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100 YEARS AGO THIS WEEK  
(May 9-23, 1924)

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Let your mind wander as you consider Ocean County life this week 100 years ago, courtesy the New Jersey Courier weekly newspaper and Ocean County Library archives, and peppered with items of maritime interest.

#### MORE 15-FT. SNEAKBOXES FOR BAY HEAD SAILORS

Down at Barnegat J. Howard Perrine, the well known boatbuilder, is working on an addition to the fleet of fifteen foot sneakboxes of the Bay Head Yacht Club. There are some eight of these new boats to be sailed this summer, it is reported. The fifteen foot classes in the Barnegat Bay Yacht Racing Association make perhaps as much fun and pleasure—yes, and sport, as any class on the bay. It is also a training school for the youthful yachtsmen, from which the sailors of larger craft in the future will be recruited. The new boats have been ordered by the following: Mr. Edgar H. Boles, Miss Margaret Biggs, Miss Charlotte Conover, Mr. Fred J. Cox, Major Stanley Washburn, Mr. F.S. Hetherington, Mr. Samuel Emlen and Mr. Edgar T. Orny. The addition of these boats will bring Bay Head's total up to nearly thirty, the largest fleet at any one club on the bay.

#### CRABBE TO BUILD SCHOONER FOR WEST INDIES CRUISE

Edward Crabbe, of Toms River, is planning to build a schooner yacht this summer and fall for a cruise to the West Indies next winter. Morton Johnson of Bay Head will be the builder, and Charles Maurer, of New York, will design the craft. Mr. Crabbe has the material on hand, oaken knees and cedar planking, cut from his swamps at Double Trouble and sawed in his own mill, and allowed to season with time.

Barnegat Bay yachtsmen are wondering if the Mary Ann, for the past two summers the champion in the catboat class on Barnegat Bay, will be in the races this summer? There is a rumor that Federal Court Judge Charles McKeehan, of Philadelphia and Island Heights, owner of the Mary Ann, is contemplating a trip to Europe this summer. Heretofore he has sailed the Mary Ann himself, and has won as fine reputation for his sportsmanship and fairness as the yacht has for speed. The other yachtsmen would be sorry to see the Mary Ann out of the races this summer, as there would always be a question, whoever won, whether the Mary Ann might have still been the better boat. There is another rumor that should Judge McKeehan be away this summer Thompson Brooks, as skipper, and the Mary Ann's old crew, would uphold the honor of the Island Heights Yacht Club.

Francis P. Larkin, of Seaside Park, has had his yacht Tamwock remodeled since last summer. Tamwock proved a fast sailor in the races last summer, but not quite fast enough for Mary Ann. During the winter Mort Johnson of Bay Head remodeled her bow, taking some of the fullness out of it, and making it on the concave pattern affected by yachts forty years ago.

Commodore Frank W. Thatcher, of the Seaside Park Yacht Club has his new racing catboat nearly completed at Mort Johnson's Bay Head yard, and the new boat will be the same model as Mary Ann. It makes an interesting problem as to which will be the better boat, if they

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Spy Wins Feature Race of Regatta at Seaside Park Yacht Club

Philadelphia Inquirer, Sunday, June 29th

SEASIDE PARK, N.J., June 28.

Thirty-six boats turned out for the opening regatta of the Barnegat Bay Yacht Racing Association held today at Seaside Park Yacht Club. The feature race of the day was in the cat boat class in which Commodore Thatcher's new Marconi boat, the Spy, crossed the finish line fourteen seconds ahead of the Toms River entry, the Bay.

The first race of the day was held in a light wind, and it took the six-fifteenth foot class sneak boxes over two hours to sail the course. A Bay Head Yacht Club boat, the Merrill, won with the Heron and Curlew in second and third place respectively.

The afternoon races were sailed in a heavy southeast wind. The first contest was that for the Class A catboats. The Bat, sailed by Crabbe, gave Commodore Thatcher's new craft, the Spy, a close scare on the last leg. Another Seaside Park boat, the Helen, sailed by Wheelock, finished in third place.

The Class B for catboats proved very popular, attracting seven entries. The Stephen, a former down East champion, owned and sailed by Atkins of Seaside Park, won by nearly four minutes corrected time. The Vim, from the Mantoloking Yacht Club, finished in second place, while Snyder's Spider of Toms River, came in a minute and a half behind on corrected time, taking third place, although the Viking, the Island Heights Yacht Club entry in the Sloop Class, sailed by Schofield, crossed the finish line nearly five minutes ahead of the Ardo Second, the latter boat won on corrected time.

The final event of the day, the fifteen-foot sneakbox class, brought out eleven racers. Although the Shiner sailed by Horrocks of Island Heights, led for the greater part of the race, another entry from the same club sailed by Hardin won on the last leg to windward by almost a minute. A Seaside Park boat, sailed by Trumpy, took third. Times for first three boats in each race follow:

SLOOPS

Ardo Second - 1.37.39

Viking - 1.40.58

20 SNEAK BOXES

Edith - 1.30.09

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Scotia - 1.39.14

Old Soak - 1.42.40

15-FOOT SNEAK BOXES - CLASS B

Berry B. - No Time

Heron - No Time

Curlew - No Time

CAT BOATS - CLASS B

Stephen - 1.41.16

Vim - 1.45.00

Spider - 1.46.40

CAT BOATS - CLASS A

Spy - 1.39.28

Bat - 1.49.42

Helen - 1.42.27

15-FOOT SNEAK BOXES - CLASS A

No name - No Time

Shiner - No Time

S.S.I. - No Time

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