



OCEAN GATE YACHT CLUB

(Press Photo)

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Ocean Gate Was Formed in 1909

OCEAN GATE — Tomorrow the sixth championship regatta of the Barnegat Bay Yacht Racing Association will be hosted by the Ocean Gate Yacht Club, one of the bay's earlier clubs.

Highlighting the regatta is the traditional start from anchor of the A Cats race for the Beck Crabbe Memorial trophy. The four veterans will finish the race at Forked River where the annual dinner for all hands will be served at Captain's Inn. Comets will compete for the Dilworth Memorial trophy.

The club was formed in 1909 by seven yachtsmen who selected the advantageous site near the confluence of the Toms River and Barnegat Bay for the clubhouse. The charter meeting in September, 1910 revealed a membership of 23 and under the leadership of Commodore Edward P. Ramer had doubled in another year. Those first officers were respon-

sible for the selection of the distinctive club emblem still in use today—a blue pennant on a white pennant on a red pennant.

Treasure Old Photo

One of the club's prize possessions is a picture of the original mustachioed officers and members at the Commodore's banquet and reception at a New York hotel.

The club formed about the time that a development of the Barnegat Bay gunners boat or Sneak-box came into its own as the

bay's most popular racing craft. The club has remained a Sneak-box center through the years.

It is custodian of the Lorenz trophy to be awarded Sunday to the winner of a race for 15-ft. Sneaks which is open to all ages.

The club is a charter member of the BBYRA, conceived in the spring of 1914 by officials of the Seaside Park, Island Heights, Bay Head, and Ocean Gate clubs, to foster and unify yacht racing on the bay. Mantoloking Yacht Club accepted at the by-laws meeting, made up the nucleus of the association which has become one of the largest and most important associations on the eastern seaboard.

Has 4 Divisions

Essentially a family organization, the club has four distinct divisions, Senior, Associate, Junior, and Intermediate, each with its own program integrated into the club's busy calendar.

Under the leadership of Comm. Melvin E. Marple, a two-part training program for the youngsters has been introduced this year. Known as the Junior Activities program, it affords three-day-a-week instruction in swimming and-or sailing. The sailing class has grown to 42 and includes several mothers who have never sailed before. Bruce Birkholz of the Lavallette Yacht Club is instructor.

Mrs. Marple heads the Associate division which is the heart of the club's social program. The season's calendar boasts every

kind of family gettogether.

They range from clubhouse suppers to the traditional corn and shrimp beach roast, a yearly auction, Cabaret Night, and all kinds of hops and square dances. Once each summer the entire club takes to the boats for a day on the water.

Jr. Comm. Bruce King heads a lively group of youngsters whose summer is filled with a varied program of activities.

Other Senior 1961 officers are Edgar Cronheim, vice commodore; Edward W. Yuhl Jr., rear commodore; Benjamin Robinson, secretary; George Bryant, treasurer, and Charles Sparks Jr., fleet captain.

Water Ski Deadline Is Tonight

EDISON—Tomorrow's sixth annual New Jersey State Open Water Ski Championship at Mirror Lake here starts at 9 a.m.

Registration for the Jersey Skiers Water Ski Club-sponsored event closes tonight at 6 p.m. Connie Rice, 157 Prospect Ave., Red Bank, is registration chairman.

The order of tomorrow's competition is: boys' slalom, men's slalom, girls' tricks, women's tricks, veterans' jumping, women's jumping, girls' jumping, veterans' tricks, and boys' jumping. Sunday's order, starting at 11 a.m., is: slalom, veterans' slalom, women's slalom, men's tricks, boys' tricks, and men's