

Bat Shows Class to Capture Sewell Cup in Light Breeze

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SEASIDE PARK—Sewell cup day at Seaside Park Yacht club, the 37th annual regatta for the most coveted of Barnegat bay yachting trophies, brought out fine entry lists in a 10 classes and 84 skippers battled light easterly breezes to just elude time limits yesterday.

Bob Snyder sailed Bat, owned by former Commodore Edward Crabbe of the Cruising Club of America to victory for the Sewell cup for class A catboats.

Morton Gibbons-Neff jr., annexed the Wolstenholme trophy for class E sloops altho a bitter appeal raged before the regatta committee over a disqualification.

In the International Star class, Barbara Lucke sailed her former international champion Eel to a win by a wide margin to take the Bamberger trophy, the first time it has been won by a member of the fair sex. The chance cup for the junior catboats was taken by the seasonal point leader, William Price of the Mantoloking Yacht club, in his U and I.

Other Victors

Winners in the other events, for which no special trophies were at stake, were:

Peter Park's Undertaker, moths; Jack Wright's Neriad, snipes; William Price's U and I, junior catboats; Norton Ludwig's Bay Spray, class A sneaks; Thomas King's Barnegat Belle, class B sneaks; Nat Duval's Ninety Proof, class G sloops; W. Lynn Hendrickson's Sea-weed, comets.

When the morning races were sent away there was a light westerly blowing, but before the five classes had gotten half way across the bay, the breeze shifted east, resulting in some startling reversals in form.

The regatta committee headed by Dr. Francis A. Faught, vice commodore of the Seaside Park Yacht club, disqualified Runyan Collie, jr., in Doon II, in the class E sloops for being tied to the yacht club dock up to 30 seconds before the starting gun. Collie, a threat for seasonal honors in the class, protested to the committee but his protest was thrown out, leaving the matter to be heard as an appeal by the executive committee of the Barnegat Bay Yacht Racing association.

Bat Disproves Theory

Bat, in winning the Sewell cup today, disproved a general theory around the bay that she was a heavy weather

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Bat Gets Cup

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boat. Masterfully handled by Bob Snyder and all Toms River Yacht club crew, she led from start to finish over a course which was largely reaching to win by four minutes over Albert Diss' Tamwock.

In the stars, Eel hit the line with the gun and at no time saw any boat's transom. In the light going, most of it off the wind she steadily widened her lead over Joe Morris in Arrow II, and F. T. Brooks in Sue, to win by two minutes and 3 seconds.

The light breeze made for unusually large time lapses between the yachts in all classes. Morton Gibbons-Neff, jr., formerly of the Little Egg Harbor Yacht club of Beach Haven, brought Hiron-delle in by over four minutes over Rascal II, for the Wolstenholme trophy, which was sailed for the first time this season by Frank W. Thatcher, her owner. Bob Stahler of the Seaside Park Yacht club broke into the scoring column for the first time this season by bringing Witch in a close third over Mrs. Morton Gibbons-Neff, jr., who has been one of the consistent sloop leaders all season.