

Barnegat Bay Yacht Racing Association
Report of National Cup Events, 1967

During the 1967 season the Barnegat Bay Yacht Racing Association sponsored elimination races in all of the National Cup Events as well as holding the Semi-Finals of the Sears Cup for Area C. The total number of entrants for these events was 46. The following is a summary of the results of these contests:

To begin with, the Bay Eliminations for the O'Day Cup was no contest, since there was only one entrant. Miss Dede Mollenkopf of Manasquan River was declared the Bay representative to the Semi-Finals in this event. It is understood that her initial presence in an otherwise all-male Semi-Finals was the occasion of considerable initial comment. Our thanks, however, to the Ocean Gate Yacht Club and Carl Bach who were prepared to conduct this elimination series.

The Bay Elimination in the Sears Cup drew eleven entries, a record for Bay Elimination series in this or any other National Cup Event. The Shore Acres Yacht Club under the direction of James Davison and his committee did an outstanding job in conducting this series. Through no fault of the Host Club the event was marred by interference, acrimony and property destruction. The winner was Tad La Fountain of Bay Head.

The Sears Semi-Finals for Area C was splendidly handled by the Toms River Yacht Club and their Committee headed by Fred Scammell. ^{Jack Summell} Four judges representing the North American Yacht Racing Union were present for this event, which was won by Robert Held, last year's Sears Cup winner, representing the North Jersey Yacht Racing Association.

On July 26th the Manasquan River Yacht Club, utilizing the waters and facilities of Seaside Park Yacht Club, held the Adams Cup Bay Eliminations Series. This event was ably conducted under Commodore Ward Wight and his Committee. It was won by Mrs. Constance Filling of the MentoLoking Yacht Club.

The Bay Elimination contest for the Mallory Cup was held by the Island Heights Yacht Club on July 19th under the supervision of Homer Dennis. Sailing in Lightnings, the winner was Clifford Campbell of the Toms River Yacht Club. As you are all well aware, Cliff won the Semi-Finals and went to Canada where he brought home not only ^{honor} to his home Club but also to the B.B.Y.R.A. the honor of becoming the Men's North American Sailing Champion.

The B.B.W.R.A. Championship in the Midget Class was sailed in duckboats at the Mantoloking Yacht Club under the able direction of Henry Tomlinson. Peter Comette of the Host Club and last year's Atlantic Coast Champion was the winner of this event. In this year's Coast Championship held at Cape May, he was runner-up. Second place in the Bay Championship was won by Had Brick of Island Heights with Joe Papola of Ocean Gate third.

A year ago in the interest of furthering match racing, an inter-club series was initiated on this Bay, and a Metedeconk River crew with James Carson as skipper was our entry to the Area Elimination Series for the Prince of Wales Cup. This year they are the entry by default since no other Club appeared to challenge them. It is hoped that another year will improve this situation; otherwise it might be worthwhile to consider dropping our intended participation in this event. However, this would be sad to contemplate in this year of America's Cup defense.

At the end of a year of hard work by Committees and Clubs in National Cup Events, it is appropriate to review the events in the interest of continuing improvement. The following observations are put forth with this objective:

- 1) Continuing activity on the part of Club Representatives and especially those on the Regatta Committee to assure publicity and participation by the Club sailors in these events,
- 2) Absolute adherence to the B.B.W.R.A. rule requiring entries in National Cup Events to be forwarded only by the Regatta Committee Representative who will assure that the entry will provide a yacht in racing condition for the event,
- 3) Closer liason between the Flag Officers of the various Clubs and their Regatta Committee Representative to assure smooth running of the total racing program including National Cup Events.

This year it is indeed a pleasure to give special recognition to our new Men's Sailing Champion of North America. We can be more than justifiably proud to find this title among the illustrious achievements of members of the B.B.W.R.A.

To the friendly cooperative members of the various Host Clubs go our deep thanks not only for the conduct of the Regattas but especially for the fine hospitality and friendly atmosphere created by the women of these Clubs. These contributions of time and generosity have helped immeasurably in improving the atmosphere for competitive sailing in National Cup Events on Barnegat Bay.

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