



This dock is the Metedeconk Yacht Club's home base at present. The club doesn't have a permanent home. It previously employed a house boat as headquarters but that was sold last winter. Lack of clubhouse, however, doesn't hamper sailing activities of members who have placed in many important regattas. (Press Photo)

## SHORE YACHT CLUBS

# Metedeconk Club Without Home

BRICK TOWNSHIP—The Metedeconk River Yacht Club, associate member of the Barnegat Bay Yachting Association, is the only association unit without a permanent home.

Comm. James Daley and a planning committee hope to remedy that situation in the near future by the purchase of a suitable site to build a clubhouse.

A club expressly for sailing, it has until this season, used as headquarters a houseboat moored to a leased pier on the north bank of the river opposite Osbornville. The floating clubhouse was sold earlier this year and a small beach house near the pier

has been pressed into temporary service.

### Replaced Breton Woods Club

The Metedeconk River club is an outgrowth of the old Breton Woods Yacht Club, a corporation formed in 1936 and reserved to members of that community. World War 2 years found it expiring and in 1949, it was reformed into the present club. In contrast to the usual mens club and ladies' auxiliary, the membership of the club is made up of both men and women.

The rebirth of sailing interest throughout the country was strong here and the club gradually became one of the leading BBYRA

clubs in Lightning and Penguin class competition.

The club's Lightning sailors are known far and wide having placed in the top ten in the International Lightning Championships, Pan American Championships, President's Cup Regatta, Central Atlantic District Championships, Jersey State Championships, Great Lakes Regatta, St. Petersburg Midwinter Regatta, as well as the BBYRA Championships.

Metedeconk River Penguin skippers have placed in the top ten in the Atlantic Coast Championships, President's Cup Regatta, Frigid Digit Regatta and the Touchdown, Pumpkin and Turkey Bowl Regattas.

Jim Carson, the club's outstanding skipper, competes in both Lightning and Penguin events and has won recognition for his club throughout the East and in other parts of the country. He has placed in National Championships in both classes, holds the 1960 BBYRA Championships in both and last month at home club captured the Central Atlantic District Championship, to name a few of his achievements.

### Full Summer Schedule

Metedeconk River Yacht Club has a full summer schedule of club races. Last year it increased the Sunday series from eight to nine and this year has added a handicap series for its members.

John Hicks is in charge of the Junior Sailing program conducted every Sunday morning. He usually manages to include four round robin Penguin races in the day's schedule.

Beginning juniors are given one

day a week instruction by Sievert Farinwald.

### Special Races in Aug., Sept.

Among the special open races sponsored by the club are the Night Owl Handicap scheduled for Aug. 26 and the Herring Island Handicap on Sept. 4.

The club has an annual picnic at Cattus Island and ends the season with the Windjammer Awards dinner. Each year at this time the Sportsmanship Trophy is awarded to its most deserving member John Hicks has won it for two years running.

Completing the club's official roster for 1961 are: Elaine Gerbeck, secretary; Jack Heacock, treasurer; Jerry McLoughlin, vice commodore; and Carol Hummer, in charge of records and publicity.