

STARLIGHTS

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A Merry Christmas to all Ye Skippers Gay
May Thee like thy tree be gloriously lit on X-Mas Day –

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TO FLEET SECRETARIES Don't forget your Annual Meeting and election of Officers for 1923 must be held this month — also its a good time to collect the 1924 dues.

Think This Over If every member of your Fleet took "Starlights" it would save you many notices, quite some work and considerable expense. The members pay directly or indirectly for "Starlights" anyway so why not increase the Fleet dues a little and cover a subscription! Be a well informed Fleet.

NEW FLEETS Charters have just been granted to the following new Fleets which brings the total up to eighteen.

PRINCE EDWARD ISLAND FLEET Territory, waters bordering Prince Edward Island.
Fleet Captain - I. Y. Reddin, Secretary - Geo. H. Buntain

Charter members the above and John Cameron. This is our first Fleet in the Canadian North East and is therefore very important as it will result in the developing of the Gulf of St. Lawrence and Nova Scotia districts.

PECONIC BAYS FLEET Territory - Waters of Great and Little Peconic Bay, Gardner's, Reeve's, Fiander's and Shelter Island Bays of Eastern Long Island.

Fleet Captain - Edward Gibb Secretary - C. Hearn Jr.

Charter members above and Earl Moukenbeck, V. Houlbery and J. Norris. In all, six yachts are now being built Nos. 171 to 176 and more are expected. Their's is a wonderful section for racing as yet undeveloped though near enough New York to become very popular in a short time. The headquarters will be the North Fork S.C. a new club to be built next spring at New Suffolk L.I.

WESTERN LONG ISLAND SOUND –

Skippers Series for D. Cowl Trophy		
G. W. Elder	1 st	18 Points
E. V. Willis	2 nd	17
G. A. Corry	3 rd	16

Ladies Race. Won by Miss F. Burnett, 2nd Mrs. Elder, 3rd Miss Kirk.
Fleet Meeting: December 12, 1923.

DETROIT RIVER At its Annual Meeting December 8th elected J. F. Miller Cart., Major Mackenson Secy., C. R. Nichols Measurer. The Detroit Fleet will start the 1924 season with 8 Stars #73, 75, 76, 99, 100, 105, 121 and 170.

NARRAGANSETT BAY Tom Harris who crewed for Ben Comstock in “Old Coon” last Season is some agile crew. During the race of Aug. 11th Tom went up the mast and repaired the seizing on the port stay while “Old Coon” was heeled over on the Starboard tack. Tom did the job so quickly that Ben didn’t even lose his place to any of the other skippers.

EASTERN LONG IS LAND SOUND -

			1st Series Pts	2nd Series Pts
51	Tea Tray	F.W. Lord	23	16
55	Arcturus	G.F. Brewer	14	19
53	Nale	A.H. Mosle	13	20
54	Wain	C. B. Burlingham	13	15

SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA Reports weather still ideal for racing but only one boat still in the water. One new boat is now building. O. Churchill has purchased a 50 ft Cruiser as tender for Maia II.

Election of Officers for 1924 - Fleet Capt. - O. Churchill, Secy. - B.P. Weston, Fleet Lieut. - Wm. Bloeser, Measurer- E.B. Shock

SAN FRANCISCO BAY Correct report of the P.C.Y.A. Championships

		1 st	2 nd	3 rd	Pts.
164	Frisco Star - C.A. Smith S.F.Y.C.	3			14
110	Movie Star - Ray Schauer C.Y.C.		3		11
166	Pacific Star — C. Miller (Club owned)			2	6
155	Satalite - T Lee S.F.Y.C			1	6
165	Corinthian Star - H. Madden Corinthian Y.C.				2

The Pacific Star was raffled off and won by Judge H. Pulsifer of the Oakland Y.C. and is renamed Oakland Star. The Oeolian Y.C. Regatta was won by Corinthian Star.

CENTRAL LAKE ERIE Season’s Series of 1923

			1 st	2 nd	3 rd	Pts	Eliminations
77	Fego	Schweitzer	3	1	4	91	8
92	Doris	Walton	1		3	77	12
79	Draco II	Watterson	3	1		76	7
49	Altair II	Johnston	1	1	2	76	10
159	Little Dipper II	Lucas	1		1	74	8
13	Evening Star	Andrews		3		70	
94	Bigosh	Thomas		3		64	
125	Audrey	Leon Herold				51	
95	Teddy	Schneider		1		45	
71	Zete	Law. Herold	1			42	
160	Billie	MacDowell				31	
78	Marjac	Read				31	

Season Series 10 Races 12 starters. Elimination series, 3 races, 3 starters, other results Jan. issue.

NOTE: Reports from other Fleets contain no news this month. The only ones that have failed to report are Puget Sound and Central L.I. Sound.

INTERNATIONAL NEWS Neither Havana Cuba or Gravesend Bay have sent in applications but they are expected daily. Two sets of Plans have gone to San Diego Cal. and a new Fleet is sure as the So. Cal. Series will be held there in 1924. Plans have also been sent to Glasgow Scotland.

International Executive Committee Notes

The retiring administration have decided to issue new and better looking charters before they quit office Dec. 31st. Something that the Fleets will not be ashamed to frame and keep. The new charters are already now and being signed. Each Fleet will get one shortly and should frame it and keep it with great care as duplicates can not be secured once this administration goes out of Office.

Sail Measurements Pages 5A and 5B covering a new and proper method of measuring sails will be issued shortly and sent to every holder of specifications. This is the result of a vote at the last annual meeting to clear up the matter of sail measurements, a very difficult problem due to the variations that occur from the moisture in the air. However it has been solved and complete instruction to measurers are included.

A Tribute To The Passing Administration

With the exception of our President and Secretary all of the original administration that has guided the destinies of our Association since it was founded retires on December 31st. What those men have done for us and for yachting in general should not go unnoticed; few appreciate the task that confronted them and the problems they had to face in order to give us this perfect organization we have today. If you think the few moments you are asked to give your Association are much think of what they have given. International, even intersectional one design racing was unknown to the world when they took hold the principle we now think so highly of that has brought us all together was new, untried. There were no rules, no precedent to go by. Even Star owners had to be begged to join their own Association. Yet in two years they gave us International racing, a perfect organization and built our Association up from 5 to 13 Fleets and made the Star the largest class in the world. To them we wish to express our deepest gratitude for in our opinion they have done more toward the future success of yachting in general than any body of yachtsmen since the sport was created.

The Whole World is a Christmas Tree
and Many Stars its Candles be