



The Shore Acres Yacht Club's clubhouse. This is the sundeck which faces Kettle Creek.

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BARNEGAT BAY YACHT CLUBS

Shore Acres 'Run for Youngsters'

SHORE ACRES — The season's seventh championship regatta in the Barnegat Bay Yacht Racing Association series will be held at the Shore Acres Yacht Club tomorrow.

Shore Acres is located in Brick Township on Barnegat Bay at the mouth of Kettle Creek. The blue and white clubhouse was built in 1940 when the club was organized. Sailing activity began the following year and the members are celebrating their twentieth anniversary this season.

The program at Shore Acres is directed towards the junior sailors. "We're running the club strictly for the youngsters," says Vice Commodore Thomas Keenan. The juniors have their own officials and there is an adult Youth Committee to work on conjunction with them.

Full Time Counselor

The club employs a full time counselor, Luellen Gehweiler, who conducts classes in Red Cross life-saving technique twice a week. She also holds two classes per week in sailing instruction.

The club steward, Arthur Stevens, also works with the children. He holds classes in various arts and crafts. In all, there are 38 youngsters enrolled in the program, ranging in age from six to 18.

The juniors' social tastes run to sail parties, cookouts, and a weekly Friday night dance.

A majority of the 63 families that make up the Shore Acres membership are summer residents. Membership is restricted to property owners and summer residents in the community.

Keenan described the club as

"a family affair." Seniors and juniors share both the work and the fun. The season begins near the end of June with a traditional clam bake. The windup comes on Sept. 2 with the Commodore's Ball, at which all past commodores are honored.

Gehweiler Present Commodore

The present commodore is Roland A. Gehweiler. Other officers besides Keenan are Rear Commodore William J. Donchue and Fleet Captain Donald E. Turner.

The seniors at Shore Acres have a full social program with Saturday night buffet suppers, dances, costume parties, and moonlight supper sails.

But they also work at the sport of sailing. Evidence of this is provided by the list of class cham-

bay champion in one of the classes every year between 1941 and 1959.

One of the top sailors was

Lewis P. Linde who won the Comet title three years running, 1947-1949. Linde also copped the Comet championship in 1944 and 1952.

The top club sailor at present is Bobby Turner who is tied for third in the Jet competition of the BBYRA series.

Add 5 New Penguins

Just this week, the club acquired five new Penguins which will represent Shore Acres in the regattas next year.

Tomorrow the BBYRA yachtsmen will be competing for four

trophies at Shore Acres. "G" Sloops sail for the Ailsop Trophy which was donated by the club in honor of its first commodore, William Ailsop, who was in office from 1941 to 1944.

The Alznauer Trophy for "E" Sloops was donated by former Commodore William A. Alznauer. The remaining two awards, the Virkler Trophy for Senior Jets, and the Tomlinson Trophy for Junior Jets, were donated by the club in memory of past Commodores Gordon Virkler and Doctor M. Tomlinson.