

## YACHTS AND YACHTSMEN

### Catboat Conference On Jan 15.

#### Rules for Challenge Cup Races to be Adopted.

A conference not only of interest to local yachtsmen, but as well to the racing men all along the Atlantic coast, will be held in Providence Saturday evening, Jan 15. This is the Atlantic catboat conference, which will be held at the Rhode Island yacht club's house.

Last summer there was a series of races held at Barnegat bay, N. J., called the interbay catboat match, invitations to which were sent to the men of Massachusetts, Buzzards and Narragansett bays, but the only boats from eastern waters that took part in this match were the Ina and Bother from Narragansett bay.

The Ina won the match, with the Bother second, and thereby took the interbay championship. This brings the conference to Providence next week as well as the championship races to Narragansett bay for the 1909 season.

Delegates have been invited to attend this conference from Barnegat bay, Massachusetts bay, Great South bay and Buzzards bay. The Massachusetts catboat association will send to the meeting Commodore H. H. Robbins of the Quincy Y. C. and Frank F. Crane, while Narragansett bay will be represented by Will Hooke and James Foster. Among the invited guests will be Thomas Fleming Day, who is especially interested in the single catboat racing.

The purpose of the conference is to adopt regular rules governing future races for the perpetual challenge cup. The rules, it is expected, will cover completely all details of the races, from the elimination trials to the measurement of the contestants, including time allowances, crews and all restrictions.

It is hoped also that at this conference steps will be taken toward the formation of a permanent organization for the interbay conference, whereby all catboat racing on the Atlantic coast will be under one set of rules.

Last season the local association did not send a team to the interbay match at Barnegat bay, but it is hoped that the appointing of two delegates to the meeting at Providence is the first step toward a team for 1909 races.

Even this early the catboats are becoming figures of interest in the 1910 yachting of Massachusetts bay. For the last five seasons the racing among the cats has been the healthiest of that of any class in the bay, and the outlook for next summer is even better than last year.

Fra M. Whittemore, who has raced the Almira for three seasons, has sold that boat and has purchased the Dartwell. This latter boat has been raced off and on for three years in the class with some success.

The Dartwell was the first Clara, built for Walter Burgess, and under that name raced here in the sea with great success. She is thought by many of the catboat men to be the fastest boat in the class and with her new owner should make a great showing.

The Almira will be raced by her new owner, and there is a report that Dep Crosby of Oysterville is building a new boat for the class.

This means an addition of at least two boats to the class for the 1910 season as all the other owners intend to enter the game again.

#### Bristol Notes.

BRISTOL, R. I. Jan 8.—A plain cabin, yet of liberal proportions, is to be fitted up in the new schooner building at Herrshoff's, as it is claimed her owner, A. S. Cochran, is to be accompanied abroad by his family next summer. Plating and riveting of the substantial hull of the boat has been started in earnest, with a large force of steel workers employed.

Orrin K. Thurston of this place, who has been a sailmaker with the Herrshoff Mfg Co for the past nine years, has severed his connection with the shops here to go into business in Providence with Irving C. Hyllested. Orders for the sails of the Jamestown knockabouts, now being built at the Plancy shops in Riverside, have been received by the new firm.

The iron keel of the new power boat ordered from Sanford & Goddard, by