties. See Rule 90 as changed in the Sailing Instructions. Details are at www.offsoundings.org

18. Scoring
Finishing Places—for all classes except multihulls are determined by the PHRF Time On Time method. Multihull calculations are determined by the Time On Distance method.

Time Correction Factor—TCF=600/(480+HCP), where HCP is the OSC handicap adjusted for PE. This produces a TCF of 1.000 for a 120 HCP. Search TCF at www.ussailing.org for a full discussion of TOT and TCF.

Regatta Standings—are determined using the Low Point System of *RRS* Appendix A. All completed races will be scored. Two races are scheduled; if only one race is completed the regatta will be scored on that race.

Regatta Results—tentative results are announced daily. Final results will be mailed and posted at www.offsoundingss.org.

Series Results—perpetual trophies are awarded to Off Soundings members based on Low Point Scoring of one and two year results without PE:

- Regatta results are recalculated without PE.
- One-year results are based on low point scoring of all completed races for the current season.
- Two-year results are based on low point scoring of the results of the current and prior season. If all eight possible races are completed the worst race will be excluded, otherwise all races will be scored.
- In awarding prizes based on the combined results of multiple classes, races in which all designated classes do not have finishes will be excluded.
- Eligibility is based on membership status as of the first spring race of the season.

19. Prizes

Event Trophies—Four prizes will be awarded in each class having at least 11 entrants.

Perpetual Trophies—awarded to members. First place winners have custody of the perpetual trophy for one year. The first three places receive keeper plaques.

One year series awards:

Trophy Name	Class	Trophy Name	Class
Stan Bradford Trophy	A	Charles J. Koch Trophy	C-6
Beauford H. Reeves Trophy	C-1	DIANE Trophy	D
Byron N. Durfee Trophy	C-2	CHANTEYMAN Trophy	NS-1
Henry B. duPont Memorial Trophy	C-3	NOR'EASTER Trophy	NS-2
MAGIC Trophy	C-4	RHUBARB Trophy	NS-3
Kenneth B. Millett Trophy	C-5	James J. Eastland Trophy	Non-such

Two year series awards:

Trophy Name	Class	Trophy Name	Class
G. W. Blunt White Memorial	A	MADRIGAL Trophy	C-5 & C-6
William J. Donovan Trophy	C-1 & C-2	SAMUEL PEPYS Trophy	NS-1, 2, 3
Paul C. Van Dyke Memorial	C-3 & C-4		

20. a. <u>Planned Marks and Courses:</u>

Spring Series:

The following marks and courses are planned as of the Notice of Race. While these are the likely marks and courses there may be changes. The final marks and courses will be defined in the Sailing Instructions.

Planned Marks

A—Stake boat or buoy at the starting line
B—Block Island North Reef Bell Buoy "1BI"
C—Cerberus Shoal Gong Buoy "9"
G—Block Is. Sound S Entrance Obstruction Buoy "BIS"
H—Point Judith Bell Buoy "4"
J—Point Judith Whistle Buoy "2"
K—Great Salt Pond Entrance Bell Buoy "2" (**Finish**)
N—Nebraska Shoal Buoy "2NS"
S—SW Ledge Whistle Buoy "2"
W—OSC Special Mark
X—OSC Special Mark, at L 41-19.2N, Lo 071-45.0W.
Y—OSC Special Mark,
Z—OSC Special Mark
3—Old Harbor Point Buoy "3"
4—SW Point Whistle Buoy "4"
5—NE Whistle Buoy "5"

***Special OSC Marks W, Y, Z*—**will be located by bearing and distance from Mark **K** as displayed on the committee boat.

***The finish line*—**will be between an orange flag on the committee boat and Mark **K**. If the committee boat does not reach the finish line in time on Friday the finish line will be established by an auxiliary committee vessel.

***Committee Boat Not On Station*—**If the race committee is not on station at the finish line a yacht *finishing* shall take her own finish time, preferably GPS time, and report it per Rule 34 prescription.

<u>Courses</u>

Course Board—The course will be designated on the course board using a horizontal arrangement of mark symbols reading from left to right, indicating the marks in passing order. Courses may be announced on channel 72.

Course Groups—Classes may be divided into groups as follows:
Course Group**: 1 (long course) – Classes A, C-1, C-2, C-3, C-5, D, NS-1**.
Course Group**: 2 (short course) - Classes C-4, C-6, NONS, NS-2, NS-3**.
The group to which a horizontal row applies on the course board are indicated at the left of the row—Example:
1—Course for classes designated Course Group 1 (long course).
2—Course for classes designated Course Group 2 (short course).
If Course Groups are not posted all classes sail the same course.

Rounding-—An uncircled mark symbol indicates that the mark is to be left to port. A circled mark symbol indicates that the mark is to be left to starboard.

Course Restrictions—After *starting* a boat shall not cross the starting line. Other than rounding a mark of the course, boats shall *keep clear* of the finish line except to *finish*. *This changes Rule 28.3 as listed in Appendix 1.*

Boats must pass offshore of:

Dickens Point Shoal Bell Buoy "6"	**Black Rock Point Buoy "2"**
Clay Head Buoy "7"	

20. b. Planned Marks and Courses

Fall Series:

The following marks and courses are planned as of the Notice of Race. While these are the likely marks and courses there may be changes. The final official marks and courses will be defined in the Sailing Instructions.

A—Stake boat or buoy at the starting line
B—OSC Special Mark
C—Cerberus Shoal Gong Buoy "9"
G—Gardiners Island Gong Buoy "1GI"
K—OSC Special Mark
N—Shelter Is. Sound N Channel Whistle Buoy "N" Mo (A)
P—OSC Special Mark
S—Crow Shoal Buoy "14"
V—Valiant Rock Whistle Buoy "11"
W—OSC Special Mark
X—OSC Special Mark
3—Threemile Harbor Entrance Bell Buoy "TM" Mo (A)

OSC Special Marks—magnetic bearing and distance from mark **N**:
B—bearing 069°M, 4.75 NM
K—bearing 040°M, 3.0 NM
P—bearing 168°M, 2.85 NM
W—bearing and distance displayed on Committee boat.
X—bearing 146°M, 0.5 NM.

The Finish Line—will be between an orange flag on the Committee boat and Mark **N.** If the Committee boat does not arrive at the finish line on time on Friday the line will be established by an auxiliary committee vessel.

Committee Boat Not On Station—If the Race Committee is not on station at the finish line a yacht *finishing* shall take her own finish time, preferably GPS time, and report it per Rule 34 prescription.

Courses

Course Board—The course will be designated on the course board using a horizontal arrangement of mark symbols reading from left to right, indicating the marks in passing order. Courses may be announced on channel 72.

Course Groups—Classes may be divided into groups as follows:

Course Group**: 1 (long course) – Classes A, C-1, C-2, C-3, C-5, D, NS-1**.

Course Group**: 2 (short course) - Classes C-4, C-6, NONS, NS-2, NS-3**.

The group to which a horizontal row applies on the course board are indicated at the left of the row—Example:

1—Course for classes designated Course Group 1 (long course).

2—Course for classes designated Course Group 2 (short course).

If Course Groups are not posted all classes sail the same course.

Rounding-—An uncircled mark symbol indicates that the mark is to be left to port. A circled mark symbol indicates that the mark is to be left to starboard.

Course Restrictions—After *starting* a boat shall not cross the starting line. Other than rounding a mark of the course, boats shall *keep clear* of the finish line except to *finish*. *This changes Rule 28.3 as listed in Appendix 1.*

Boats shall not pass between Little Gull Island and Plum Island and shall pass northward of Gardiners Island Gong Buoy "1GI" except on course legs for which G is a designated rounding mark.

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Measurers

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You may have your boat measured by one of the above measurers, your yacht club measurer, a Sailing Association measurer, or a US Sailing measurer. Additional US Sailing Measurers are listed in the US Sailing Directory and on the US Sailing website at www.ussailing.org

*Off Soundings Club Measurers have copies of the Measurement Data Certificate forms. They are also available on the web site at: www.offsoundings.org. Requests for additional Measurement Data Certificate forms should be directed to Paul Jennings, OSC Chief Measurer.

Note that if you have a current PHRF-ESCA Handicap reviewable on the ECSA web-site an Off Soundings Data Measurement Certificate is not required.