

STARLIGHTS

June 1924

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IMPORTANT NOTICE

From now on all Logs, Plans Specifications and Buttons must be obtained from B. L. Linkfield, Ass't. Sect'y. Bayside, Long Island, N.Y.

Mr. Searing has sold his boat and resigned a historian and the president has appointed Mr. Linkfield to fill the office for the remainder of the unexpired term, He is also to take charge of plans and specifications in order that everything pertaining to the rules etc. may be purchased at same place and so that our measurer Mr. Teves will be free to devote his time to any measuring work during the active season.

PROM THE OFFICE OF THE SECRETARY

Do not forget that your fleet must file an official challenge before July 15th if it is going to enter the 1924 International Championship Series. Consult "Entries" page 22, original log.

FLEET SECRETARIES— Be sure to keep your racing records carefully from the start to finish of season, as you will have to file copies of same. Also keep association advised of how the races are going each month. Everyone wants to know who is winning in the various fleets and you are only one who can tell them. There has been a slight delay in publishing "log" due to change of historian but it will be out about the time that this issue reaches you.

24 Fleets— 235 Registered Yachts— Total 269 Members in the Association. Ineligible Yachts are numbers: 8- 12- 19- 35- 67- 93- 121- 132- 144- 99- 222.

FLEET NEWS

THEY'RE OFF

At least 2/3 of our fleets are now well under way, having broken the ice (literally in some sections) on May 30th and the early results are beginning to come in. Its too early to judge much as to the final outcome from these early races as few of the boats are yet in tune but our July "Midseason" issue should be a very interesting one, if only the fleets will remember to send in their results in time.

WESTERN L. I. SOUND - For the first time in fourteen years the Stars were not represented in the opening Decoration Day Regatta on the Sound. It has rained nearly every day during May making painting almost impossible and only a few regulars with championship prospects were in commission. It was blowing great guns on May 30th and as points do not begin to count in the eliminations until mid June, these old timers figured it was not worth the risk of breaking up their boats and ruining their new sails, so stayed home by their open fires. In the Port Washington Y C. Regatta of May 31st, Ratsey's "Irex" took first and Robinson's "Little Bear" second out of a field of six starters. It was

blowing almost as hard as the previous day and “Maia II”, Linkfield’s contender for the 1924 honors, got mixed up in an attempt to jibe around the last mark with “Irex” and broke her spreader and withdrew. The boat was out of control but Linkfield felt he was at fault and followed the course of a true sports man.

On June 1st Larchmont held its first fleet race and with the wind still blowing a gale. E.B. Willis’s “Altair” won by 1:49 sec. over “Maia II” with “Themes” third in a class of eight. No one started in the (B) junior division.

GRAVESEND BAY - W. L. Inslee, sailing A. B. See’s “Sonny” was the only one able to cross the line and even get started on Decoration Day. The rest of the boats in this new fleet tried to carry full sail in the gale and could not even get over the line. “Sonny” succeeded under “Bills” able guidance to finish, though they say “Bill” thought he was in one of Mr. See’s elevators instead of a Star most of the time. On May 31st “Eumai” (Formally Pres. Corry’s “Little Dipper”) now owned by A. C. Stem won over a field of three of the Stars of the 1924 vintage. There is a rumor now that the Stars have again taken root on Gravesend Bay, that “Bill Inslee” may return to the scene of his early days in the Star Class and again undertake to dodge the old barrels and dead cats etc. on the oily surface of New York Bay. (We wonder if “Bill” has ever heard that old saying about taking candy from the children of the Star Class!)

DETROIT RIVER - “Eros” only Star ready, won second in universal class at D.Y.C. Decoration Day. Rainy weather during May held up other Stars.

NARRAGANSETT BAY - Gidley and Comstock’s new star “Rhody” takes the prize for light masts, mast and rigging weighed 34 pounds. You note we say weighed a the said mast is no more. “Rhody” is the sensation of the season in her fleet, sides and all are covered with bottom paint rubbed down to a piano top finish.

PECONIC BAY - We regret to report the death of Mr. Henry Bergh, whose new star has just been launched.

LAKE MICHIGAN - They are to build new stars and add to the fleet this year.

SO. CALIFORNIA - With Weston as Vice Commodore and Jeffers as Rear Commodore the C.Y.C. opened the greatest season of its career on May 10th. Its schedule runs right through to the end of October, the fleet will be well represented in all important events this year. It will compete for the “Lipton” trophy for stars at Santa Barbara on July 4th, at San Diego in August and in the San Francisco Regatta in September. (4 stars now building at Santa Barbara). It has also sent in its official challenge for the Internationals.

ENGLISH BAY - Is now under way having started on May 17th, its official challenge has been received.

PUGET SOUND - Announces a new fleet secretary, John Graham Jr., Seattle Y.C. Seattle, Wash.

BRITISH COL. IS. - Announce a new secretary, Cliff Adams, P4O. Box 786, Victoria, B.C.

CHESAPEAKE BAY - Started in May 24th. All twelve boats have been delivered and sold. The fleet is 10 in good standing and ready to shoot. All boats are named after fish. They will challenge this year.

HAMPTON ROADS - Has sailed a couple of informal races to date and all are well pleased with the boats. They state that it is still doubtful whether they can challenge this year.

PRINCE EDWARD ISLAND - Our members there spend their winter south and now are working like the dickens to get a fleet together in time to make good this challenge.

CENTRAL L. I. S. - Has officially challenged.

E.L.I.S. - Will take a very active part in the season racing. They have 7 boats in commission and recently published their schedule and fleet By-Laws. One interesting feature is that the fleet's official headquarters will be on Burlingham's back porch and that each boat will be painted a different color. This is a good idea as the entire bunch are lawyers and there is no telling how many might be claiming each others boats if this was not done. We hate to think what would happen if this crowd of lawyers and judges ever started appealing protests to the I.E.C.

ENGLISH BAY - First race of season.

Won by -	“Stella Marie”	Purvis
2 nd -	“Carona”	Pattison
3 rd -	“Auriga”	Phillips and Kerr

Then “Daphine”, “Mercury” and “Astrea” last.

NEW SOUTH WALES - Walker reports that he has 8 new men pledged to build Stars. He sends a two column chipping from the Sidney Daily Telegraph with cut of the “Kangaroo” and a great write up. The only thing standing in the fleet's way now is a foolish opposition to the class offered by some local yachtsmen who believe it will conflict with a small class already existing there and the fact that they cannot as yet get the clubs to promise to hold races for them. This last in rather a peculiar situation as in other sections yachts clubs are only too glad to promote the sport they are organized to promote by holding races for every and any class that shows up.

INTERNATIONAL NEWS

Four stars are to be built at Honolulu, Hawaii this summer and a fleet formed. Mr. H.M. Dowsett, Box 2600, Honolulu, is acting Secretary pending organization.

W & J Tiebout 118 Chamber Street, N.Y.C. have just issued a deck plans of Star showing all hardware numbered so that those not knowing names of the articles they want can order by number. Every fleet secretary will get one, this he must keep for the use of the members of his fleet. It's fine cooperation, a much needed service and we appreciate it.

Miami is not only talking of getting a fleet started at once but is now getting quotations and has written to ask if they can still challenge for 1924.

A picture of our Star in China was in the May Rudder and Tracy says they will be a fleet there soon and he will be over for the 1925 internationals.

Sweden is also considering the Star Class and so is Malta.

DON'T FORGET TO PLAN AHEAD SO YOU CAN BE WITH THE GANG IN SEPTEMBER ON LONG ISLAND SOUND.