

- S T A R L I G H T S -
Mid-Season Number
July 1924

To Fleet Secretaries - Do not mislay and forget to file the three forms recently sent you by the Ass'n. Forms A & B are important to all Challenging Fleets. Form C (the one on which you name the delegate to be sent to the Annual Meeting or if none can be sent appoint some one to cast your Proxy) is most important and must be filed by all Fleets. If there is the slightest doubt as to your sending a delegate, sign form C in blank at once. To neglect this may prevent a quorum and prevent the other delegates who will have come thousands of miles, from transacting the business of the Ass'n. so attest to form C at once.

To Challenging Fleets - Look into the details of transporting your boat, check up on her measurements, see about accommodations for the crew, and consult rules on eligibility at an early date. If you want a ruling on any matter apply for same as soon as possible, as the I.E.C. are difficult to reach during August.

On June 24th 1924, we had 24 Fleets and 240 Registered Yachts.

FLEET NEWS - Our season is now well underway and reports of races in all sections are coming in, unfortunately some of our Fleets merely report that the season is on without giving us any results which is not much help to the editor. Everyone is interested in racing results, far more so than in new officers and boats and who fell over board etc. so try to do better this month than our August (Pre Series Number) may be a Humdinger -

There has never been a season like this one for reversal of form. In nearly every Fleet new skippers and new yachts are beating the old timers and in none of the old established fleets are any of the 1922-23 Champs leading. This means that there will be many new faces seen at the starting line in the 1924 Internationals if early results mean anything and we feel now that they do.

WESTERN L. I. SOUND - W. L. Inslee has resigned and Duncan Sterling moves up to Fleet Captain. F. H. Van Winkle succeeds him as fleet Lieutenant.

The Captains Island Race - The 10th Annual Capt. Island long distance race over a 47 mile course was won by "Themes", Van Winkle and Pingry. Irex was second and Neried was third. Inslee who came way up from the Lower Bay as he and Elder both were tied with 5 Pts. and could win the cup this year, finished 4th. At the half way mark Inslee and Elder rounded together leading the Fleet and 9 minutes ahead of the three who finally scored points. While they fought it out under the North shore, the others cut over and picked up a fresh S.W. wind. Inslee tried to cover but could not while Elder played the North Shore all the way home, picked up a big lead for awhile but was finally badly beaten finishing 7th. Willis was another who could have won the trophy with a first finished last of the 14 starters. 6 of the starters raced in the original race in 1915. This was the longest race yet sailed lasting 10 hrs.

Elimination Series

To Date -		
"Maja II"	Linkfield	69%
"Themes"	Van Winkle	69%

“Little Dipper”	Corry	63%
“Little Bear”	Robinson	60%
“Altair”	Willis	59%

Knapp was leading 80% but sold his boat and has withdrawn. –

DETROIT RIVER - Eros 2 firsts, Alcor #105 - 2nd, Etoile #99, Blue Sandal #102, and Dipper #73 did not race to date.

NARRAGANSETT BAY - Gidley’s “Rhody” is cleaning up everything in sight having won 4 Firsts out the 6 Races to date. They say our Treasurer has the boat looking like a Million Dollars? (We hope the funds are intact.) “Ara” the undefeated Star of the fleet in 1923 seems out classed and Wood has headed for Bermuda where he can drowned his sorrow as he sees fit. The results are

	Firsts	Seconds	Thirds	%
Rhody	6	3		.88
Ara	1	5	3	.78
Ariel	1	2	1	.64
Hope			4	.58
Ibex	3	2		.70

ENGLISH BAY - The fleets elimination series for selecting a challenger is over and the first big upset of the 1924 season has occurred. The “Stella Maris” R. W. Purvis finished first and will be sent East to represent the fleet.

English Bay Final Elimination Score

8 Races

120	Stella Maris	Purvis	70%
117	Carona	Patteson	68%
129	Auriga	Philips & Kerr	65%
118	Astrea	Wylie	62.5%
145	Mercury	Wolveston	57.5%
212	Daphine	W.P. Weston	40%

SO. CALIFORNIA – Churchill’s “Maia” and Schaurer’s “Movie Star” are dividing the honors. So far Weston has not scored. He is up at Frisco over the 4th in an International Race being staged there.

SAN FRANCISCO BAY - Have lost 2 of their boats to So. Cal. this year but have just launched one new one built by Lester Stone and expect several more by mid summer. They will enter the San Diego Championship series of August 10th and if not broke from that will enter the Internationals.

GRAVESEND BAY - It is reported that “Bill” Inslee has purchased an interest in “Sonny” and will try to win the right to represent his old home waters in the Big Series. “Bill” is having no sail over however he was beaten on June 21st by Parkman in the “Seabird” who finished second to him in the other two races so “Bill” leads by one point only; 24 to 23. - There is no 3rd as the old saying goes, the other 7 or 8 boats that give Gravesend its greatest racing fleet in ten years are far behind and seem out classed by “Bill” and the Ominous “Seabird” that hovers in his way.

LAKE ONTARIO - Mr. Lyman K. Stuart, Newark N.Y. is the new Sect'y. and in him we see the first ray of hope for years. We had almost decided that this fleet was done for. Only one lone member remained at the start of this year. Now they have 3. They have shifted headquarters from Rochester to Sodus Bay but will carry on the old charter and 3 4 new boats are to be built this year.

CHESAPEAKE BAY - 5 Races to date

		1st	2nd	3rds
"Minnow"	Miller	2	1	1
"Porpoise"	Kenney	1	3	0
"Mackeral"	Smith	1	1	0
"Tuna"	Symington	1	0	0

"Bars" Brauner - "Trout" Keyser - "Bonita" Pearre, and "Barracuda Bouton, each are credited with a third place.

HAMPTON ROADS - It would seem that the Millers rule the south for down in old Virginia where the Chesapeake flows into the sea Garland Miller in the "Tom Boy" has not yet been defeated and No. 206 has been the only boat to fly from its masthead the winner's pennant that the Hampton Roads fleet has adopted and which must be passed on as soon as a yacht is defeated to the next winner. The records are:

June 14 th	"Tom Boy"	"Saturn II"	"Louise"	"Starboard"
May 30 th	"Tom Boy"	Louise"	"Saturn II"	(and "Anna" did not finish)
May 17 th	"Torn Boy"	"Saturn II"	"Louise"	(and "Starboard" D.N.F.)

EASTERN L .I. SOUND - Has made two attempts at a race and each was a fluke and no one finished.

PECONIC BAY - Bainbridge sailing the "Sayonara" took the first 2 elimination races easily. "Ladron" Birmingham was 2nd in both and Com. Gibbs in "Grey Goose" was third. Bainbridge also won the 3rd race giving him a big lead to date.

CUBA - 9 Stars are Hot after the chance to come North to represent Cuba. Their challenge has been received.

CENTRAL L. I. SOUND - Has added 5 new Stars to its ranks, built for members of the Indian Harbor Y.C. and thereby passes Narragansett Bay by one boat and becomes the second largest fleet in the Ass'n.

MASS. COAST - A. S. Johnson has sold his Star but will continue as Sect'y. this year and use his large yacht as a committee boat, generally looking after the fleet,

NEW SOUTH WALES - Has sent us the "Sidney Mail" in which appears two full pages of Star Class news and cuts and these are the largest pages we ever saw in a magazine. They are almost the size of a daily paper. OH! if some of our other secretaries would only give us publicity of this kind what could we not accomplish.

LAKE MICHIGAN - Will not build new Stars until next year, the local builder cannot take care of their requirements until then and they will not pay the prices of Eastern Builders. C. F. DeWitt is now acting Sect 'y, Com. Paveau having sold his star.

Other Fleets Have Not Reported this Month.

Challenges to Date

Southern California, English Bay, Cent. L.I.S. Peconic Bays, Narragansett Bay, Chesapeake Bay, Gravesend Bay, P.E.I. and a half hearted one from San Francisco.

EDITORIAL SECTION

Three in One - Our So. Cal. fleet has some territory to look after, over 200 miles of coast line from Mexican Border North. Santa Barbara and San Diego both have 2 Stars and a third building. When the third is finished they will apply for a charter of their own and there will be three fleets where now there is only one.

From Distant Shores – Capt. Eaterhouse of Honolulu has just visited N.Y. He has looked over our Stars and stated before leaving that an order for at least 8 would be placed near N.Y. and that our Hawaii fleet was absolutely sure. It will also become a regular challenger and may even start this year if the boats can be finished in time. From Sweden Mr. Luungszell of Malmekill Nadsgatan 4211, Stockholm, writes that he will do his best to start a fleet and has already started a series of articles in the Local Press.

The Lone Skipper - Our president has secured two bright red sweaters with the club flag on same. He insists that his crew wears one. It seems strange that since he got them he has been sailing alone.

A Prediction - Starlights wishes to go on record at this early date in predicting that this is the year the championship will change hands. The break is bound to come. W.L.I.S. cannot win forever and we believe that this is the year. We further believe that it will be taken away from the vicinity of New York and that even Bill Inslee if he represents his new fleet will not alter this. If we were to guess we would say that the shores of the Pacific are most apt to be the scene of our 1925 series with Narragansett Bay as a second choice, so if you, who live anywhere near Long Island attend this years series. Do not blame us if you face a nice little 3000 mile trip next year. See it while you can.

Boucher Trophy - A beautiful model under sail will be an extra prize for the winner of the 1924 series. Its value is estimated at \$1,000. It has been presented by Horace E. Boucher.