

Lavallette Y.C. Is Called: 'Sailingist Club on Bay'

LAVALLETTE — Lavallette Yacht Club tomorrow will host the ninth regatta of the Barnegat Bay Yacht Racing Association series.

Special races are the "A" Sneakbox event for the Law Memorial trophy, "B" Sneakbox race for the Leadbitter Trophy and the Junior Jets race for the Eli Lavallette race.

Lavallette Y.C., one of the charter members of the BBYRA, was incorporated in 1904. Its forerunner was the Road to Ruin Club, a social organization which had its clubhouse on the ocean front. The new club, organized for the promotion of yacht sailing and racing, moved the clubhouse to the bay side. In 1947 it purchased the present site on

Swan Point and moved the clubhouse there.

Known as the "sailingest" club on the bay, it fittingly takes its name from the town which was named for Eli A. F. LaVallette, the first flag officer of the U.S. Navy.

BBYRA Champions in 1960

The emphasis on sailing is evident in the club's outstanding BBYRA record. In 1960, it had four champions, Arthur A. Lange, jets, Warren Law, 17-foot catboats, John Bonn, lightnings, and Bob Derr, 17-foot sneakboxes.

The summer schedule includes a full program of sailing activity for all ages.

The club maintains fleets of Flying Dutchmen, Lightnings, Penguins, Jets, Sneaks, Comets and Prams. Each Sunday morning about 40 of these take part in a club regatta. Competition is especially keen this year and many of the contestants show close scores toward the club trophies. There is sharp rivalry, too, in the weekly Sunday afternoon event for senior members, the "Old Man's" race series. As the season nears its close, the Mothers Handicap race for all classes proves an annual high light.

Everyone Sails at Lavallette

Everyone from the five-year-old upward sails at Lavallette. Commodore F. Russell Lord is owner-skipper of the "A" catboat Lotus and is at her helm on every BBYRA regatta day. In addition to active sailing, many of the senior members own power boats and are active in the Power

Squadron and Flotilla 4 of the U.S. Coast Guard Auxiliary.

Past Commodore Frederic W. Winkelman owned and skippered the Lotus from 1953 through 53 and won the BBYRA "cat" championship for five of those years. In 1955 and 1957 he was unbeatable and took every trophy on the bay.

Winkelman sold the Lotus in 1959 to his son-in-law, the present commodore. He is very active in the promotion of junior sailing and is the donor of many of the club's trophies for its younger sailors. Winkelman was awarded the BBYRA Dale Trophy for sportsmanship in 1959 and the club's sportsmanship trophy in 1960.

Sindle Outstanding Member

Harry Sindle is one of the club's outstanding champions. Topping regional and national honors for Sneakboxes, Jets and Flying Dutchmen, Sindle represented the United States sailing the latter in the 1960 Olympics in Naples, Italy. This summer he won the 1961 North American Dutchman championship in Chicago and will represent the U.S. next spring at the World Championships in St. Petersburg, Fla.

Lange, a versatile young skipper, swept club, bay and regional honors and became National Junior Jet champion in 1960 just before he reached the age limit for the class.

This year, Lange who has also sailed sneaks, switched to a Flying Dutchman and is a promising skipper in that class. Bob Derr and Lane, alternating as skippers, placed eighth in a field of 21 veterans including Olympics sailors in a recent regional regatta.

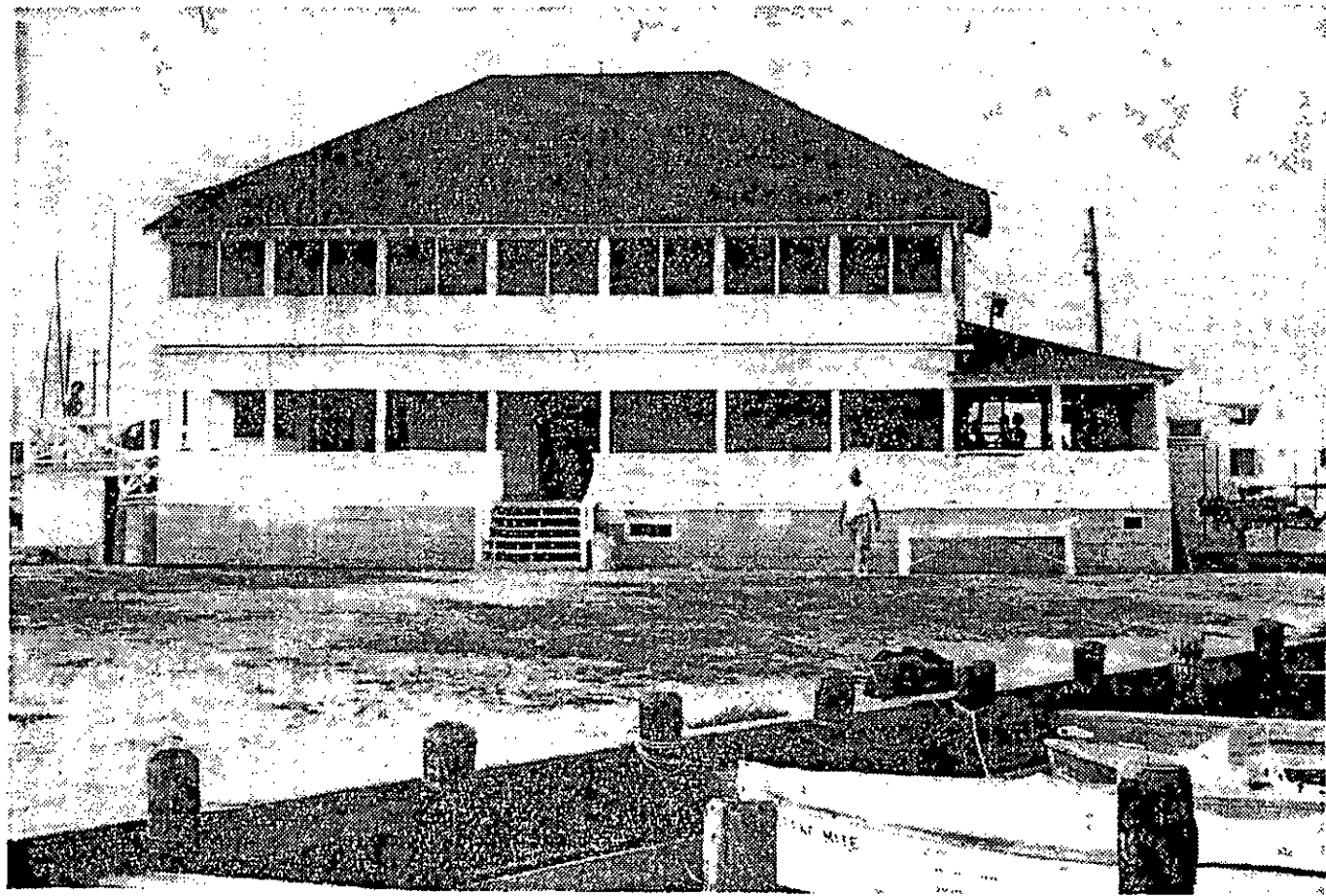
Birkholz Ranking Jet Sailor

Bruce Birkholz is another of the club's outstanding skippers. He has held many of the bay and regional jet titles and last weekend placed fifth in the National Championship regatta at Raritan Bay. He also carried the club colors to the recent Atlantic Coast Jet Championship regatta.

For years, Lavallette Yacht Club has had an outstanding junior sailing program and it is these "graduates" who are making their marks among the younger sailors of the bay. Mike Snyder of Tom's River is this year's junior sailing master. He holds classes and promotes racing for pram, penguin and jet skippers. Regina Petrick is swimming instructor.

All LYC members are kept abreast of club news through a club periodical "News Release," written and published by Russ Matthews, publicity chairman.

Other officers for 1961 are:



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