

BOATING ROUNDUP

Sayia's Spy Cops Sewell Cup

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Last Sunday was the annual meeting of the "A" Class Catboats contending over the Seaside Park course for the possession of the Sewell Cup, which has been in competition since 1900. With the wind freshening toward its promised 35-mile-an-hour velocity, which it achieved in the afternoon, Don Sayia, skipper of the Spy, and Russ Lord of Lavallette, skipper of the Lotus, advanced the hour of the meeting by mutual agreement.

Sayia won, and the cup resides at the Seaside Park Y. C. for the coming year. There were no 17-foot Catboats on hand to compete for the Thatcher Cup, another trophy annually offered by the Seaside Park Y. C.

Most of the Bay clubs celebrated the Fourth of July intimately. Seaside Park Y.C. had a Family Day. There were no big regattas scheduled, the sailors engaging in a host of local activities.

3 Trophies Up

Tomorrow will see the Barnegat Bay Yacht Racing Assn. fleet racing at Mantoloking Y.C. Three trophies will be at stake. The winner of the "B" Class Sneakbox race will take the Yachtsman's Cup. The first "A" Class Sneakbox will win the David Beaton Trophy, and the triumphant "E" Class Sloop will be awarded the Bilgeboard Trophy.

Incidentally, Mantoloking will continue its entertainment of Bay sailors on Sunday when the "E" class Sloops will fight it out for the Chance Challenge Cup while the Sneakboxes will decide who should hold the Carl III Trophy.

New Class Grows

Intra-club activities are swinging into line. The Shore Acres Y.C. reports a weekly schedule begun June 25 and continuing until September 3. The racing will be done in Sneakboxes, Comets, Jets, and the New French 50s.

From time to time new types appear among the Bay fleets. The French boat is an imported 18-footer, round bottom, sloop-rigged and claimed by its supporters to be as interesting as the Flying Dutchman, which class has shown a slow, but healthy growth over the last four seasons.

Dr. Graham C. Newbury, chairman of the Lavallette Y.C. Junior Activities Committee has set up a sports program in addition to the sailing and swimming instruction featured at most Bay clubs. Carl Ferguson has been named director of athletics and recreation and is pledged to keep the Juniors "interested, happy and occupied." There will even be one night a week of bowling in the program. Two new sailing classes have been started using Moths and Prams.

Culpepper Returns

Beachwood Y.C. has been fortunate enough to again secure the

services of Max Culpepper as sailing master. Culpepper has done well with his Junior program at Beachwood. The "M" scows, newly admitted as a class in the BBYRA regattas, have been strongly backed at Beachwood, and while it may have been an accident, their first race in the big league saw Beachwood sailors take first, second, third, and fourth place over a field of 10 boats. Perhaps the Culpepper instruction is bearing fruit. His assistant is Dr. Donald Valdes, a Denison University professor.

The Bulls-Eye, 16 feet of fiberglass sloop with a 900-lb. keel, yet only 2½-foot draft, a cuddy, and light sails sporting a Genoa and spinnaker, has now reached the eighteenth boat of its type on Barnegat. The class so far has been developing on its own, particularly around the head of the Bay, but there must come a time when they will participate in the BBYRA regattas as their skippers reach after larger horizons.

Jug Started Something

The Island Heights and Toms River Yacht Clubs began something when three years back they inaugurated the Brown Jug Race as a duel of their respective auxiliary fleets. It would seem there is a certain parallel of experience between the history of motor boat enthusiasts and sailboat men. The motorboat men may begin with outboards and run the whole gamut to luxury cruisers. The sailboat men begin in Sneakboxes and serve in the racing fleet for years, but ultimately most of them wind up owning an auxiliary, and many of them carry their desire for racing with them.

Perhaps they do not want to race so often, or within the restrictive organizations that control and direct the lives of straight racing men. Perhaps be-

cause of this, or perhaps because of many other things too numerous to examine closely, the auxiliaries have yielded individuality enough to form the Barnegat Sailing Squadron.

Nine Races Planned

Seven races in the lower Bay will be sailed before the season is out, and two ocean races are planned. Then of course there will be the fourth sailing of the Brown Jug Race. Island Heights Y.C. has won it each of the three years it has been sailed and makes no bones of expecting to repeat. Toms River men are going along quietly, but will be on hand to reverse positions. This September will tell the story.

The passing of Ernie Hangartner saw the Bat, one of the four remaining A Class Catboats withdrawn from competition, possibly for good. To preserve his memory and recall the many years of racing he gave to the Bay fleets the Hangartner Memorial Trophy has been established. Because of his affection for the Sneakbox as a type, the trophy will be awarded annually to the winner of the "A" Class Sneakbox Race at the Island Heights Y.C. BBYRA Regatta. It was won on its first appearance last Saturday by Bruce King of Ocean Gate Y.C.

A brisk north west breeze greeted the Bay Head Yacht Club's annual July 4th sailing regatta on Barnegat Bay. The winners were B. Adams, Lightning class A; E. Bach, Lightning class B; J. Harkrader, Penguin; B. Clark Jr., Duck Boats; C. Barclay, Comets; and R. Edwards, G. Boats.