



Normandy Beach Yacht Club's modern clubhouse.

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# Normandy Beach Accents Growth

**NORMANDY BEACH** — The accent is on growth at Normandy Beach Yacht Club, host for tomorrow's fifth regatta in the Barnegat Bay Yacht Racing Association series.

Some of the other member clubs have more than a half century head start on Normandy Beach, youngest club in the BBYRA, but the new club is making giant strides to catch up.

It all started in the early forties when Mrs. Charles Hanks began a crusade to get Normandy Beach a yacht club, and then to gain admittance to the BBYRA. Mrs. Hanks, who is credited with originating sailing in Normandy Beach, finally got her wish when

the new club was admitted to the association as an associate member, sponsored by the Lavallette Yacht Club, in 1955.

**Build Clubhouse**

The club became a full member in 1957 with George A. Ehrhardt, commodore from 1947-1953, as the guiding spirit. In 1955 a clubhouse was built, financed by subscriptions from the parents of the young sailors.

Through the years, additions have been made to the clubhouse,

## Ostermiller Pins Vansky; Sanchez Wins

ASBURY PARK — Freehold's Jack Ostermiller defeated John

but not in a haphazard manner. The building was designed in such a way that additions would fit into the architectural scheme.

Fine spirit, hard work, and the ladies' auxiliary are credited by Mrs. Joseph Abbott, publicity director at Normandy Beach, with being the driving forces behind the club's growth. The ladies' auxiliary runs many social events during the season and does most of the fund raising for the club. One of the projects on tap at the moment is the construction of tennis courts, an endeavor fervently supported by the club's college set.

**Have Full Program**

With all this growth going on, members still find time for a full program of activities. Every Wednesday and Sunday during the season, the club holds its races. There are many social events, and efforts are made to inject variety into them. Besides formal dances, there are Hawaiian parties, luaus, shipwreck dances, bridge parties, fashion shows, and cocktail parties. One annual event is the winter reunion, scheduled for Mexico City this year. Another is the Father's Day race which closes out the season on Labor Day.

The hosting of the BBYRA regatta affords an excellent opportunity to mix a good time with good sailing and the Normandy club takes advantage of it with a chicken barbecue served between the morning and afternoon races.

**Youngsters Taught**

Since the club had its early beginnings in Mrs. Hanks' desire to educate youngsters in sailing,

this activity has not been neglected. The club has a sailing master, usually a bay champion in one of the classes, who instructs the children on Comets, Penguins, and Lightnings.

Present officials at Normandy are Commodore William E. Whited, Vice-Commodore Clifford Warren, Rear Commodore Herbert R. Augen, and Fleet Captain Joseph Abbott.

Both trophies to be sailed for tomorrow—the Phillips Trophy for "B" Lightnings, and the Roy Issacs Trophy for Jr. Penguins—have been donated by past commodores of the club.

Two Normandy Beach stars who will see action tomorrow are Connie Warren in the Junior Penguin class, and Bill Schwalze in the "B" Lightnings. Both sailors have copped three out of four BBYRA races so far this year and must be favored to wind up as bay champions in their classes. If they do it will be just one more step towards yachting prominence for Normandy Beach.