

## STARLIGHTS

February 1924

### Office of the Secretary

IMPORTANT NOTICE - 1924 Annual Dues are payable now and have been since January 1st. Fleet Secretaries must collect and send to the Ass'n. \$1.00 for each active and Associate member of their Fleet. Members whose dues have not been received by the Ass'n. on March 1st will be suspended. (See by Laws Art II page 18 Log) Warning collecting dues is a duty Fleet Secretaries are honor bound not to neglect as neglect will result in the posting and humiliation of members who may not be at fault. Members — if you have not been billed for dues by your fleet, find out why at once, for its up to you to see to it that the business of your Fleet is carried out in accordance with our Constitution.

### A NEW RULE AND PAGE 5A ADDED TO SPECIFICATIONS

(Passed by I.E.C. December 1923, under Authority of Ass'n granted August 31st 1923)

‘Two Black bands (A&B) 1” wide shall be painted around Marconi Mast.

Top of A be at point where top of boom intersects mast.

" " B " " " 24' 11” above top of A.

If boom is shifted, like bands of other cater roust indicate each position used.”

Page 5A will be sent to all holders of specifications. It includes above and complete rules for measuring of Sails, stretch allowed in old sails etc. of interest chiefly to measures. Abide by existing specifications, comply with above rule and be sure head of sail does not extend above band B, and you are safe from disqualifications (This is rule referred to in recent post card on Starlights)

### Amendments to Constitution and By-Laws passed

Minor and for the most part technical Amendments dealing with voting quorums, etc. have just been passed by a special meeting of the Ass'n. Each Fleet had a copy and a vote by mail and all were passed. They include adding ‘international’ to the name of the Ass'n and a new rule of appealed protects. All will be found in 1924 Log and are not material at this moment.

## NEW FLEETS

Charters have just been granted at the following Fleets:

### PLAYA DE MARIANO FLEET

Territory - Form Havana, west about 50 Miles along the coast of Cuba. Fleet Capt. Pedro N. Recia de Morales. Fleet Secy. Rafael Posso, Havana Y. C., Havana, Cuba. Other Charter Members — A. M. Puente, Esteban Juncadella, and Benj. Garcia. 5 Boats being built by Puente at Havana.

This brings the total chartered Fleets up to 20 and we are over the 200 mark in boats and numbers already assigned.

International News - The Ass'n. is now spreading the Class along the S. E. Atlantic for the first time and we have our first Stars on the Gulf of Mexico. Mr. Puente is making good his promise of 10 Fleets in Cuba. Already 2 are organized. He has turned his private

yard into a regular ship yard, is going to make a business of it and has planed to build 20 Stars this year as a starter. 5 are now started along with three 6 meters. He will have orders for many more shortly.

Plans have been sent to Colombo, Ceylon.

Sir Thomas Lipton, has donated a \$5,000 Gold Cup to the Santa Barbara Y.C. This has been put up for the Pacific Coast Championship of the Star Class. Oh Boy. It will be raced for this year at San Diego in late August. Weston states that as soon as his yard is ready six boats will be built for Santa Barbara and six for San Diego.

Yachtsmen at Wood's Hole, Mass, are going to combine with those at New Bedford to form a Buzzards Bay Fleet.

The New England Boat Works exhibited a Star at the N.Y. Motor Boat Show: "Venus" 177 and well worthy of the name. She was all of Mahogany with bright wood decks, costs \$2,000 to build and a beauty. The Ass'n. was kindly invited to share their space and we distributed 5,000 Circulars. 19 Stars were sold to various points and 2 new fleets started by this. We express our thanks to Mr. Bradley and his Company, for their making this possible.

A second Fleet at the mouth of the Chesapeake Bay is being formed. Plans have been bought and application blanks requested. Six boats to be built at Norfolk Va. (Charter has just been granted.)

It is safe to say there will be 25 or 26 Fleets in the Ass'n. by the time the season opens and that a least 11 or 15 will enter this years internationals. Just think of it. Ernest Ratsey is building an Irex II. There is a movement a foot to develop a Fleet on Lake Huron, at Port Huron, Mich.

The "Taurus has been sold. No longer need the challengers fear "Bill" Inslee and the good old "Taurus" for they have parted company. The Taurus will be rearmed but the identity of the new owner has not been announced as yet. A Rumor to this effect that "Bill" Inslee would this year sail a Victory is absolutely denied by him. He is Fleet Capt. of W.L.I.S. and will be a. part owner in a Star and will spend much time in visiting other Fleets and helping them in the fine points of the game. He has already visited both Baltimore and Norfolk and discussed the matter of rigging with them.

If the yacht clubs of the U.S.A. intend to pick a man to represent this country in the Olympics in the small one design Class (for there will be 8 Metres, 6 Metres and a one design Class) -they should select "Bill" Inslee. We can not do this as a Class but they can and should. No ether man has a right to the honor. Bill has proved beyond question his right. It's not a. matter of personal choice but records Twice he has beaten all comers through a perfect elimination system in the largest O.D. class in the U.S.A., has beaten the pick from all parts of the U.S.A. and we challenge anyone to produce records showing that another has a better right if a racing team is to be sent over to France.