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*Democratic Register*  
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**Race for Cat-Boats** For the past few days there has been exhibited in the show window of E T James a pretty silver trophy, consisting of a combination card basket and bouquet holder, offered by Mr. Franklin Brandreth as a prize to the winning cat-rigged yacht in a regatta to take place off here on Tuesday, the 23d inst.[of the current month]. The boats are to be under 25 feet in length and sailed by their owners with a time allowance of one minute to the foot<sup>1</sup>.

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*Democratic Register*  
6.27.1885

**Cat-Boat Race** For the first time in several seasons a cat-boat race was sailed over a triangular course off this village on Tuesday last. The course extended from a stake boat off the Brandreth boat house, to a stake with a flag attached to it off Bishop's Rocks, a little way below Scarborough, and thence to a third near Croton Point, to be sailed over twice making a run of thirteen miles, as near as can be guessed. The wind blew fresh from the northwest kicking up quite a sea which foretold an exciting and pretty race, if the yachts did not all get swamped or carry away some of their rigging. There were five entries – the Cora sailed by George Smith; Alice, by Chas. Schade; Beatrice by S. Collier; Lena by Robert Smith and Foam by J Hyland. They were all under 24 feet in length and were to compete for the beautiful silver trophy offered by Col. Franklin Brandreth to the fleetest Sing Sing yacht. Dr. E B Sherwood and Editor M

R Rowe were chosen judges, no doubt on account of their well-known nautical knowledge and they viewed the race from the deck of the Camilla, which Col. Brandreth graciously placed at their disposal.

The firing of a gun on the Camilla started the fleet off, and they got away well together with the exception of the Lena, which was very balky and could not be gotten up to the mark in time to take any part in the race. The Beatrice came to grief before going one-half over the course by the breaking of her rudder. Shortly afterward the Foam followed suit and also retired from the race in good order, though she met with no other mishap than falling too far to the rear to retrieve her proper place and stand any chance of victory. This left the race between the Cora and Alice. They fought the billows valiantly, and the mariners aboard them resorted to all the tricks of the trade to squeeze speed out of them. After a very pretty struggle the Cora passed the home stake boat at 5:20, her elapsed time having been 2 hours 27½ minutes, her corrected time according to the time allowance – the Cora allowing here 4 minute and 25 seconds – being 2 hours and 23 minutes. It is probable several other races may be arranged to take place some time during the summer.

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*The Republican*  
9.30.1886

**No Wind and No Races.** On Tuesday an attempt was made to sail that long talked of yacht race between the cat-rigged crafts that harbor here, but the wind which was very light from the north west entirely died out before the boats reached the lower stake boat and all the crews had to get out the sweeps and raise a “white ash<sup>2</sup> breeze” to get home.

The course was somewhat modified from that printed in our last issue, the buoys being placed further out in the river to give the larger boats a better opportunity in the windward work. Gen. Ralph Brandreth also changed the prizes and offered a handsome stem-

winding silver watch as first prize, and the silver butter dish and knife as second prize.

On Wednesday all the boats and their crews were in readiness and the following craft went over the starting line to try it again:

BOAT	OWNER	LENGTH
Aller.....	Phillip Samstag.....	25.08
Cora.....	Benjamin Smith.....	23.11
Pauline B.....	”Bob” Smith.....	22.06
Bon.....	Edward Delevanty.....	20.10
Alice J.....	Charles Schade.....	19.06
Lena.....	Peter Smith.....	18.05

The boats all got away in the following order: Alice J., Lena, Bon, Cora, Aller, Pauline. The wind was blowing moderately from the northwest and pushed the boats before it in good style, the Aller being about a half a length or so ahead when she went to go around the stake boat, with the rest of the fleet right behind her, and it was hard to tell one from the other. Then the breeze almost died out and the boats had a hard time bucking the strong ebb tide, and they began going in quest of favorable zephyrs. There wasn't much to choose from in this hunt, and finally the Aller, Pauline B., and the Bon reached the Upper Dock more by fortune than by anything else, the Cora being a couple of hundred yards out in the river with no wind, and the race was given up, and is to be decided at half-past nine o'clock this morning providing there is a breeze. What real or partial racing there was shows the boats to be very evenly matched and it would be very difficult to pick a winner.

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*The Republican*  
10.07.1886

**The Yacht Race.** On Thursday morning the several yachts tried it once more to see which could get over the course printed in our last issue for that watch and butter dish offered by Gen. Ralph Brandreth. A light northwest wind was blowing at the start and it looked as if the course could be covered within the three hours limit, which had been lengthened one half hour on account of the previous light winds, but the boats only got around the triangle once, the wind dying down to a calm and then

<sup>1</sup>Apparently independent of distance raced..

<sup>2</sup> wooden oar powered breeze

coming out of the westward and finally the southeast. The honors were pretty evenly divided and the contest was put off until the afternoon, the yachtsmen hoping that the change of wind would make a good steady breeze from the south.

In the afternoon there was a light breeze from the southeast, which gave indications of freshening up, and the following boats prepared once more to cross the line. The time allowance was calculated upon the basis of one minute to the foot<sup>3</sup>:

YACHT-OWNER	LENGTH	TIME AL.	M.S.
Aller-Philip Samstag.....	25.08.....	0 00	
Cora-Benjamin Smith....	23.11.....	1 45	
Pauline B-James Smith...22.06 .....		3 10	
Bon-Edward Delevanty..20.10.....		4 50	
Lena-Peter Smith.....	18.05.....	7 15	

As the wind was blowing from the southeast the start was made towards the stake-boat placed out below the end of Croton Point, the yachts going across the starting line with their sheets free and their booms off to starboard. They crossed the starting line in the following order:

YACHT	H. M. S.	YACHT	H. M. S.
Pauline.....	3 00 58	Lena.....	3 01 28
Bon.....	3 01 05	Aller.....	3 01 37
Cora.....	3 01 18		

The run out was a blanketing match between the Pauline and Aller, as the latter quickly picked up and passed the rest and tried to pass the Pauline to leeward. This she failed to do and the Pauline hauled past the stake-boat ahead. Then the beat down to the lower stake began and the Pauline still held her lead. About five hundred yards below the stake-boat the crew of the Aller began to throw out their ballast<sup>4</sup> carried under the flooring. For about ten minutes it rained bricks and cobble stones and the boat began to loom up and walk along faster in the light breeze,

<sup>3</sup> This is an early attempt to handicap races by inherent speed due to water line length.

<sup>4</sup> Racing rules permitted ending a race with less ballast, including crew, than starting out with.

which had a tendency to come around to south-southwest. The crew of the Pauline exercised themselves in emptying their sand bags<sup>5</sup> in the meanwhile. The Bon and Cora were quite a distance behind in the order named, and the Lena was virtually settled as far [as] the race was concerned.

The Pauline got around the lower stake-boat, off of Scarborough, about seventy-five yards ahead of the Aller, the Bon and Cora following some two hundred yards in the rear. In the run up with booms to port the Aller picked the Pauline up off of Mt Murray, and the run up to the inner stake-boat was nip and tuck and the crews on either boat could have jumped on board the other craft so close were they together most of the way up. The Pauline finally got a little puff of air that lifter her past the stake-boat about ten yards in advance of the Aller, and the same shoot of wind sent the Cora past the Bon off of Blakeslee's new foundry. The Cora got around the stake-boat about three yards ahead, and the Aller had caught the Pauline and run out to the upper stake-boat and went around about seventy-five yards ahead. The Cora held about the same distance behind the Pauline as at the inner stake, but was leading the Bon by eight yards or so. The breeze was now freshening up and the Aller appeared to be running away from the Pauline, but whereas the former made a short leg in order to go around the lower stake-boat the Pauline held on the starboard tack and the boats rounded the lower stake-boat in the following order, unofficial time, although it shows the lead held by each craft:

YACHT	H. M. S.	YACHT	H. M. S.
Aller.....	5 20 01	Cora.....	5 25 03
Pauline.....	5 20 36	Bon.....	5 26 07

The run up from the lower stake-boat was characterized by the Aller passing the Pauline, but she did not get far enough ahead to beat her competitor and allow her the three minutes and ten seconds due her. The Cora and Bon

<sup>5</sup> Pauline B and the other cat boats were sandbaggers. Sand bags were moveable ballast sacks, typically filled with sand or gravel so they would drain.

came in as shown below. It is due to the owner of the Cora to say that he did not expect his craft to win in the wind that was prevailing, and had the race taken place on the ensuing morning the result would have been entirely different as far as the Cora was concerned, as it was blowing a stiff northwester. The following is taken from the official time and gives a complete summary of the race:

YACHT	START	FINISH	ELAP'D TIME	COR'D TIME
Pauline B...	3.00.58	5.38.25	2.37.27	2.34.17
Bon .....	3.01.05	5.45.19	2.44.14	2.39.14
Cora.....	3.01.18	5.44.16	2.42.58	2.41.13
Lena.....	3.01.28	Withdrawn		
Aller.....	3.01.37	5.37.11	2.35.34	

Thus the Pauline B beats the Aller 1 minute and 17 seconds on time allowance. The Aller beats the Cora 5 minutes and 39 seconds allowing time allowance, and the Bon by 3 minutes and 40 seconds corrected time. The Aller's actual time over the course makes her beat<sup>6</sup> the Pauline B by 1 minute and 53 seconds.

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*The Republican*  
7.16.1887

**Boating Notes** S Olin Washburn and William H Dixon in the Lotta and Charles Schade and Gilbert H Davis in the Alice J have been off on a cruise to the Shrewsbury River this week.

--Our yachtsmen have had hard luck this week. On Tuesday and Wednesday, they tried to have a yacht race for some handsome prizes offered by Col. Franklin Brandreth, Ralph Brandreth and Collector Charles S Raymond. The Whileaway, Aller, Pauline B, Beatrice, and Lena started but the wind died out and they had to postpone it until next Tuesday. In the meantime the weather clerk will be interviewed and arrangements made for a good stiff breeze

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*The Republican*  
7.23.1887

**Sport on the River.** After waiting a week, our local yachtsmen were favored with favorable breezes on Tuesday last

<sup>6</sup> This remark echoes the former habit of not handicapping boat races.

for settling their differences as to speed and had their regatta. There were seven [sic] entries as follows:

FIRST CLASS

Yacht.	Owner.	Length.
Whileaway.....	William Walker.....	27.07
Aller Philip.....	Samstag.....	25.06
Cora.....	Benjamin Smith.....	23.11
Pauline B.....	James Smith.....	22.07

SECOND CLASS

Beatrice.....	Lorenzo Sniffin.....	19.00
Lena.....	Peter Smith.....	18.06

At the signal for the start, the little fleet got away in a bunch and as the wind was blowing from the southeast they flew away on the port tack with the crews sitting well up to windward keeping company with the sand bags taken along for ballast. They each strove to steal the wind of their nearest adversary and pocket it, and in many instances were successful. By the time the prison was reached, the respective merits of the boats began to tell and the fleetest took the lead, leaving the others to fight it out amongst themselves. The course for the first class yachts was from the Upper Dock toward and around some buoy off Dobbs Ferry and return, and for the second class yachts<sup>7</sup> to and around the Tarrytown buoy. William Tallcott's twenty-one foot yacht, Daisy, started with them, but did not go over the entire course. The yachts were all well sailed and good time was made.

When the course had been completed, it was found that the Aller had beaten the Cora in 4:20:08, winning in 2m 36s, corrected time. The first prize, a preserve dish present by Col. Franklin Brandreth and Collector Charles S Raymond, was given the Aller. A handsome ice-water pitcher from the same donors was given the Cora.

In the second-class race the Beatrice defeated the Lena in 3:16:22, winning by 9m. 26s corrected time. A silver card receiver was given the Beatrice. All the other yachts were badly distanced. The Whileaway was all of ten minutes behind the Pauline B.

<sup>7</sup> The fleet was divided into two classes by length following the 1886 races.

The Judges were Charles S Raymond, Capt. Charles Hilbert, and Robert T Dennis.

It is intimated that these yachts will have another race soon in Haverstraw Bay to try conclusions under different conditions, as the defeated ones of Tuesday think they can change the result.

In the evening the victory of the Beatrice was celebrated at the Upper Dock by the letting off of fireworks, in the enjoyment of which the whole village participated, for the rockets went very high

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 After the sailing race, there was a rowing contest. This was a double-scutt race in working boats, and had five starters. The course was from the Upper dock to the Middle Beach house. The boat manned by Frederick Cronk and Isaac Tuttle won the five-dollar prize in 14m. 30s.

This was followed by a 100-yard dash with six starters. Charles Storms won the five dollars in 11½ seconds.

These sports are very seasonable and it is to be hoped there will be more before the season is over, for we all want to know who our champions are.

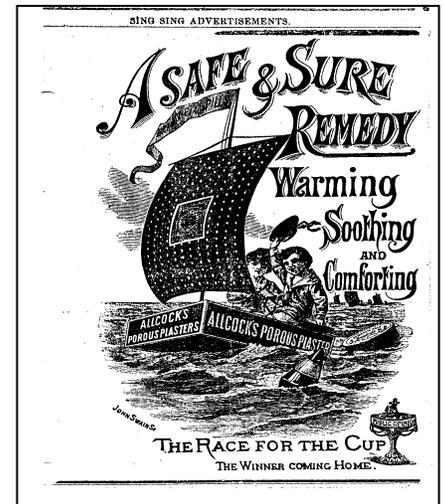
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*The Republican*  
 10.15.1887

**Cat-boat Race** There was a race for cat-boats, owned in this vicinity, on Tuesday last which, owing to a stiff northwest wind and high sea, was an exciting event. The entries were the Aller, owned by Philip Samstag; Cora, Benjamin Smith; Pauline B, James Smith; Lotta, Washburne Bros.; Alice J, Schade and James. The start was at about 1:30 P.M. and they sailed over a triangular course from the Upper Dock to the Point, near the channel, to Scarborough, and thence back to the Upper Dock, this to be sailed over twice. They started off in the following order: Aller, Cora, Pauline B, Alice J, and Lotta. Shortly after the start, several of the little fleet came to grief. They were all going with full sails and the Lotta unstepped its mast and

presently broke its forestay at the lower stake boat. When out in the channel the Cora broke a side stay, missed stays, and had to withdraw from the contest. All the others remained in. The Alice J when down by Scarborough, came near being swamped by the big swells from the steamer Albany and came home disabled. This left only the Aller and Pauline B in the race and the former finished in 2:10:40, the Pauline B being 5:52 by corrected time, behind her. The first prize was a whip pennant and American yacht ensign, and the second a silver ice-water pitcher, both presented by Collector Charles S Raymond. The Judges were Robert T Dennis and Cady Champlain.

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*The Republican*  
 1.21.1888

SING SING ADVERTISEMENTS



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*Democratic Register*  
 3.03.1908

**Twenty Years Ago** At the annual meeting of the Sing Sing Boat Club, the following officers were elected: Ralph Brandreth, commodore; W W Washburn, vice-commodore; William Henry Rowe, secretary; Joseph Thompson, treasurer; Benjamin R Smith, measurer.

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*The Republican*  
 4.07.1888

**Brief Mention** The Sing Sing Boat Club are making preparations for a

regatta to take place off this village on Decoration Day. The regatta committee has the matter in charge and will endeavor to make it a notable aquatic event in this vicinity. The club is making its new quarters in the Brandreth boat house attractive and will have a float put out as soon as it is built for them.

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*The Republican*  
5.19.1888

**Boat Notes** If our yachtsmen keep on as they have begun, the number of yachts hereabouts will soon rival any place along the Hudson. The Lurline is a 27-foot cabin sloop, which came to town on Wednesday. Isaac Washburn Jr. is the master and it looks like a fast craft.

--A new cat-rigged yacht, something of the sharpie pattern, built by John Haff, was launched last week. It is named the Helen B and is 21 feet in length. Frank Washburn is the master, and he expects to cut out the path for many of our finest.

-- Samstag Brothers have bent a new sail on the Aller, which is larger than the one she carried last season. Our yachtsmen are curious to see what improved effect it will have.

--The Alice J has returned from her winter quarters at Nyack and Capt Chas. Schade expects to win some prizes with her this season.

--The Waif, which we mentioned last week as having been added to the fleet of the Sing Sing Boat Club by her owners Rev. S W Edgerton and Mr. E T James, is at Nyack getting painted.

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*The Republican*  
6.02.1888

**Boating Notes** --The Shattemucs have raised a flag staff at their club house.

--The latest acquisition to our yachting fleet is the Lulu, a 20-foot cat-rigged craft, owned by Gilbert W. Thomas.

--The Sing Sing Boat Club have placed a flag staff on their club house and on Memorial Day flung their club pennant to the breeze from it.

--The sloop yacht, Viola, started for her home, New Haven Conn. last Saturday. Charles Lockwood accompanied her owner, Capt George Dale.

--Acting Commodore<sup>8</sup> B S Gibson on Thursday went to New York to get a new Pennant for the first prize in the yacht race today, the other one not proving satisfactory.

--Clarence A Pearsall, of Union Place, and Howard Howes Jr. of the Mansion House, Yonkers rowed up from Glenwood on Memorial Day to witness the yacht race here. They took a rest at Croton Point.

--The crew of the Lotta went to Nyack on Tuesday to bring the yacht home. It was about 8 o'clock when they started and "dark as Egypt". After a drifting cruise, with now and then a puff of wind, they reached Sing Sing at about 2 o'clock Wednesday morning.

--The regatta, which had been arranged by the Sing Sing Boat Club for Memorial Day, was not a complete success, owing to no fault on the part of the enterprising yachtsmen, but Eolus refused to let any wind out of his caverns and so disappointed a large number of people. In the morning, a paddling race took place in canoes between Francis Larkin Jr. and William E Barlow. Mr. Larkin won in 2:22¼. A natty little naphtha launch from Crugers, under command of acting Commander [sic] B S Gibson conveyed the Judges, representatives of the press and some invited guests over the course.

A double-scutt working boat race contested by Francis Larkin Jr. and William E Barlow against W A Duke and Albert Kamp was won by the former.

In the afternoon there was a canoe sailing race contested by William E Barlow, Edward Brinner and Stewart Baker. Barlow won easily, distancing his competition.

At about 2:30 o'clock there was a little puff of wind and the yachts, which were to take part in the race, were ordered to make ready. The following were on deck:

	SLOOPS
	<i>Owners</i>
<i>Name</i>	S W Edgerton, E T James
Waif	Isaac Washburn
Lurline	
	CATBOATS
Aller	P Samstag & Brother
Cora	R R Smith & Brother
Pauline B	James Smith
Lotta	Washburne Brothers
Helen B	Franklin Washburn
Alice J	Charles Schade

They got a good start and the Aller soon took the lead. They then had a hard struggle to reach the first stake boat off the end of Croton Point, owing to the dying out of wind, and as there was no prospect of the race being sailed in the prescribed time, three hours, it was postponed until this (Saturday) afternoon, at 1 o'clock, when it is hoped they will have all the wind they can stand up under.

The same conditions will prevail. The champion pennant will be given to the yacht going over the club triangular course in the quickest time. To the yacht making the best time, according to time allowance, a trophy.

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*The Republican*  
6.09.1888

**The Yacht Race.** The yacht race, which for want of wind was postponed on Memorial Day until Saturday last, took place then, and the little craft had a roaring southwester. The following were the entries:

	SLOOPS
	<i>Owners</i>
<i>Name</i>	S W Edgerton, E T James
Waif	Isaac Washburn
Lurline	
	CATBOATS
Aller	P Samstag & Brother
Cora	B R Smith & Brother
Pauline B	James Smith
Lotta	Washburne Brothers
Helen B	Franklin Washburn
Alice J	Charles Schade

They made a lively looking fleet as they were tacking about, south of the starting line, waiting for the signal to go. The regatta was in charge of Acting Commodore B S Gibson, who at the half past one o'clock fired the first gun for the skippers to get in readiness to cross the imaginary line between a stake

<sup>8</sup> Ralph Brandreth was the first Commodore of the Sing Sing Boat Club, soon to become the Sing Sing Yacht Club. B S Gibson acted in his stead the first year.

boat anchored off the club house and the end of the pier. So far everything went well, but when it came to firing the gun to start the fleet, the patent primer simply flashed and succeeded in effectively spiking the gun. None other being at hand, the Acting Commodore made use of the lung power and yelled to them to "go" which they did, though it appeared, after the race that there was a good deal of confusion thus occasioned, as some were waiting for the gun to be fired, while the others were making time toward the first stake boat off the end of Croton Point. One noticeable instance of this was the sloop Waif, which virtually drifted stern first over the line and for about five minutes lay with her nose in the wind and sails flapping. Her crew did not then realize they had crossed the line, and that all that loafing was counting in their time and that she should be on her way. Finally she got under way and started off. This mistake cost her the race.

As the little yachts bounded on over the course – which was the club's triangular one -- from the club-house to Croton Point, to a boat anchored off Scarborough, and thence home again, to be sailed over twice, making a run of about twelve miles – they presented a most beautiful sight. Men and sandbags were piled up high to windward, while even then the lee rails were well under water. Every now and then a huge swell would throw a shower of spray over the crews, but they did not mind that, they expected to get wet. Soon after starting, the Helen B struck a sunken shad pole, and was so disabled that she had to retire from the race and return to dock. When the race was almost over the Alice J, sailed by her owner, Charles Schade, when sailing handsomely near the Scarborough boats, cracked her mast near the deck and had to let down her sail and retire from the race. She came back to the dock under shortened sail, with wind and tide in her favor.

Meanwhile, the Aller and Pauline B both having broken their gaff throat were having a pretty race by themselves each straining every nerve so to speak to win the pennant and prize. The Waif had picked up the Lurline and passed her some distance, but the time she had

to allow her and that which she lost at the start were too much to overcome. The pretty Cora did not loaf any, and the natty Lotta, had she had a larger crew and more sandbags would have done faster work. She was well sailed, but the lack of ballast was evident to all who viewed the race.

The Acting Commodore, Judges, Time Keepers, representative of the press, and some invited guests, among them several ladies were conveyed over the course twice in a small naphtha launch. As the vessel bounded from billow to billow the spray flew in showers over all, still the ladies were not frightened, on the contrary, seemed rather to enjoy it.

At last the fleet came home, the Aller leading with a big white bone in her teeth, followed by the Pauline B, Cora, Lotta, Waif and Lurline, in the order named. The following was the table of the results of the race, as completed by the Judges:

	SLOOPS		
	<i>Start</i>	<i>Finish</i>	<i>Elapsed</i>
Waif	1:35:24	4:03:18	2:27:54
Lurline	1:34:50	4:06:39	2:31:49
	CATBOATS		
Aller	1:35:26	3:49:47	2:14:20
Cora	1:35:33	3:57:56	2:22:28
Pauline B	1:35:46	3:54:04	2:18:18
Lotta	1:34:47	4:02:43	2:27:56
Withdrawn – Helen B, Alice J			

The Waif, it was afterward understood, intended to enter a protest on account of the mistake of the starting signal. All little disagreements were referred to the meeting to be held the following Monday evening, when they were all promised a hearing.

At the meeting on Monday night the whole subject was discussed and the result was the sustaining of the appeal of the owners of the Waif from the Judges decision as far as the sloops were concerned. The Aller was given the pennant for going over the course in the quickest time, and also the cake basket for winning in her class.

In order to satisfy all parties, another race has been decided upon for Tuesday of next week, for all boats in the fleet

when it is to be hoped favorable conditions will prevail, both as to the giving of the signals and having plenty of wind.

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*The Republican*  
6.16.1888

**Yacht Race.** A race for cat-boats, divided into two classes, was sailed off our village last Tuesday, they were all members of the Sing Sing Boat Club and were as follows:

First class-Aller, Cora, and Pauline B  
Second class-Lotta, Helen B and Alice J

The start was at 3:43 in a moderate southwest wind, which soon afterward nearly all died out and left the little fleet to drift. The Aller won in the first class and was given a marine glass as a prize. She beat the Pauline B seven minutes and one second. The Cora came in third. The race for the second class was declared off, as the Lotta, the leader, did not get over the course in the prescribed three hours. It was to have been sailed yesterday. The Judges were Dr. E B Sherwood, William L Hull, and Ezra H Horton.

After these races, there was a contest between crews in working boats, from the Lower to Upper Docks. The crews were E J Brinner and G H Barlow in one boat; Charles S Raymond and Charles Card in another, and John C Barlow and William Grant in the third. The first two crews fouled and were ruled out in consequence, which gave the race to John C Barlow and William Grant, and they were given the prize, a silver match box given by Francis Larkin, Jr., which they will probably take turns in carrying. The Judges were S O Washburne, R T Dennis and Joseph Thompson.

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*The Republican*  
6.30.1888

**Sing Sing Yachts at Yonkers.** Nearly all the fleet of the Sing Sing Boat Club participated in the ninth annual regatta of the Yonkers Yacht Club on Tuesday last and rendered a good account of themselves, although they bought back no prizes with them. The boats, which went down, were the Lurline, Aller, Cora, Pauline B, Lotta, Helen B and

Alice J. The Aller was the wonder and admiration of all on the steamer John Lenox, which carried the guests of the club over the course, for she seemed imbued with life and went along while the others seemed to be standing still. The fleet of thirty-seven yachts started off in a fine southerly breeze and the Aller soon picked her way up to the front and showed all but the Henry Ward Beecher the way over the course. The course for all the yachts except the two larger sloops, was from Yonkers to Tarrytown and back, making a distance of 22 miles. In order to show the record of our Sing Sing boats we give the table as far as it concerns them, as follows:

Name	Start	Finish	Elapse	Cor't'd
Lurline	11:20:20	5:10:15	5:57:55	5:53:55
Aller	11:10:08	3:47:43	4:37:35	4:28:30
Cora	11:10:38	3:58:44	4:42:06	4:28:06
Pauline	11:10:40	4:14:37	5:03:57	4:47:57
Lotta	11:11:28	4:34:58	5:23:30	5:05:40
Helen	11:12:53	5:03:05	5:50:12	5:30:47
Alice J	11:09:10	4:38:40	5:29:30	5:29:30

The New York Times, in its report of the race, thus speaks of the Aller, and gives the results as to the different classes:

The sloop Henry Ward Beecher soon walked to the front, being beautifully handled throughout the race, though the Rambler pressed her closely. One of the features of the race was the fast sailing of the catboat Aller, which was soon far ahead of all the other cat-rigged yachts, but being a large one had to allow her smaller contestants so much time that she failed to win the prize in her class.

The wind held good until about 12:30 o'clock, when a heavy shower broke upon the fleet, and as soon as it stopped an almost dead calm ensued and remained for the rest of the race. Those yachts which had by that time turned the Tarrytown buoy were the fortunate ones, for those following had barely enough wind left to make the buoy, the tide having turned against them. The procession down the river was led by the Henry Ward Beecher, closely followed by the Aller, Rambler, George B Dean, and the remainder of the fleet.

In Class A the boats were not timed, as they were becalmed, with no prospect of getting away. In class B the Henry Ward Beecher defeated the Mergus

5:23½, finishing at 4:25:40¾. In class C the Vixen beat the Crawford 4:35, finishing at 5:02:57. In Class D the George B Dean defeated the Rambler by 10:28, finishing at 4:33:06. In Class E the W H Harned defeated the Whileaway 2:59½, finishing at 5:29:18. In Class F the Columbia beat the Cora 5:21, finishing at 4:22:45. In Class G the Little Dean beat the Rocket 0:32, and in Class H the Mabel defeated the Silver King 18:43.

There was some misunderstanding in regard to awarding the prize of a silver card receiver and bouquet for the best time over the course. It was at first declared to have been won by the Columbia for the best corrected time, but the Regatta Committee finally awarded it to the Aller, who led the entire fleet by actual time, going over the course in 4:37:35. Thus Sing Sing virtually won the day.

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**Sing Sing Boat Club's Regatta.** A better day could not have been ordered than that furnished by the Weather Bureau last Wednesday for the open Fall Regatta of the Sing Sing Boat Club. Clear skies and a good steady northwest wind combined to make one of the prettiest nautical events ever seen in these waters. This race was open to yachts from all organized clubs, and twenty vessels of all classes started.

The course was from an imaginary line between the club house and a boat anchored some distance off shore, to and around a stakeboat off Dobbs Ferry and return, making a run of twenty miles. For the sixth class the course was to and around the Tarrytown buoy and return making twelve miles.

A successful start was made and the pretty fleet started down the river, sailing free, and their white sails in the sunshine made a pretty sight as they stretched across the river. It was on the first of the ebb tide when they started, which, added to the fresh wind, made the fleet go for Dobbs Ferry at express train speed.

The judges, timekeepers, and guests of the club were conveyed over the course on the comfortable steam yacht Marion, Capt. Bird, of Tarrytown, on whose decks were assembled a brilliant company of ladies and gentlemen. Caterer John W Hoffman provided an excellent luncheon in the cabin, which satisfied the voracious appetites occasioned by the invigorating sail and excitement of the race.

The yachts kept pretty well bunched until Tarrytown was passed, when the speediest began to draw away from the others and mark their own courses. All turned the stakeboat successfully, but the catboat Lotta, of the Sing Sing B.C. just as she was pointing up the river broke her peak halliards and the entire sail had to come down. After repairs were made, the sail was again raised and she started on her beat homeward. She lost seven minutes doing this and was virtually put out of the race by the accident, as she could not put much strain upon the repairs as made.

The Alice J also came to grief over on Piermont flats, where she ran her centerboard into the mud, and two of the crew had to jump overboard and push her off. These were the only casualties of the race. The Aller sailed a remarkably good race until about three-quarters of the race was covered, when she got over under the mountains north of Nyack and seemed to lose her pace rapidly. Her rival, the Cora, had after turning the Dobbs Ferry stakeboat, taken a course of their own on the east side of the river and had the satisfaction of defeating the Aller, though she did not win any prize thereby. The May F, when she got on her own stamping ground, over at Piermont, walked ahead of her competitors which showed that she was using her knowledge of the currents to that locality to advantage.

The Lurline did not make a brilliant move in going so far out in the channel on the run down the river, and she was at least two miles behind the other sloops in turning the Dobbs Ferry stakeboat. Neither was the Waif handled with the greatest nautical skill. On the contrary the Vixen and Crawford, of the Yonkers Y C, sailed a

beautiful race, and it was several times nip-and-tuck with them.

The Harned of the Yonkers Y C was handsomely handled and had the honor of going over the course in the quickest time.

In the first class, for cabin sloops, the Vixen won from the Crawford, Waif and Lurline in 5:44:14½ corrected time; in the third class, for open catboats over twenty feet, the May F from the Cora, Nina, Pauline B, Irex and Aller in 4:55:12 [sic]; in the fourth class for the cabin catboats, the Harned from Ella F and Lotta in 4:57:07; in the fifth class, catboats under twenty feet, the Little Dean, from the Alice J, Ermine, Midget and Spray in 5:55:27½; and in the sixth class, sixteen feet and under, the Silver King from the Norna 4:22:15¾ [sic].

The prizes were: First, to the Vixen, Yonkers Y C aneroid; second, to the May F, Tappan Zee Y C pair of marine glasses; third, to the William H Harned, Yonkers Y C, ten dollars; fourth to the Little Dean, Columbia Y C marine glasses; fifth to the Silver King, Yonkers Y C, compass. The Harned also received the special prize, a pair of handsome side lights for going over the course in the quickest elapsed time.

Thus it will be seen that the Sing Sing yachts did not capture a prize, but then as one of the yachtsmen put it: "we did not want to give the prizes and take them too", which showed a generosity, probably over which they had no control. The visiting yachts at any rate sought to have gone home satisfied, and probably did.

After all the yachts had come home, the skippers and crews sat down to an excellent chowder catered by S B Crosier.

The judges were Commodore A J Prime of the Yonkers Y C, James C Summers of New York and Charles S Gowan of the Sing Sing B C.

The Regatta Committee was Col. B S Gibson, Col Franklin Brandreth, and Francis Larkin Jr.

The Reception Committee was composed of Edward Dennis Jr., Robert T Dennis, and Frank A Wales.

The following table gives the name of the yacht, their owner and the time:

FIRST CLASS-CABIN SLOOPS-COURSE 20 M

NAME	OWNER	Elapsed Time		Cor't'd Time			
		H	M	S	H	M	S
Waif	S W Edgerton	6	23	30	6	23	30
Crawford	Chas E Day	5	53	48	5	48	58
Lurline	I T Washburne	6	40	02	6	30	12
Vixen	F A Rigby	5	51	37	5	44	14½

THIRD CLASS-OPEN CATBOATS-COURSE 20 MILES

Aller	Samstag Bros.	5:33:19	5:25:14
May F	WC Francis Jr.	5:08:47	4:58:12
Cora	B Smith	5:11:47	4:59:57
Irex	R N Haddock	5:30:46	5:18:16
Pauline B	Jas. Smith	5:24:09	5:08:59
Nina	A D Peterson	5:04:10	5:04:10

FOURTH CLASS-CABIN CATBOATS-COURSE 20 M.

Harned	Chas Lemkull	4:57:07	4:57:07
Ella F	John Dixon	5:41:48	5:32:38
Lotta	Washburne Bros	----	----

FIFTH CLASS - CAT RIGGED - COURSE 20 MILES.

Alice J	C Schade.	6:21:42	6:21:42
Spray	F Thomas.	----	----
Ermine	---	6:48:10	6:43:22½
Little Dean	D McGlynn	6:02:35	5:55:27½
Midget	A Osborne	----	----

SIXTH CLASS - CAT RIGGED - COURSE 16 MILES.

Silver King	W Bright.	4:53:12¾	4:52:15¾
Norna	E S Pelham.	Not	timed

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**Twenty Years Ago.** Sing Sing Yacht Club leased the rooms in Olive Opera House for winter quarters.

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