

former warriors, living or dead.

CATBOAT MEN TO TALK OVER NEW TROPHY RACE

NEW YORK, Dec 24—The Island Heights yacht club last summer invited owners of catboats racing on Narragansett, Massachusetts, Buzzards and Great South bays to go to Barnegat and race for a challenge trophy. Two catboats from Narragansett bay, the Ina and the Bother, accepted the invitation and captured the trophy in a very interesting series of races.

That trophy is now held by the Narragansett Bay association, and efforts are being made to revive interest in this class of racing, and for that purpose a conference of catboat owners from the five bays has been called for Jan 15. Each bay will be represented by two delegates, and rules are to be framed to govern future races for a perpetual challenge trophy. These rules will cover completely all details of the races, from the eliminating trials to the measurements of the contestants, including time allowances, crews, etc.

This conference will be held at either the Rhode Island or the Edgemere yacht club house, and special efforts are to be made by the Narragansett men to make their visitors have a fine time. The Rhode Island yacht club will have its dinner the night before the conference, and one of the speakers at that dinner will be Thomas Fleming Day.

T. R. Goodwin, president of the Narragansett Bay association, will preside at the conference, and the Narragansett delegates will be Will Brooks and James Foster, who sailed the Ina and Bother on Barnegat bay. W. B. Growtage will be one of the delegates from the Great South bay. Those to represent other associations have not yet been chosen.

That there will be quite a boom in catboat racing is certain. Those interested in this type of yacht want rules that will develop a wholesome type of yacht and not a freak such as the Barnegat bay men have produced for their racing on home waters. If the rules are satisfactory there is no doubt that each bay will be represented in the races next summer.

Although it is early to talk of boats, because nothing is known of the rules, it is rumored that Gil Brown wants to sell Bother and build a faster boat. Bother is a great light-air boat, but in the heavy going she does not sail as well. There is also a possibility that Harvey Flint, who last year sailed the 18-footer Bat, will buy into the cat class and strive for the big prizes which will undoubtedly be offered.

Mr Flint is an expert with catboats and his success with his famous Wanderer makes his possible entrance into the single stickers a move to be considered. The Barnegat bay boys, who last year lost to the local talent, are anxious to regain the trophy, and one of them has already signified his intention of building a new boat which will make the Providence craft go faster than last year. He evidently likes the lines of Kettley's Ina, for he has written for her measurements.