

European Championship

The second European Championship was conducted by the Club Nautico of San Sebastian, from August 20th to 27th. The honor fell to San Sebastian by reason of the victory in the 1932 Championship of the fleet representative, *Isarra*, owned by Mr. Aizpura. The Club Nautico and the San Sebastian Fleet deserve great credit for the perfect manner in which the series was organized, and for their most cordial reception of the competing crews.

The increasing importance of the European Championship is evidenced by the fact that two additional fleets were represented this year with the four that competed in the initial Championship. The fleets from Genoa and Villefranche joined those of Paris, Cote Basque, and Stockholm in sending entries against the defender from San Sebastian.

When the smoke cleared at the end of the five-race series, it was seen that Jean Peytel, sailing *Moira*, of the Paris Fleet, had repeated his victory of a few days previous in the French Championship. Two first, two second, and a third place accounted for his position at the head of the entries, but it was not without some controversy that Peytel gained his victory. *Ibis*, of the San Sebastian Fleet, protested both *Moira* and *Sabipa*. The protest was sustained, but Peytel appealed, and the Rules Committee of the I.S.C.Y.R.A. maintained his appeal and revoked the decision of the local committee.* The upshot of the matter was that *Moira* won by the slender margin of a single point. E. de Amilibia, sailing *Ibis*, also gained two first places, but one second, in comparison to two for Peytel, spelled his defeat. Although the final first place of the series was gained by *El El El*, of Stockholm, the more consistent sailing of *Sabipa*, representing the Villefranche Fleet, resulted in her gaining third.

The races were run in the Bay of Biscaye under good but varying weather conditions. Heavy seas were running for the first three days of the series. On the remaining days the winds were so light that in one instance the race had to be called off because of the expiration of the time limit. The superiority of *Moira* in fresh winds was evident, but in light breezes *Ibis* came to the fore and showed herself to be a serious threat to *Moira's* position.

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Summary

Yacht	Skipper	Fleet	1	2	3	4	5	Pts.
<i>Moira</i>	J. Peytel	Paris	5	6¼	6¼	5	4	26½
<i>Ibis III</i>	E. de Amilibia	San Sebastian	6¼	4	4	6¼	5	25½
<i>Sabipa</i>	J. de Millo	Villefranche	4	5	5	3	3	20
<i>El El El</i>	Lind-Lyth	Stockholm	0	3	3	4	6¼	16¼
<i>Cockie</i>	W. Vanden Brock	Cote Basque	3	2	2	2	2	11
<i>Snappy</i>	F. de Ventimiglia	Genoa	0	1	0	0	0	1

