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The Yacht Club Minstrels. Seven hundred people held down the settees in Olive Opera house on the evening of Washington's Birthday. They bore the affliction in order to witness the performance of the Sing Sing Yacht Club Minstrels, and although the ordeal was quite equal to any of the tortures of the inquisition, no one seemed to regret the deed. It was, indeed, the largest audience that has assembled in that edifice for many a long day. Gathered in the number were many from out of town, the neighboring villages contributing to the number of the audience, many being present from Yonkers, Irvington, Tarrytown and Peekskill, while the back country also furnished many to join in the laughter created by the amateurs in the burnt cork¹.

It was about a quarter past the first bell in the starboard watch when the curtain rolled up, and after it had accomplished getting there with the usual accompaniment of noise, the house greeted the following artists in cork and full dress suits with applause:

Ralph Baker	J F Jenkins
Stuart Baker	F Larkin Jr.
Varian Banks	G F Mundon
W E Barlow	L Osswalt
D H Benedict	S H Powers
W H Dixon	Wm Henry Rowe
Harry W Hull	Charles Schade
George Hyatt	Albert E Smith
G S Jenkins	

Interlocutor Wm. Henry Rowe introduced the end men, Stuart Baker, bones, and William E Barlow, tambourine, and the evening's entertainment was opened by a musical medley by Professor Henry J Rall, who arranged the musical parts and led the celebrated orchestra of Professor Louis J Cornu, of New York City, with their Teutonic faces covered with burnt cork, in doing up the instrumental part of the programme.

Then after the audience finished applauding that, they laughed and giggled at the jokes of the end men, until George Hyatt sang "Good-Night, but not Good Bye". After the singer had responded to an encore, which, by the way, followed every thing, David H Benedict sang "The Old Street Lamp," after responding to what was now the inevitable, Stuart Baker sang "Many a Time", an effusion which reflected slightly on his friend Benedict, and incidentally brought in the name of President Many. "With all Her Faults" was the burden of a song by John F Jenkins and it transpired that he loved her still.

Encores were now rated nominal and the audience was gasping for breath. The end men were driving serious thoughts sky high and the audience were captured. Those who had came laboring under the impression that they had to be lenient in their criticism began to find out that the amateurs on the stage were outdoing the professional standard of minstrelsy. Fresh and vivacious fun was being uncorked on both ends, and the singers were dissecting their numbers in excellent style. Surely these could not be our young men about the village giving vent to mirth and merriment with their songs and jokes, but they were, and the audience kept on growing interested.

Stephen H Powers was the next to sing. "The Stream of Time" called him to his feet again and the encores kept on coming. Then the prevailing end men retired and Interlocutor Rowe introduced Albert E Smith as bones, and Ralph Baker as tambourine, and the fun kept on growing apace. Smith resuscitated "Crackle, Crackle", one of his inimitable selections and did a

portion of it over three times. "The Owl and the Pussy Cat" received the attention of Francis Larkin, Jr. with the established results.

The Republican
3.07.1889

The Sing Sing Yacht Club. The Sing Sing Boat Club formally disbanded last Monday evening, and the newly incorporated Yacht Club was permanently organized. The membership list is that of the old Boat Club, and the new organization will no doubt take rank with the first clubs in the country.

A pleasant feature of Monday evening's business was the financial report of the committee, which managed the recent Minstrel Entertainment. The net earnings were \$200, an announcement which was received with applause.

The annual election of officers of the Yacht Club resulted as follows:

Commodore	Ralph Brandreth
Vice Commodore	W W Washburne
Rear Commodore	Benj. R Smith
Secretary	W L Onyans
Treasurer	Joseph Thompson
Measurer	Philip Samstag

Democratic Register
3.15.1909

20 Years Ago. ---Peter Clausen was appointed boat keeper at the Sing Sing Yacht Club (now the Shattemuc Yacht and Canoe Club) and so well has he done his duty that he is still at the club house in full charge of everything pertaining to boats and club house.

The Republican
3.28.1889

The New Boat House. It is now definitely settled that the Sing Sing Yacht Club will have a new boat house. The Trustees met on Monday evening and decided to build the structure. It will be located on the water front recently purchased by Commodore Ralph Brandreth, a short distance above the Upper Dock. The building will be

¹ Actors posing with faces blackened by burnt cork

25x50 feet, two stories, and is to be ready by the opening of the season.

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The Republican
4.18.1889

Yacht Club Notice. The plans and specifications for the erection of the quarters for the Sing Sing Yacht Club have been placed in the hands of the builders, and as soon as the award is made work will be commenced. Rear Commodore Benjamin R Smith, who profitably spends his time as builder when he is not sailing the staunch Cora, has about completed building the dock² required for the erection of the edifice.

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The Republican
5.09.1889

Seven New Members. The Sing Sing Yacht Club is progressing with giant strides. At the meeting last Monday evening, seven gentlemen were elected to membership, and new members have been coming in rapidly at each meeting this Spring, the roll is growing into quite a formidable affair. The gentlemen who joined the club last Monday are George A Brandreth, Schuyler Hamilton Jr., Joshua B Many, B B McAlpin, Herbert M Carpenter, George Hyatt and Fred M Fisher.

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The Republican
5.16.1889

River Ripples. --Rear Commodore Benjamin R Smith will have the vivacious Cora painted white this season.

---Treasurer Joseph Thompson wears a sunburned nose and a prodigious grin now-a-days. Old Sol is responsible for the former, while the rapid addition of names to the Yacht Club roster is the cause of the latter.

---A four-leaf clover was picked up under Commodore Ralph Brandreth's cat-rigged yacht Madge before she was off the stocks, by one of the superstitious members of the Club, who argues that the incident will bring luck to the dusky craft.

² A pile supported platform, or pier, connected to the mainland by a piled walkway.

---The Rear-Commodore Benjamin R Smith struck a pike pole into a spile on the club house on Tuesday and took an involuntary plunge bath in consequence. He happened to be trying to stop the Cora from running past the landing and didn't succeed as the sequel tells.

---The sloop yacht Waif, which was owned by Rev. S W Edgerton, of the Sing Sing Yacht Club last season started last week from her winter quarters at Nyack, for her new anchorage at Jersey City where her new owner resides. His name is B S Paine.

---Peter Clausen, a South Brooklyn blonde, who has heretofore sailed the seas, has been appointed Boat keeper by the Sing Sing Yacht Club. During his short term of duty Peter has won favor among the members by his practical and obliging ways and bids fair to fill the bill to perfection, thus showing that his selection is commendable.

---The Lotta, Messrs Washburne Bros., spreads a new mainsail of increased area, which makes her look like a Quaker City school girl in her graduation costume. Captain John Jaderlund, of the schooner yacht Palmer, now lying at South Brooklyn, made the rag which is expected to carry the Lotta over the finish line a winner this season in some of the contests.

---Contractor Smith is raising the Sing Sing Yacht Club quarters with a speed of the wind, only that element will find hard work to shake it. So rapid has been the progress the question of a grand opening on Decoration Day is already a surety. There will be music, fireworks and refreshments in the evening to top off the sports of the day, which, by the way, will be devoted to a race for the club pennant.

---The first visiting yacht of the season was the conformable cabin cat-rigged White Cap, of the Tappan Zee Yacht Club, of Grand View, below Nyack, which was wafted into the anchorage on Saturday. Her complement consisted of W C Francis, Jr. and wife, Mr. H W Peckwell and wife, and Miss Mary McKensie and Miss Mattie Price, who tarried long enough to exchange greetings with several of our yachtsmen, and then sailed gaily away with a free sheet.

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The Republican
5.23.1889

River Ripples. --Charles Schade has sold the saucy Alice J to parties in Newark, N.J.

---A New York editor has offered a gold and silver cup, valued at \$500 to be sailed for by the Yonkers Corinthian Yacht Club.

___ William Haff and Augustus Osborn are getting their lively cat-rigged yacht Surprise in trim to surprise the rest of the fleet.

---The Mystery is the name of an eighteen and a half foot cat-rigged yacht with which Skipper Irving Haff hopes to capture prizes this season.

---Col. Franklin Brandreth has plunked down one hundred dollars and is the first to go on the life membership roll of the Sing Sing Yacht Club.

---An inquisitive individual asked Steward "Johnny" Aitchison, of James T Blandford's rakish craft, when the vessel would leave her anchorage. "Johnny" answered he couldn't "Say When".³

---Captain E S Pelham is enjoying himself in bounding over the billows in the sixteen foot cat-rigged yacht Seola, a new acquisition with which he anticipates filling his locker with any stray prizes that are offered in his class.

--Secretary William L Onyans was so anxious to use the Willie he put the craft overboard before the paint had dried. He has been spending his leisure time since in ridding his yacht toggery of a load of surplus paint with benzene.

---Measurer Philip Samstag has had some bothersome difficulty with his eyes of late which all the club members hope will be alleviated before the yachting season commences in earnest in order that he may be at this accustomed post aboard the Aller.

---The Palisade Boat Club of Yonkers has contracted to purchase a large track of upland and water right at Glenwood, an upper suburb of Yonkers, and will move its clubhouse⁴ there and make extensive improvements upon it. Its annual regatta is for July 4. A

³ A play on the boat's name, the Say When.

⁴ The Yonkers Clubhouse was similar in design to the Sing Sing Yacht Club house and continues in use today, 2003.

handsome medal has been ordered to be competed for in a series of handicap single-scutt races.

---J Herbert Carpenter has purchased the cabin cat-rigged yacht Daisy of W E Tallcot of Croton Landing, and the staunch little craft will hereafter fly the burgee of the Sing Sing Yacht Club. The Daisy was built by Wood Brothers of Boston, and is of the keel persuasion, carrying her ballast down where it will do the most good. Her length is eighteen feet on the waterline, being twenty feet over all.

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The Republican

5.30.1889

The Sing Sing Yacht Club On the morrow, Thursday evening, the members of the Sing Sing Yacht Club expect to enjoy one prodigious day. Their expectations of joy are expected to be consummated through the opening regatta of the organization and the opening of the new club house in the evening. The former has been called for the hour of two in the afternoon, while the latter will take place in the evening at eight o'clock, should the winds pipe high or low.

All the yachts of the club are in fighting trim, and have been thoroughly groomed for the battle in the way that yachts are prepared to meet each other. Money and muscle have gone hand in hand, one for the pot lead⁵ and the other to rub it in, while more than one pair of weather eyes have been cast aloft to see that everything is tuned up to stand the strain of carrying everything in a smart breeze.

The event of the day, of course, will be the race for the club pennant, now held by the dusky Aller. This will be sailed for without time allowance over a course of two and a half miles to windward or leeward and return, to be sailed over twice within a limit of three hours. A silver water tankard will be given to the yacht winning on time allowance, the prize being offered by the Club. Messrs. Onyans & Kamp have offered a handsome plaque clock

as a prize for the yachts under twenty feet, while another prize will be awarded in the sloop class.

Several other events are named for the day. There will be a medal for single scull working boats, and medals for a double scull race in the same kind of boat. A canoe paddling and a tub race will finish day's aquatic sports.

The reception will be held in the new club house at eight o'clock in the evening. There will be music and refreshments and a pyrotechnic display to celebrate the occasion.

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The Republican

6.06.1889

The Sing Sing Yacht Club. On Friday, October 14th 1887, a trio of Sing Singers found shelter in the lee of the plot house of the little steamer that was running in the place of the Nyack-Tarrytown ferryboat Tappan Zee, on its return trip from Nyack. They were William W Washburne, Charles Schade and Robert T Dennis, who were returning from a trip to Nyack where they had just put the yachts Lotta and Alice J in winter quarters. In the course of conversation the subject was broached of forming an aquatic organization in this village. Within two weeks what was the foundation of the Sing Sing Yacht Club was formed under the name of the Sing Sing Boat Club.

On last Decoration Day the organization celebrated one era in its existence. That was the opening of the new club house, which is situated on the river front just above the Upper Dock, opposite Major Symonds' School⁶. There was some disappointment in the day, however. That was the abandonment of the regatta, which was called for two o'clock in the afternoon. Previous to that hour the murky atmosphere gave promise of a clearing and a breeze did not seem to exist. All of a sudden the cloud banks in the south began traveling up the river and the pent-up wind began to come. It arrived gently at first and then it came in chunks and sections varying from east to west, while it knocked up a terrific sea,

sending the white caps of the mud colored billows in a rain of spray. After several of the boat had tried tusseling with the elements under short sail, without much glory and a good deal of wetness, the race was declared off until Saturday, when another postponement was declared on account of the prevailing storm. The regatta is now announced for Friday afternoon at two o'clock.

A large number of guests were present at the formal opening of the club house in the evening. The house was gaily decorated with a large number of Japanese lanterns and the brilliant illumination of the electric lights with which the house is furnished shown through the windows to bid welcome to the coming guests. Rall's orchestra was there to please the ears and make every body's feet fretful until the floor was waxed and Caterer Sanford with his attendants were making active preparations for serving the refreshments, which were a bountiful supply of ice cream, cake and strawberries.

In the meanwhile, the guests were occupying camp chairs in front of the house witnessing a pyrotechnic display by Messrs Onyans & Kamp, who fired the "Ah!" producing pieces from the float in front of the house. After the glare of the red fire, the noise of the bomb and the last rocket stick had come down from up near the clouds, dancing commenced. The Corinthians told the ladies that this part of the programme was only a test of the strength of the building, and as the fair ones were anxious on this score the edifice was thoroughly tested and pronounced perfectly safe and a capital place to waltz or polka. It was well towards the witching hour when the big door of the boat house closed and the last of the happy participants in the opening of the Sing Sing Yacht Club started homeward.

Among those present were Commodore Ralph Brandreth and wife, Vice-Commodore W W Washburne and wife, Rear-Commodore Benjamin R Smith and wife, Treasurer Joseph Thompson and wife, Rev. J B Gibson,

⁵ A mixture of graphite and linseed oil applied to the hull.

⁶ Now the Virum residences on Snowden Ave.

DD Rev A B Jennings, Dr. George J Fisher and wife, Dr. E B Many and wife, Mr. and Mrs. William C Kipp, Mr. and Mrs. James Bedell, Mr. and Mrs. I T James, Mr. and Mrs. W Clinton Mead, Mr. and Mrs. M F Rowe and Miss Rowe, Mr. and Mrs. William H Dixon, Mr. and Mrs. William Myers, Mr. and Mrs. Lot Marshall, Mr. and Mrs. Albert Hall, Mr. and Mrs. William Brundage, Mr. and Mrs. Charles Brundage, Mr. and Mrs. Joseph Willi, Mr. and Mrs. J Herbert Carpenter, Mr. and Mrs. B L Beattys, Mr. and Mrs. E S Pelham, Mr. and Mrs. William L Onyans, Mr. and Mrs. William L Hull, Mrs. O M Miller, Mrs. French and Miss Jennie French, Miss Sadie Washburn, Misses Carrie and Lizzie Gale, Miss Emilie Jones, Miss Laura Mezger, Miss Lou Havens and Miss Lydia Curtis of Hoboken, N.J.; Miss Ada Jones of Tarrytown; Miss Josephine E Taylor, Miss Lillie Gorton, Miss Anna Secor, Miss Mary Henderson of Westchester; Miss Lillian V C Sutton, Misses Samstag, Miss Lillian Bell, Miss Eliza Stray, Miss Lillian Hull, Miss Lyons, the Misses Beattys, Miss Smith, Miss Perry, Miss Eleanore See, Miss Mayme Griffin, Miss Bertha Acker, Miss Gertrude Foshay, Mr. Edwin Smith, Mr. H B Sanford, of Albany; Mr. Charles Washburn, Mr. Charles Schade, Mr. A Gorton, Mr. George F Secor, Mr. T R Hart of Hoboken, NJ; Mr. J Joseph Laurence of the Yonkers *Statesman* staff, Mr. Charles F Webber of Tarrytown; Mr. Edwin L Todd, Mr. Louis F Washburne, Mr. Alonzo Draper, Mr. H H Armstrong, Mr. George Hyatt, Mr. John Messeigh of New York, Dr J H Albee of Boston; Mr. Robert Lawrence, Mr. Ralph Stray, Mr. Morton Haddock of New York; Mr. Montgomery Lyons, Mr. Winfield S Smith, Mr. Ebenezer Fowler and others.

The new club house is a plain but commodious building, which has been substantially constructed by Contractor John Smith. It is seventy-five feet long by twenty-five in width, being two stories in height. The lower floor is devoted to locker room, and a general storage. On the upper floor is a large meeting room, boat-keeper's quarters and lady's toilet room. In front is a large piazza from which a splendid view

of Tappan Zee may be obtained. The building is lighted by electricity, and will be fitted up neatly ere it is finished, the builders not having completed it as yet.

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The Republican
6.06.1889

Rough but Ready Etiquette. The average Upper Docker is nothing if not concise and original. On the evening of Decoration Day, when the invited guests were thinning out from the reception of the Sing Sing Yacht Club, two worthies who reside in that far famed locality, which is pitted against the universe for originality, made their debut at the door and pleaded that they wanted some cake and cream. They were pretty rocky from absorbing beer, but were allowed to go up stairs and partake of the plenty on the promise of good behavior. One of them found the stairs too steep to climb without a rest and as he tarried the other grasped him by the throat with one hand and shook his clenched fist in his face as he warned him: You blankety, blankety, blank, if you go raising any muss up here I'll break your blankety, blankety, blank neck!" And they locked arms and went up stairs like two Sunday School scholars. It was a rough but effective lesson in etiquette, which thoroughly beats anything laid down in the rules of the "400".

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The Republican
6.06.1889

River Ripples – The steam yacht Say When swings to an anchor off the Sing Sing Yacht Club quarters.

---Byron E French has purchased a shell boat, and is now going to cultivate his muscle.

---A seventy-five foot flag staff was raised on the wharf in front of the yacht club quarters on Wednesday, so that the tall mast of the Aller cannot tear the club signal as it did on Decoration Day.

---The Sing Sing Yacht Club will hold an open regatta on the Fourth of July in which all the yachts of the various organizations belonging to the New York Yacht Racing Association will be invited to participate.

---George Fisher Secor has a lively little twenty-two foot sloop, which was built

by Kirby of Milton-on-the-Sound. The Alice is the name of the craft, which is fitted with a cabin house, which may be used or dispensed with at the pleasure of the owner.

---The following names were added to the roster of the Sing Sing Yacht Club on Monday evening: C G Barber, James H Truesdell, C C Clarke, Leonard P Kipp, Richard W Shurter, Louis F Washburne, Smith Lent, Gilbert M Todd, William Truesdell, William Clinton Mead, of the village, and Charles Webber and Andrew Tracy of Tarrytown. The last named gentlemen augment the fleet of yachts by the addition of a cat boat and an open sloop, respectively.

---The famous steam yacht "Now Then" which was built for Norman L Munro by the blind boat builder, John Herreschoff of Bristol R I and is now owned by the builder, dropped in at this village on Wednesday afternoon. The owner and his daughter, and Mrs. Gardiner and Mrs. De Wolff Hopper of New York were on board. They had steamed from Newburgh and were bound to New York. The boat averaged twenty miles an hour in her run from Bristol to New York on Tuesday.

---On Saturday afternoon the schooner yacht Edith of the Yonkers Corinthian Yacht Club came up to the Sing Sing Yacht Club anchorage under close reefed sails. In the evening Commodore A J Prime and Sailor E T Booth put in an appearance, having come over from White Plains to enjoy a sail down the turbulent Hudson, but they tarried until the morning when the staunch craft hoisted sail for its home port. The sturdy Commodore of the Corinthians left some photographs of the new home of that club to remind the boys of their pleasant visit.

---One day this week a small party of young gentlemen took a company of estimable young ladies from South Nyack out sailing in a yacht and went to Sing Sing. The sail to that place was delightful, but coming back it was not so pleasant. A stormy wind interfered with smooth sailing and the yachting party, considerably frightened, put in to Rockland Lake, where they landed. It was found impossible to get any farther in the boat, so the ladies were treated to an exceedingly pleasant walk home to

South Nyack. It was a very enjoyable affair, the ladies say, but for all that, they are not anxious for another pedestrian trip of that kind – *Nyack Evening Journal, June 1*

---There was a grand athletic contest in the store room of the Sing Sing Yacht Club after the meeting on Monday night. The big event of the evening was a tug of war. Messrs I T Washburn and Wm. E Barlow were anchors on Team No. 1, whose members were John Jenkins, Wm. I Hull, Wm. Grant, S. Olin and Wm. W Washburne and Dudley K Inslee. Team No. 2 had Fred M Fisher and Byron E French as anchors and Irving Haff, Augustus Osborne, Ralph and Stewart Baker and Frank Robinson were the tuggers on the rope. Team No. 1 yanked their rivals over the line three out of five pulls, not without a long pull, a strong pull and a pull all together. Edward Brinner was timekeeper and Charles Schade referee.

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The Republican
7.03.1889

The Yacht Club Regatta. The second annual open regatta of our local aquatic organization, now known as the Sing Sing Yacht Club, will be sailed tomorrow if the winds blow, high or low.

The fleet promises to comprise some forty boats, which will be divided into nine classes, classified as follows: Class E, cabin sloops over thirty-two feet; Class F, cabin sloops over twenty-seven and under thirty-two feet; Class G, cabin sloops under twenty-seven feet; Fourth class, open jib and mainsail yachts; Fifth class, cabin cat-rigged yachts; Sixth class, open cat-rigged yachts, over twenty-seven feet; Seventh class, open cat-rigged yachts over twenty-three feet; Eighth class, open cat-rigged yachts, over twenty feet; Class nine, open cat-rigged yachts twenty feet and under.

A special prize will be awarded to the yacht making the quickest time over the twenty mile course. A prize will be awarded to the winner in each class with time allowance, computed at two minutes to the foot, special prize winner barred. The prizes are on exhibition in the window of Jeweler James. They

consist of articles useful on Board of a yacht, the Regatta Committee having abandoned the idea of awarding pewter mugs and other inducements of a kindred kind. The following contributed the prizes, an acknowledgement being herewith tendered on behalf of the Regatta Committee: Messrs Isaac B Noxon, Ralph Brandreth, Dr. E B Sherwood, Francis Larkin Jr., M F Rowe & Son, editors and proprietors of *The Republican*, J Howe Allen, Joseph Thompson, Washburne & Todd, William W Washburne, Charles S. Raymond and Robert T Dennis.

The course for the first eight classes will be to Dobbs Ferry and return, twenty miles; time limit six hours. The ninth class will go over a triangular course in front of the club house, to be sailed over twice, making a distance of ten miles. The start and finish will be over an imaginary line drawn off the club house. The start will be made at eleven o'clock.

The staunch and comfortable steamer Sarah A Jenks will accompany the yachts over the course, leaving the Lower Dock at half past ten o'clock. A string band will furnish music and Caterer Crosier will serve refreshments at reasonable rates. The tickets have been placed at the sum of \$1, for adults; children, 50 cents. As the race will take place during the time of day when the majority who are celebrating it in idleness do not know what to do with themselves this settles the question of "What shall we do?"

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The Republican
7.11.1889

The Fourth of July Regatta

The May F Got Her Mutton
An Eventful Day With All Sorts of
Weather

The one hundredth and thirteenth birthday of American Independence was duly celebrated by the Sing Sing Yacht Club, by holding their second annual regatta, open to all yachts belonging to the fleets incorporated in the New York Yacht Racing Association

The following yachts were entered for the regatta:

SPECIAL CLASS—Schooners
Edith – Yonkers C.Y.C, Com A J Prime

CLASS I – CABIN SLOOPS, 33 ft AND OVER
Mergus – Columbia C Vice-Com. Wm H Bowe
Katie-Wil' m'sburg YC Whitaker & Hunneroff
Lottie-Hudson River YC, John E Drew

CLASS II – CABIN SLOOPS 27 TO 32 FT
Crawford -Yonkers C.Y.C. Charles E Day
Julian - Columbia Y.C.C., J Nightingale
Bertha -Yonkers C.Y.C.

CLASS III – CABIN SLOOPS 27 AND UNDER
Vixen-Yonkers C.Y.C., George Ransom
Lurline-Columbia Y.C., H C Rosmond
Alice- Sing Sing Y.C., G Fisher Secor

CLASS IV – OPEN SLOOPS
P.J. Tomlin- Hudson River Y.C., J J McCarthy
Jas. T Corlett - Hudson River Y.C., Con. Roth.
May - Sing Sing Y.C., Andrew Tracy
Surprise - Sing Sing YC, W Haff
Lone Star - Hudson River Y.C., John Reis

CLASS V – CABIN CAT-RIG
Henry Grey – Columbia Y.C., George C Everett
Whitecap – Tappan Zee Y.C., W C France Jr.
Ella F – Yonkers C.Y.C., John Dixon
Daisy – Sing Sing Y.C., J H Carpenter

CLASS VI – OPEN CAT-RIG 27 & OVER
Madge – Sing Sing Y.C., Com. R Brandreth
Phoenix – Sing Sing Y.C., B R Kittridge
Nina – Yonkers C.Y.C., Com. A J Prime

CLASS VII – OPEN CAT-RIG 23 TO 27 FT
Aller – Sing Sing Y.C., P F Samstag
Alma – Tappan Zee Y.C., Halsey H Cheney
May F – Tappan Zee Y.C., J A Styles
Irene – Hudson River Y.C., C R Murray
Cora – Sing Sing Y.C., Rear Com. Benj. R Smith

CLASS VIII – OPEN CAT-RIG 20 TO 23 FT
Irex – Sing Sing Y.C., R M Haddock
Pauline B – Sing Sing Y.C., James Smith
Columbia – Sing Sing Y.C., I T Washburne, Jr.
Marguerite – Yonkers C.Y.C., A T Rose
Amy – Tappan Zee Y.C., E C Weeks
Lotta – Sing Sing Y.C., Washburne Bros.

CLASS IX – OPEN CAT-RIG TO 20 FT
Gauntlet – Tappan Zee Y.C., C R Mason Jones
Bon Ton – Hudson River Y.C., P Griffin
Ermine – Tappan Zee Y.C., C A Preston
Ella- Hudson River Y.C., Benjamin Wheeler
C H Miner – Columbia Y.C., D McGlynn.

Of these there were twenty-nine yachts representing the Columbia, Hudson River, Yonkers Corinthian, Tappan Zee and our local yachting organization, in the fleet which stood over the starting line promptly at eleven o'clock, bent on speeding down the river in the light southwest wind. Nearly all stood over toward Rockland on the first tack. The larger boats were bound to and around a

stake boat off Dobbs Ferry, making a distance of twenty miles, and the little fellows in the ninth class were to go twice around a triangular course turning a stake boat off Scarborough and one up the river near Croton Point, the inner mark being in front of the club house, distance ten miles.

All hands were intent on squeezing speed out of their respective craft, while the weather man was mixing up an assortment of weather in the vicinity of High Torr, and when he got ready he sent the first installment down in the shape of a nasty rain squall from the northwest. The fleet was then off Upper Nyack. The amateur mariners who had expected that the promise of a fair day would be fulfilled got their taste of what was to come. A little below this the wind came in sectional hurricanes from the southwest, accompanied by torrents of rain. Still the fleet carried all the sail they could stand, but luffing and standing by the peak halliards was in order. One puff came so hard that it whisked a big flag staff and colors off an excursion barge which was being towed up the river.

All this time the fleet kept on going, however. The Madge was virtually ahead being away over the eastward. The rest were fighting it out on the Nyack flats. The Corbett and Tomlin, the big open sloops from the Hudson River Yacht Club, were having it with each other, while Alice and the May F. were being handled for all they were worth by their respective crews, and were hunting in close company. From the long pier at Piermont the tussle of the racers with the wind and rain defies description. It was almost impossible to see them from the steamer Jenks, being out from view by the foggy sort of accompaniment to the rain, which came in sheets driven by the howling winds.

The leaders luffed around the stake boat in the following order: Corlett, 1:15:20; Madge, 1:15:22; Aller, 1:16:38; May F, 1:17:34; Mergus, 1:22:41; Nina 1:24:24. The Tomlin kept right on down the river after the Corlett rounded the mark, and the latter soon gave up the race and followed her. Many of the other boats by this time had either given up the race

and or were riding out the storm at anchor. There was some hail mixed in as a variation to the storm, and the drenched crews pretty nearly shivered their teeth out..

All interest for Sing Sing was knocked out of the race when it was seen that the Aller was under shortened sail when the murkiness lifted, and the May F was walking right alone under full sail. After a while the weather cleared. The winds subsided and the race developed into a drifting match. IT was eight o'clock and after when the Crawford, the last of the fleet to finish, drifted over the line, some of the boats having been towed home in the meanwhile.

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The Republican
2.20.1890

The Sing Sing Yacht Club Concert. It is never expected that an orthodox criticism is to be written upon the merits and demerits of a college glee club concert. The simplest announcement that an aggregation of students are going to lead their voices in a programme of songs and glees is sufficient to secure an audience who go with the expectation of listening to a merry rangle-jangle of melody, of grotesque and pathetic numbers, to be sure, sung with all the freshness and strength of youthful vocal organs. It was such an audience that greeted the Princeton College Glee and Banjo Clubs in their concert in Olive Opera House on Tuesday evening, under the auspices of the Sing Sing Yacht Club, and to make more particular mention of an audience, it can be asserted without egotism that the college boys have never faced an audience of more culture and refinement in all their travels, and they were highly pleased in the way they were received by such a large and fashionable assemblage, so much so, in fact that they made general mention of their reception in comparison with that of other places they have visited. Old Olive Opera House must have been delighted with itself on Tuesday night, despite its defects, the least of which is not the whistling gas jet in the circle that sheds light over the auditorium.

Perhaps it may be surmised from the tenor of the introduction that the concert needs some kind and sympathetic words said of it, such as are lavished upon affairs that do not reach the appreciation of popular criticism. In this instance, it is to be admitted that there was nothing serious to criticize. One of the first tenors was rather lofty in some of his flights, but that must be excused along with two or three others of the club who were entertaining colds. In summarizing the concert it must be set down as a treat, unique in its way, rendered by excellent talent, who sung in good voice and dashed off banjo and guitar music in a way that captured the audience *en masse*.

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The Republican
3.06.1890

Sing Sing Yacht Club Annual Meeting. The annual meeting of the Sing Sing Yacht Club was held in Judge Pierre Reynolds court room, No. 191 Main street on Monday evening. The elections of officers resulted in the following being chosen for the nominations presented: Commodore, Ralph Brandreth; Vice-Commodore, Benjamin R Smith; Secretary, Robert T Dennis; Treasurer, Joseph Thompson; Measurer Philip Samstag. Regatta Committee – B. Stuyvesant Gibson Chairman Pierre Reynolds and Charles S Gowen. House Committee – Joseph Thompson, Chairman Benjamin R Smith, Robert T Dennis, E S Pelham, Charles S Raymond. Committee on Admission – Dr. E B Sherwood, Chairman; W I Townsend, Edwin I Todd, Francis Larkin, Jr., and Joseph Thompson. Auditing Committee – Dr. E B Sherwood, Chairman; W I Townsend and S Olin Washburne. Representatives to New York Yacht Racing Association-Ralph Brandreth, Isaac B Noxon, Dr. E B Sherwood, Francis Larkin Jr., S Olin Washburne, B Stuyvesant Gibson, Gilbert M Todd, Edwin I Todd and Joseph Thompson.

Treasurer Thompson's semi-annual report showed the organization to be in a prosperous condition. The roster shows a membership of sixty-seven, of

which one is a life member, sixteen non active and fifty six active⁷.

Messrs. B. Frank Kipp, Dr. Brandreth Symonds, Fred Jenks, Fred Griffin, Frank Valentine and Charles H Sprong were elected to membership to signalize the annual meeting. The first two go on the non-active list, but the quartette are active members, and not particularly sad sea dogs at that.

The chatter among the yacht owners shows that the spirit of rivalry is only summering through this winter, and that the coming season will be lively on the waters of the Tappan Zee, for the jolly Corinthians are already scraping spars getting new rigs, or preparing surprises for one another.

Vice-Commodore Wm. W Washburne, B Stuyvesant Gibson and J Herbert Carpenter were appointed a committee to select a uniform for adoption by the club. It is not intended that it shall be compulsory for the members to purchase a uniform, but as the Sing Sing Yacht Club is quite noted in aquatic circles, it is thought that the securing of yachting toggerly will be beneficial in paralyzing the native when visiting foreign ports, especially as a Sing Sing flyer always captures a prize when away from home.

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The Republican
4.17.1890

Sing Sing Yacht Club Notes. The Columbia, owned by Isaac T Washburne, Jr. will be painted white this season.

--Fred Jenks has purchased the cat-rigged yacht Surprise of Messrs. Osborne & Haff

--The Irex, Roger Haddock, owner; and Orient, Augustus Osborne, will carry big rigs, each having been measured for new sails.

--The fourteen foot cat-rigged yacht Dove is the first boat of the fleet to go in commission. The little flyer came up from Pamrapo on Monday, and will be sailed by Charles H Sprong during the season.

--Col. Frank Brandreth's steam launch Buttercup will be put in commission in a day or two. She has been fitted with brass fittings throughout, and has a brass four bladed propeller instead of the former three-bladed wheel.

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The Republican
5.01.1890

Sing Sing Yacht Club Notes. The regular monthly meeting will be held in the club house on Monday evening next, at half-past eight o'clock.

--The Lotta, Messrs. Washburne Bros., is being thoroughly overhauled and will be put in commission in a few days.

--The club flag was formally broken out to the breezes this (Thursday) morning, and the Sing Sing Yacht Club is in commission for the season.

--James Smith has decided to dispose of the saucy twenty-two foot flyer, the Pauline B, as he cannot devote his time to sailing on the Tappan Zee as in days gone by.

--Commander J H Herbert Carpenter, of the Daisy, is an expert with a Kodak camera. A snap shot of the Daisy under sail and another at the club house showing Boatkeeper Peter Clausen in repose on the porch, finely finished and framed are examples of the ubiquitous amateur's skill that draw forth commendation.

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The Republican
5.08.1890

Sing Sing Yacht Club Notes. A special meeting will be held on Monday evening.

--Water is to be introduced into the clubhouse from the mains of the Sing Sing Water Works.

--The members of the Sing Sing Yacht Club have been invited to attend the annual "planked shad" celebration of the Jersey City Yacht Club, on Saturday next.

--Trustee Isaac B Noxon under a yachting cap resembles Captain Frederick Watkins, of the ocean greyhound, the City of Paris, and the latter is by no means homely.

--The Lotta, Messrs. Washburne Bros.; Orient, Augustus Osborne; and Cora, Rear Commodore Benj. R Smith, have

been launched and will be speedily put in commission.

--The Trustees of the club organized as a body on Monday evening, Commodore Ralph Brandreth was elected Chairman; Col. B Stuyvesant Gibson, Secretary; Joseph Thompson, Treasurer.

--The club regatta for the champion pennant will be held on Decoration Day and the fleet will probably rendezvous at Nyack in the afternoon and join the amateur tars of the Columbia and Yonkers Corinthian Yacht Clubs in a social time, and fresco the handsome village under the Hook Mountain a lurid red.

--The staunch little sloop yacht Viola, Captain Daily, of Norwalk, Conn., has been lying off the club house for several days, the owner spending his time between his yacht and the home of Rodney S Lockwood, on William street, and making the most of favorable breezes to cruise over the Tappan Zee. Charles Lockwood is the first officer and crew of the Viola, having accompanied the owner in his voyages.

--Measurer Philip Samstag came over from the home of the Aller with a big bunch of blushing roses on Monday evening, which were duly bestowed among the members who happened to hail him first. As that is the object of the organization, this same "get there first", the manly members didn't grumble, but are awaiting the time when the good natured Measurer comes over from Croton Point with another bunch.

--The Uniform Committee - Vice-commodore W W Washburne, Col. B Stuyvesant Gibson and J Herbert Carpenter - reported in favor of adopting a blue flannel suit, with a double breasted coat and appropriate buttons, and a yachting cap after the style of the New York Yacht Club, with the Sewanhaka Yacht Club trimmings, as a club uniform with the usual devices as designations of rank, and such will hereafter be the prescribed dress toggerly, their recommendations having been adopted.

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The Republican
5.10.1890

Sing Sing Yacht Club Notes. The Sing Sing Yacht Club on Monday evening

⁷ The membership numbers do not add to the total.

appointed a committee to investigate the circumstances in connection with the imbroglio over the Newburg regatta;

--Messrs John V Cockcroft, Lieut., J C Fremont, Jr., W N Searles, Jr., and Ralph Stay were on Monday evening elected members of the Sing Sing Yacht Club.

--Skipper Fred S Jenks is trying to dispose of his cat-rigged yacht Lizzie J, and it is presumed that not many sunsets will have taken place ere he will be at the helm of a larger craft.

--The Sing Sing Yacht Club anchorage has been the rendezvous of a number of cruisers during the past week who have been taking advantage of the Fourth of July holiday to sail up and down the river.

--Skipper Ralph Stray, of the cat-rigged yacht Flossie, with William Haff and Frank Valentine as able bodied seamen, sailed up the Hudson on Thursday last to enjoy the triple holiday. They reached home Monday having voyaged to Rondout.

-- Treasurer Thompson has presented the Sing Sing Yacht Club with a photograph of the club house, in a neat frame. The work was done by Photographer Pelham. Col. Franklin Brandreth's launch Buttercup is at the float, and "Gus" Osborne's Orient is seen with a broom at the mast head just to the leeward.

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The Republican
5.15.1890

Sing Sing Yacht Club Notes. A telephone will be introduced into the club house for the season.

-- Fred Jenks has re-christened the Surprise. The craft is now named the Lizzie J.

--A half score of candidates for membership will be balloted upon the June meeting.

--Skipper Charles H Sprong, William Haff, Ralph Stray and Frank Valentine voyaged to New Hamburg in the Dove, on Saturday and returned on Monday, making the first cruise of the season.

--Messrs. Townsend Young & Son, the clothiers and outfitters, have offered good inducements in the matter of furnishing uniforms, and it is an unwritten by-law of the organization

that the prescribed yachting toggery shall be secured of that firm.

--Vice-Commodore Washburne and Col. B S Gibson have reported in favor of inviting the Columbia, Yonkers Corinthian and Tappan Zee Yacht Clubs rendezvousing at the local anchorage on Memorial Day, and making a big marine display for Sing Sing.

--The sloop yacht Daisy, of Norwalk Conn., started for its home port on Monday morning, after a fortnight of cruising on the Hudson, with Sing Sing as its temporary anchorage. Captain Dale was accompanied by Charles Lockwood, of this village, who developed into a first class jolly amateur tar.

--The Regatta Committee of the Newburgh Canoe and Boating Association, composed of Harry A Waring, P.C. Hall and Recorder Waring, have decided to hold a regatta on June 21, over the club course off the club house. The cat-rigged yachts of the Hudson River will be invited to sail for a silver cup. Here is a chance for a Sing Sing clipper to scoop up a mug.

--The May number of the *American Yachtsman* magazine devoted exclusively to yachting, boating and canoeing, which is published by the Yachtsman Publishing Company, No. 756 Broadway, New York, has quite a batch of local yachting gossip contributed by Secretary Robert T Dennis. The current number of the *Yachtsman* contains two handsome tint engravings, of the schooners Grayling and Sea Fox, and is filled with an interesting story of yachting news, gossip, statistics and fixtures.

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The Republican
5.22.1890

Sing Sing Yacht Club Notes. The seventh annual spring regatta of the Harlem Yacht Club will take place on Memorial Day.

--The Madge, Commodore Ralph Brandreth's flagship, will spread her big mainsail on a new gaff and boom.

--Robert M Haddock sailed the Irex to Newburgh, on Thursday last, to be measured for a big mainsail by Irwin.

--G Fisher Secor's sloop yacht Alice has been spun out with an overhanging

stern, which makes her look smarter than ever. Rial Peterson did the work.

--The Ruston boat owners are talking race. Messrs. Joseph Thompson, William B Stewart, James Bedell and Louis F Washburne are the possessors of these handy crafts.

--Hon. George A Brandreth and Francis Larkin Jr. are the owners of a twenty-one foot open sloop yacht named the Sybil, which will soon be in commission on the waters of the Tappan Zee.

--The twenty-first annual regatta of the Pavonia Yacht club, of Jersey City, will be sailed on Monday, June 16th. The clubs composing the New York Yacht Racing Association will participate, and Sing Sing should be represented

--The Orient, manned by Augustus Osborne, her owner, and Skipper Charles H Sprong, started for Poughkeepsie on Monday, it being intended to drop into Newburgh on the way up and have Sailmaker Irwin attend to her racing canvas.

--The Hudson River Yacht Club will hold their eighteenth annual regatta on June 9th. The Yonkers Corinthian Yacht Club have fixed upon June 21, as the date of their annual event. The Columbia Yacht Club will hold their annual regatta on June 19th.

--Charles F Webber, of Tarrytown will sail a twenty-eight foot open sloop this season with the Sing Sing Yacht Club burgee at the peak. The craft is named the Davidson, and is said to be a flyer. Benjamin R Kittridge, of Peekskill, has a twenty-four foot cat-rigged yacht that will undoubtedly be moored off the club house ere long, and she is quoted as being somewhat of a hustler.

--The schooner yacht Water Witch, James T Blandford's latest acquisition, arrive from Boston on Wednesday morning. The craft formerly belonged to Jeremiah Thomas, of Peabody Mass., and is a staunch clipper of eighty-eight feet over all; eighty-one feet water line, and twenty-two feet beam. She has a commodious cabin and six handsome staterooms, her fittings being in bird's eye maple and mahogany. Captain Eaton E Ferrin and crew, of Beverly, Mass., sailed the vessel around. Pilot Norman Minnerly is now in command in the capacity of boat keeper.

--The Yonkers Corinthian Yacht Club have arranged to make Memorial Day

their opening day. Most of the fleet will sail to Fort Lee where the crews will dine with yachtsmen from the various clubs of the New York Yacht Racing Association. In the evening the Corinthian will have a members' reception. On Saturday evening they will have a clam chowder stag racket. The members of the Sing Sing Yacht Club have been invited to be present at the dinner on Memorial Day, and to attend the reception in the evening accompanied by their lady friends. Those who anticipate attending the dinner at the Fort Lee Hotel are requested to inform the proprietor. The banquet will be held at one o'clock.

--Vice Commodore Wm. W Washburne gave a "May Party" on board the Lotta on Wednesday. The following rambumptious complement sat on the windward rail when the able little vessel struck her nose in the big billows on a voyage to Haverstraw: Supervisor Gilbert M Todd, A L Babcock, H C Westlake, Counselor Alonzo Draper, W I Townsend, T Henry Calam, William C Kipp, Treasurer Joseph Thompson and Secretary Robert T Dennis. The ascent of Mount Torr was the object of the wild day over the waves to the land where they make bricks. The voyagers reached the summit in one hour's time after striking the other shore. That was clambering extraordinary. The view from the topmost pinnacle was unusually grand, the day being clear and the air bracing. The country was magnificent in its new spring dress, the verdure being as fresh looking as a new coat of green paint on a pair of light trousers.

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The Republican
5.24.1890

Sing Sing Yacht Club Notes. E S Pelham's Seola is nearly ready to court the breezes, blow high or blow low.

--The cats Mystery, Irving Haff, and Dove, Charles H Sprong, are in commission.

--Commodore Ralph Brandreth's flagship, the Madge, is about to be put in commission.

--Treasurer Joseph Thompson and members William B Stewart and James Bedell have purchased St. Lawrence and Rushton boats.

--Dr. Brandreth Symonds will sail the training ship Cucurbita, alias the Pumpkin Seed, this season, and is duly expected to order a clipper in the natural course of events.

-- The big cat-rigged flyer Alma, of the Tappan Zee Yacht Club, scooted over and saluted the Sing Sing Yacht Club, on Sunday, and then squared away for home, claiming the distinction of being the first yacht to greet our local Corinthians this season.

--The New York Yacht Racing Association held a meeting at O'Neals, in New York, on Friday evening. Commodore A J Prime presided. Secretary Parkill reported that the iron steamboat Cygnus had been chartered for the annual regatta on Sept 1. Treasurer McMurray reported a handsome balance in the treasury. The date of the annual cruise was fixed for July 28. The yachts will rendezvous off the Harlem Yacht Club house at College Point on July 26 and report to the fleet captain. On July 28 the fleet will sail to Oyster Bay, on July 29 to Roton Point, on July 30 to Black Rock, on July 31 to Lloyds Harbor, on August 1 to Indian Harbor, on August 2 to Sea Cliff, where the fleet will disband.

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The Republican
5.29.1890

Sing Sing Yacht Club Pennant Regatta. The third annual pennant regatta of the Sing Sing Yacht Club will be held on Memorial Day. The start will be made at half-past ten o'clock, sharp. The course will be a triangular one, to be sailed over twice, making a distance of ten miles. The start and finish will be over an imaginary line from in front of the club house. The champion pennant will be awarded to the boat making the fastest time over the course. A prize will be awarded in each class, the pennant winner being barred. The time allowance will be one minute to the foot. The Regatta Committee - Col. B Stuyvesant Gibson, Judge Pierre Reynolds and Charles S Gowen - have received the following entries, which will probably be swelled by the entrance of boats in the other classes:

CLASS I - OPEN CAT-RIGGED		
NAME	OWNER	FT. IN.
Madge	Ralph Brandreth	28 00 ½
Aller	Philip Samstag	25 09 ½
Cora	Benjamin R Smith	23 09

CLASS II - OPEN CAT-RIGGED		
Irex	Roger H Haddock	22 07 ½
Pauline B	James M Smith	22 06 ¾
Columbia	I T Washburne, Jr.	22 06
Orient	Augustus Osborne	22 02
Lotta	Washburne Bros.	21 04 ¾

CLASS III - OPEN CAT-BOATS		
Lizzie J	Fred Jenks	18 07
Mystery	Irving Haff	18 03
Seola	E S Pelham	15 09 ½
Dove	Charles H Sprong	14 00

The boats have undergone a vigorous application of potlead, and are as slippery as a vagrant banana peel awaiting a victim. The fight will undoubtedly be the most exciting among the boats of Class II. There are a number of old scores to be settled in this class. Each of the respective skippers expects his favorite to win and everything has been slicked and tuned up with that intention. Barring the Lotta, the entries of this class are the peers of anything of their inches afloat. They cannot find rivals in other organizations and have to be contented with fighting it out among themselves.

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The Republican
6.5.1890

The Aller Captures the Pennant. The breezes were stingy on Memorial Day. There was not enough wind on the waters of the Tappan Zee to send the seven yachts of the Sing Sing Yacht Club, which were entered for the third annual pennant regatta of the club, around the ten mile triangular course within the three hours' time limit. After making a pretty fizzle, as it were, the race was postponed until Tuesday afternoon. The Orient was in the van when the race was called off.

On Tuesday afternoon, however, a lost breeze came out of the south and worked around to the southeast, then it settled down and was very steady from the time the race was started until the finish sometimes piping up right smart in its invigorating freshness. All in all, it was an A1 day. The amateur tars gave an extra hitch to their trousers and

looked more nautical than ever, as it was an opportunity that would be likely to show the mettle in their favorite clippers. The spectacle was witnessed by a merry party on the staunch steamer Wave, and a staid business crowd with a day off on Col. Franklin Brandreth's steam launch Buttercup.

The race was a rattling contest. All sorts of nautical jockeying was resorted to in order to pinch speed out of the boats. It was a race where headwork and active sandbag exercise told. The seven smart boats kept in close company and were not over three cable's length apart at any time. The result was that Measurer Phillip Samstag's big cat-rigged yacht Aller captured the pennant for the third successive season, covering the course in 1:48:16, beating Commodore Ralph Brandreth's Madge by one minute and nine seconds, actual time. I T Washburne, Jr.'s Columbia went over the course in 1:51:22, winning the prize in the second class cat-rigged yachts from Roger M Haddock's Irex, by forty seconds actual time. The Columbia was admirably handled by that foxy racing skipper, Jared Raymond. The Irex beat Augustus Osborne's Orient by three minutes and twenty-eight seconds. The Orient had to beg some in the rough waters of the channel, as her mast did not appear to be stiff enough for her big spread of canvas. The big open sloop Sibyl, owned by Hon. George A Brandreth and Francis Larkin Jr. had the smart little cabin sloop Alice, owned by G Fisher Secor, as her ostensible rival, but the latter withdrew after the first leg of the triangle had been made. The Sibyl and Madge had a tussle with each other, which was a pretty race in itself. The Madge only beat her rival by two minutes and two seconds, actual time. The Sibyl did remarkable work to the windward for a boat of sloop rig. In pointing she often laid up nearly as close to the wind as the cat-rigged flyers. She did so well it is safe to say that no owner of a crack cat-rigged yacht wants to race her, boat against boat, when the breezes come strong and steady, and the waves are running high.

The prizes were marine glasses to the Madge and Columbia, the prize pennant

being awarded to the Aller, and a barometer to the Sibyl. The Judges were the Regatta Committee, Col. B Stuyvesant Gibson, Judge Pierre Reynolds and Chas. S Gowen.

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The Republican

7.03.1890

Sing Sing Yacht Club Notes. Commodore A J Prime, of the Yonkers Corinthian Yacht Club, with a party aboard his schooner yacht Edith, dropped in at the club anchorage on Saturday evening. The sloop yacht Crawford, Captain Charles E Day, of the same club, was in company with the Edith

--Francis Larkin Jr. has sold his fine canoe "Oneko" to Wm. Henry Rowe, who formerly owned the craft and sold it to Mr. Larking some two years ago. By the terms of the sale Mr. Larkin is once more the owner of the canoe "Gypsy"

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The Republican

7.17.1890

Sing Sing Yacht Club Notes. Col. B Stuyvesant Gibson represented the Sing Sing Yacht Club at the meeting of the New York Yacht Racing Association at O'Neill's in New York City, on Friday evening last.

--Skipper Walter Partridge, accompanied by three youthful companions, are cruising up the Hudson in a cabin cat. They were above the town of Hudson on Wednesday bound for Albany.

--Clinton Talcott, of Croton Landing, is building a thirty-foot steam launch for his own use, which he expects to have in the water next season, he having also undertaken to build the engine and other machinery himself.

--The Pavonia Yacht Club of Jersey City, has extended an invitation to the members of the Sing Sing Yacht Club to avail themselves of the comforts of their commodious new club house, at Atlantic Highlands, Sandy Hook Bay, whenever they are in that vicinity. The house will be formally opened on Saturday next.

--The float has been made more buoyant by placing ten kerosene barrels under it. Rear-Commodore Benjamin R Smith

and Treasurer Joseph Thompson accomplished the feat, which was quite a source of speculation to the unscientific members. Several of these were so sanguine that a barrel could not be persuaded to go under the float that they came down bright and early on Monday morning expecting to see the Rear-Commodore and Treasurer lassoing barrels like cowboys and then trying to punch them under the float, much after the fashion that fractious cattle are run on board of cars. But they reckoned without foundation. The manner of doing the work was quite as easy as rolling off a string piece. The barrels were filled with water and then submerged and placed in position in a rack, after which they were pumped out and the bung driven in making them veritable air tanks.

--Canoeist Mailer Searles, of the Sing Sing Yacht Club came on board of the big canoe Ko Ko Ko Ho, which was the reporter's boat at the regatta of the Yonkers Canoe Club, at Glenwood, on Saturday, with a big paper box punched full of air holes, tucked under his leeward arm. In due time he produced a pretty young carrier pigeon from out of the box and announced that he was going to liberate it and allow it to fly home to the loft of its owner, W A Kiegans, of Elizabeth NJ. After a reporter had snapped his camera at the bird, as it had been named Ko Ko Ko Ho, for it had been previously unchristened being a young bird, it was allowed to take its wings. The intelligent bird circled around a moment or two to get its bearings and then started off to the southward, bound on an aerial journey, which the heavy wind perhaps made a flight of forty miles, as the bird could not fly against the strength of the breeze direct, but had to sag off some like a yacht going to the windward.

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The Republican

7.24.1890

Sing Sing Yacht Club Notes. The Pauline B. owned by James R Smith, is having her rig enlarged.

--The Irex, Roger M Haddock's boat, returned from her up the river expedition on Friday.

--The Orient, with Hiram Osborne, Augustus R Osborne and William Haff on board, is cruising up the river.

--Commodore Ralph Brandreth and Col. Franklin Brandreth caught some bouncing big weakfish on Monday morning.

--The annual regatta of the Tappan Zee Yacht Club, of Grand View, below Nyack will take place on Saturday, August 9th.

--Rear-Commodore Benjamin R Smith's yacht Cora is on a fishing excursion down at Staten Island with George Smith in command.

--Charles H Sprong, erstwhile of the yacht Dove, was around town on Friday and was off again on Saturday, bound on a voyage to Sandy Hook.

--the ceiling and side walls of the meeting room are being artistically paneled in narrow pine by builder John Smith. The funds for this improvement were guaranteed by subscription.

--G Fisher Secor and William Carpenter are cruising around New York Bay in the former's sloop yacht, Alice. They are accompanied by Thomas Roberts, who is acting in the capacity of an able bodied seaman.

--The New York Yacht Racing Association's annual cruise will take place on July 28. Yachts will rendezvous off the Harlem Yacht Club House, College Point, Long Island, on Saturday afternoon, July 26, report to the fleet captain and remain at anchor over Sunday, and sail as follows: Monday July 28 to Oyster Bay; Tuesday July 29 to Roton Point, Norwalk Islands; Wednesday July 30 to Black Rock; Thursday July 31 to Lloyd's Harbor; Friday Aug 1 to Indian Harbor; Saturday Aug 2, to Sea Cliff and disband.

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The Republican
8.14.1890

Sing Sing Yacht Club Notes. W Clinton Mead has present the club with two pretty marine scenes, handsomely framed in oak.

--The Pauline B., James R Smith's boat, is at Newburgh, having her racing canvas altered to fit snug.

--Harry E Belcher of Garrisons, and Benjamin Jenks, of this village, are the latest members on the roster.

--Painter Beattys is putting a new coat of paint on the club house. It is to be colored in buff with bottle green trimmings.

--Messers. W A Wheeler, C T Smith and W A Troop, of the Mohican Canoe Club of Albany arrived at the club house last evening. They are on their way to the meet of the American Canoe Association now in progress at Peconic Bay, L.I.

--A race open to any cat-rigged yacht in the United Sates, under twenty-three feet in length, is being talked up. It will probably take pace about the middle of September, and be sailed so that Sing Sing can see it. Money enough has been guaranteed to secure valuable prizes, and the event is already causing a ripple in yachting circles.

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The Republican
8.21.1890

Sing Sing Yacht Club Notes. The Pauline B will probably sail in the regatta of the Bayswater Yacht Club, in Jamaica Bay, on Saturday.

--Col. Franklin Brandreth's steam launch Buttercup is on Smith's ways at Nyack, being smoothed up and repainted.

--Francis Larkin Jr. was on Monday evening elected to the office of Vice Commodore, in the place of William Washburne, deceased.

--Fred S Jenks has got his yacht Oneita slicked up neat. He had all of the last week to devoted to performing this as her sails were in New York being altered to fit, so that's the reason the trim craft got a few more affectionate touches.

--Treasurer Joseph Thompson, Secretary Robert T Dennis and Trustee E B Sherwood were in attendance at the meeting of the New York Yacht Racing Association on Friday evening, when the latter was elected a member of the Executive Committee in place of Vice-Commodore William W Washburne, deceased.

--A special race open to all cat-rigged yachts between twenty and twenty-three feet in length will be held in the early part of September. All boats under twenty-two feet will be rated as twenty-two foot boats. It is expected that this contest will bring together quite a fleet

of cracks as valuable prizes have been guaranteed.

--The second grand union regatta of the New York Yacht Racing Association will be sailed in New York Bay, on Labor Day, Monday September 1st. The Madge, Aller, Pauline B, Orient, Oneita and Columbia of the Sing Sing Yacht Club will compete with the yachts of the sixteen other clubs in the organization, and a large party is going down to see them sail. The iron steamboat Cygnus will accompany the yachts over the course, leaving Pier No. 1, North River, at half-past two o'clock in the morning. There will be music and refreshments onboard. Tickets, fifty cents each, may be obtained of Secretary Dennis, or Treasurer Thompson, of the Sing Sing Yacht Club.

--"Who Won?" Captain James C Summers' official yachting record for 1890 has been added to the library. It is a complete pocket register, giving the names of all the winning yachts for 1889, and a chronology of yachting events, names, owners, dimensions, builders, and other information about 3,608 American yachts, alphabetically classified; colored plates of 1,383 private signals, 161 club flags; naval flags, code and weather signals; tide and time allowance tables; charts of New York and Boston Harbors and Long Island Sound, and much other valuable information in concise form. Captain Summers is the yachtsman of the New York *Sun*, and all of his work on his handy little volume has been compiled without interfering with his routine duties.

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The Republican
8.28.1890

Sing Sing Yacht Club Notes. Col. Franklin Brandreth's steam launch Buttercup has come off of Smith's ways at Nyack, thoroughly overhauled and painted.

--The Pauline B, with her owner, Jas. R Smith, and fisherman Johnny Aitchison on board, has been down to Seabright during the past few days on a fishing excursion.

--The fall regatta of the Columbia Yacht Club will be held on Thursday, September 18th, and will be open to the

yachts of the clubs constituting the New York Yacht Racing Association.

--The yacht Louise, of the Albany Yacht Club, dropped in at the club anchorage on Friday. The little craft was manned by Captain George DuBois and three sons, R H, E J and George DuBois.

--Samuel V Lane has brought his trim little twenty-foot cat-rigged yacht Just So around from Pelham. The jaunty craft is as spic and span a vessel as can be found afloat, besides being a staunch and able boat for her inches.

--Skipper Styles of the Tappan Zee Yacht Club, steamed into the float on Sunday in a big steam launch, of staunch and handsome construction. It is named Yale, and was built by Messrs. Copeland & Styles for the Yale College Navy, to be used as a coaching boat.

--The current number of *Harpers Young People* contains a timely and well written article in yachting etiquette, which is well worthy of perusal by the many who accept invitations to sail upon a friend's craft, while some yacht owners might read it with benefit and be more acquainted with the courtesy necessary on such occasions.

--There was quite a large bevy of ladies at the club house on Wednesday, which is set aside as Ladies' Day. There was one disappointment to the fair visitors and that was because the piazza is shut off from use, as a new coat of paint has not thoroughly set as yet. This disappointment was quite allayed by inspecting the cosy quarters and taken in the grand views to be seen from the observation windows.

--The storm of Tuesday night nearly swamped the boats of the fleet, the rain filling the standing room in most of the yachts moored at the anchorage. Boatkeeper Peter Clausen had a long spell of pumping them out and airing sails on Wednesday morning, but fortunately all the boats were safe and sound to need such attention. A boat belonging to Switchman Murphy at Crawbuckey Beach broke from her moorings and was buffeted about until it was driven ashore near the Upper Dock, where it found an easy resting place, and escaped serious damage.

--Treasurer Thompson, Secretary Dennis, William and John Haff and Fred S Jenks had a wild sail on Friday night. They went to Peekskill in the latter's

yacht Oneita in the afternoon and got becalmed on the voyage home. The boat was drifting through Haverstraw Bay when the thunderous squall of that night started out on business, and struck the boat with all its fury. Between the wind and rain, and the blackness of the night they had a pretty adventurous time ere they reached the anchorage. The sail in from the Point was made under bare poles.

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The Republican
9.10.1910

Twenty Years Ago. The Sing Sing Yacht Club held its semi-annual meeting. During six months twenty-six members were elected, making a total membership of eighty-three. The club was arranging for a special race of twenty-foot catboats. Entries were received from all the clubs in the New York Yacht Racing Association..

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The Republican
9.18.1890

Sing Sing Yacht Club Notes. A special meeting will be held on Friday evening, September 19th, at half-past eight o'clock, for the purpose of transacting important business.

--Roger M Haddock's Irex is at Smith's yard, at Nyack, being overhauled. The owner has forsworn potlead and the boat will come back arrayed in white.

--The Pauline B and Orient are entered in the Columbia Yacht Club Regatta, which takes place to-day (Thursday). The course is from Eighty-Sixth street, New York, to Yonkers and return.

--The Albany Yacht Club has extended an invitation to the Sing Sing Yacht Club to be present at their Fall regatta, to be held on Saturday, September 27th. It is probable that the Oneita, owned by Fred S Jenks, will enter the lists in cruising rig, as the owner and a couple of companions are contemplating a voyage to the head of navigation.

-The dinghy, which formerly belonged to the Lotta, Messrs. Washburne Bros, disappeared from its stake a few nights ago, and it is supposed that somebody took possession of the stubby little tender. The boat is eight feet long, with a broad stern, without a skag [skeg], and was painted white. The wearing streak

was bound with rubber. A liberal reward will be given for its return.

--Col. Franklin Brandreth has become infatuated with the electric light fishing scheme. He has perfected it and got it down to scientific principles. A thirty-two candle power light is now submerged off the club house float of a night and the sport goes on with a zest born of the novelty of the idea. The bulb in which the light burns is protected by a heavy glass globe and the current is conveyed underneath the water by the regulation wire covered with a heavy rubber insulator. The fish flock around the light in all their inquisitiveness, and are lured out of the water in surprising numbers. Col. Brandreth captured forty fine big perch on Monday evening in a little less than an hour's angling, beside a lot of small fry that were returned to the waters again to be caught some more, if they were not satisfied with their investigation.

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The Republican
9.25.1890

Sing Sing Yacht Club Notes. The Pauline B, James R Smith's slippery cat-rigged yacht, represented the Sing Sing Yacht Club, in the fall regatta of the Columbia Yacht Club, on Thursday last. There was no boat of her inches to compete with so the saucy craft was sailed over the twenty-mile course, between Eighty-Sixth street, New York, to Yonkers and return, just to see what she could do. Skipper Jared Raymond was at the stick and the imperturbable "Tom" Roberts at the sheet, and a brawny crew of sand bag slingers on board, so the little craft was driven right through, a stiff and puffy northwest wind prevailing. Her actual time over the course was 2:58:56, and her corrected time 1:49:04, fully as good as beating the twenty-two boats that started for they were all big sloops for the most that sailed, and only two of these surpassed her actual time. In consideration of having entered and made such a showing the Regatta Committee of the Columbia Yacht Club waived the clause relating to awarding a prize to a yacht without a competitor in her class, and handed over a handsome gold anchor, with the Columbia's colors

under a crystal on the shank, the design being pendent from an inscription bar intended to be worn as a medal. Charles S Raymond will hereafter wear the prize in consideration of this devotedness to the craft.

--The yacht Oneita reached Albany on Wednesday. Her owner, Fred S Jenks, Captain William Haff and Robert T Dennis are now on board. The Oneita will sail in the Albany Yacht Club regatta on Saturday. The yacht Orient, owned by Augustus R Osborne, started for Albany on Wednesday evening, manned by Irving Haff and Frank Valentine.

--Commodore A J Prime, of the Yonkers Corinthian Yacht Club, President of the New York Yacht Racing Association spent a couple of hours at the club house on Sunday, while waiting for the tide to turn and carry the schooner Edith to Yonkers, the comfortable craft having been on a couple of day's voyage up the Hudson.

--Col. Franklin Brandreth has presented four colored lithographs to the club. They are handsomely framed in oak, and are hung in the panels over the windows. They are entitled, "Sunset at Robbins Reef," "The Early Racers," "Ice Boating on the Hudson," and a plate of the American Steam Yacht Club colors.

--a trio of Haverstraw yachtsmen visited the Sing Sing Yacht Club on Monday. They were very much interested in what they saw and heard as they were seeking information preparatory to organizing a club at Haverstraw.

--A special meeting of the organization will be held on Friday evening, September 26th, for the transaction of important business.

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The Republican
10.02.1890

The Albany Yacht Club Regatta. The Sing Sing Yacht Club burgee fluttered proudly in the western wind that predominated on the waters of the Hudson at Albany, on Sunday. This particular burgee was on the peak of the big racing mainsail of the cat-rigged yacht Orient, August R Osborne's slippery twenty-two footer. It took the trim little boat two hours and thirty-nine minutes to go over a thirteen mile

course, six and a half miles to the leeward and return, and defeat sixteen other clippers representing the Albany Yacht Club, the Shenandoah and Troy Yacht Clubs, of that city, and the Catskill Yacht Club. It was the open fall regatta of the Albany Yacht Club, and it was a regulation day such as our local Corinthians are used to. The skies threatened rain. It came just as the Orient finished in company of the judges' boat.

The story of the race is soon told as far as Sing Sing is concerned. The Orient slipped over the line first. She was in the van throughout the race. All the rest of the cat-rigged yachts carried big spinnakers, there being no restrictions as to sails. This did not bother the jaunty Orient, however. The only boat to annoy her was the eighteen foot yacht Defiance, of the Albany Yacht Club. She reminded one of a mosquito, until the Orient began the windward work. It was then that the Orient scooted up the river like a race horse. She walked through the fleet of big sloops and little cats that had not yet turned the lower mark, when she trimmed in for home, like breaking sticks. When the ruck were hacking away to and fro across the water, she was standing up the narrow river, making long boards that surprised everybody. Steamboats, tugs and launches tooted, and the natives cheered her as her crew worked her along. Skipper Augustus R Osborne was at the stick. Irving Haff was tending sheet, and William Haff, Frank Valentine and W N Searles Jr, were juggling sand bags. The breeze was fresh and treacherous, but her sturdy complement kept her right side up with care. The result was that she beat the celebrated open-sloop yacht Artful Dodger, of the Catskill Yacht Club, by twenty minutes actual time, the latter boat being defeated by the little Defiance, of the Albany Yacht Club by time allowance.

The yacht Oneita, of the Sing Sing Yacht Club, was on hand, but as she was in cruising trim, she did not enter. Her owner, Fred S Jenks, George Hotaling and Robert T Dennis witnessed the race from the judges' boat, the latter being one of the judges in company with

O F Quayle and W W Grey, of the Albany Yacht Club.

The Orient was awarded a handsome silver cup as a token of victory. The prize is on exhibition in the window of Jeweler James. It was given by Commodore Sanders of the Albany Yacht Club. W N Searles Jr had to make a speech before the Albanians would let the prize go. He did it gracefully, and Sing Sing was cheered to the echo. The Albany yachtsmen are a jolly set, who did everything to make it agreeable for their guests. The Orient and Oneita made fast to a big tow an hour or so after the race, arriving home on Monday morning in the bright light.

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The Republican
10.25.1890

Sing Sing Yacht Club Notes. Fred S Jenks and William Haff sailed the former's yacht Oneita to Pamrapo, N J on Monday, where it will undergo some improvement by Builder McGeighan during the winter.

--Rear Commodore Benjamin R Smith has sold his cat-rigged yacht Cora to William Truesdell, who is having her fitted out preparatory to sending her to Broad River, North Carolina, where she will find an anchorage at the plantation of her owner. The boat is being altered somewhat in anticipation of the voyage. A commodious cabin is being built, and her sail area diminished so that her crew can withstand all winds and weather, making the staunch vessel a comfortable cruiser.

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The Republican
12.04.1890

A Jolly Time at the Yacht Club. There was an extra glow on the big globe of the Modoc stove in the spare room of the Sing Sing Yacht Club, on Monday night. This was produced through the forethought of Boatkeeper William Wescott, for he knew that the brisk, frisky weather of the first day of winter was even a little too energetic for the sturdiest yachtsman to endure, without the comfort given out by a rollicking burning of coal. But perhaps this is proceeding in advance of the preliminary why and wherefores of all

this precaution upon the part of Boatkeeper Wescott. In order to start without a handicap, in nautical parlance, it must be recorded in this log book of the evening, as it were that there was something unusual to transpire. This was nothing more than the demolition of one of Caterer Crosier's spreads, after the business meeting of the evening. Vice-Commodore Francis Larking Jr piped a big complement of members down stairs, when Crosier gave the word, and they soon wrought enough havoc to the viands upon the banquet board to show the sailing caterer that his efforts were very highly appreciated.

After the members had paid their shot, for it was sort of a subscription affair, there was a scramble for the meeting room over-head. The causing of this haste was quite apparent when everything got in sailing trim. The older members tucked themselves in convenient corners, and for the most part, burned a cigar or two and spent a good deal of time in trying to keep out of the way of the more youthful members. This state of affairs came about through the efforts of Vice-Commodore Larkin. It was not long before he had all the brawny and wiry youths like William Haff, Irving Haff, Frank Valentine, Fred S Jenks, Charles H Sprong, Ralph Stray, Fred S Griffin, Augustus R Osborn and several others trying all sorts of indoor athletics. It was rather a surprise to all hands to find out what the boys could do. Indeed, the result of the exhibition of strength and skill has aroused the spirit of athletic exercise and has started the idea of holding similar meetings during the winter season, when even such a tempting lurement as a supper is not forthcoming. There is a disposition to organize a four or eight oared crew to wrest the supremacy from some of the rowing organizations next season. The meeting of Monday night showed that brawn and muscle is not wanting, gainsaying anything about the intelligent handling of the material, for there is a good stock of brains among the prospective candidates who are likely to pull an oar.

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The Republican
12.25.1890

The Yacht Club Shooting Gallery. The members of the Sing Sing Yacht Club managed to make things lively in the spar room of the club house of an evening lately through the aid of a shooting gallery they have established to break up the monotony of time between seasons. A pool target, counting thirteen for a centre is shot at over a range of fifty feet. At this distance most of the marksmen can make a very creditable score, when it is taken into consideration that the center is hardly as large as a half a dollar. In the team shoot on Thursday evening last the following are the names and scores of Team No. 1: Washburne, 36; I Haff, 30; Valentine, 33; Jenks, 35 – Total 134. Team No. 2 shot and scored as follows: Dennis, 36; Thompson 22; Pelham 35; Ostendorfer, 35— Total 128. The Referee was Boatkeeper William Westcott and the Scorer Thomas Roberts. The same marksman named made an average of thirty-three points out of a possible thirty-nine during the course of the evening, the best shooting being done by Pelham who scored thirty-eight.

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The Democratic Register
6.06.1891

The Pauline B Won. There were only three entries for the pennant regatta of the Sing Sing Yacht Club on Memorial Day. They were the Pauline B, owned by Messrs. Raymond and Smith; the Orient, owned by Augustus R Osborne; and the Oneita, owned by Fred S Jenks. The start was given at about 11:30, at the clubhouse of the Sing Sing Yacht Club, to which they all belong. This pennant regatta is confined to the 22-foot class of cat-rigged yachts. The course is about 12 miles in length, in the shape of a triangle, and had to be sailed over twice.

The Pauline B, won by going over the course in 2h. 56m. 12s. actual time, beating the Orient by 3m. 5s. corrected time. The Oneita was thrown out of the race by the twisting of her new hollow spar nearly out while beating to windward in the stiff southwest wind. The others met with no accidents. The

prize was the champion pennant, which is open for challenge next memorial day, but she won absolutely a pretty silk club flag with the date "1891" upon it. The race was witnessed by quite a number of guests from the clubhouse balcony.

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The Democratic Register
7.04.1891

Yachting Notes. Measurer William E Haff has purchase a midget boiler and engine and is now altering a sixteen-foot row boat into a natty looking launch.

--Commodore Ralph Brandreth's Madge, the Pauline B, and Oneita will sail in the regatta of the Newburgh Canoe and Boating Association on Saturday.

--Augustus R Osborne's Orient will probably be the only yacht of the fleet to represent the Sing Sing Yacht Club in the cruise of the New York Yacht Racing Association, which begins on the Fourth of July.

--Messrs. Raymond & Smith's Pauline B has been re-painted. The cock-pit combing is in imitation of cherry, and the deck laid in straw color. This with a well rubbed coat of pot-lead makes the smart twenty-foot clipper look very chipper.

--The Oneita, Fred S Jenks' natty skimmer, has received her new hollow spar, and big sail by Sawyer, and her friends anticipate seeing her trot around the course at Newburgh on Saturday in brisk style. The Oneita has also been undergoing a painting, her upsides now being green.

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The Democratic Register
7.11.1891

Annual Open Regatta. The annual open regatta of the Sing Sing Yacht Club was sailed over a twenty-mile course in the Tappan Zee last Saturday. The wind was from the westward and alternated between a brisk breeze and tantalizing calms. Commodore Ralph Brandreth's sloop yacht Madge won the prize in her class, covering the course in 4:46:43. John Dickerson's cabin catboat Ella F, of the Yonkers Yacht Club, won in her class by going the distance in 4:34:43. In the open cat-rigged class the Pauline B, owned by

Raymond and Smith, won in walkover style. She went around the triangle in 3:29:47, beating her nearest rival by 48 minutes and winning the special prize.

In the large open cat class the Mary Alice, owned by H H Tallcot, of Croton-on-Hudson, was defeated by the Marguerite, owned by James Peterson, by 2 minutes 10 seconds, covering the course in 4:05:23

The members and guests of the club were conveyed over the course, closely following the racers, by the little steam yacht Marion of Tarrytown.

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The Democratic Register
8.01.1891

Oarsmen on a Tour. An eight-oared barge of the Varuna Boat Club, of Brooklyn, arrived here last Sunday en route for Poughkeepsie and other points north, and were hospitably entertained at the Sing Sing Yacht Club's house. They took their departure on Monday. The crew consisted of William A Merrick, Chas. A Yates, Charles Kassenbrock, R H Hamilton, William A Fischer, James A Gaynor, O E Payntor, Charles H Glass, C H Kivlin, T J Martin, S J Hosford, and Thomas F Grove.

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The Democratic Register
9.19.1891

Pauline B Again a Winner. Our famous little catboat, Pauline B, belonging to the fleet of the Sing Sing Yacht Club, was one of the participants in the regatta of the Yonkers Corinthian Yacht Club, last Saturday afternoon. There were also representatives from the Columbia and Hudson River Yacht Clubs. The fastest yachts in all the clubs were there, but notwithstanding that, the little Pauline B cut out the course for them all and led the fleet of seventeen over the same, including the sloops. She was in Class G, the only other member of which class was not with her once.

The Pauline B was the first to round the club house stake boat on the down river voyage, and she was the first to finish. The course was 15 miles, and her record was as follows: start 1:56:00;

finish 5:44:53; elapses 3:48:53; corrected time, 2:46:36, beating the Mary S, the other yacht in her class, 46m. 53s. This was done without her regular skipper, Jared Raymond, at the tiller, Irving S Haff being the honored skipper for the day. Robert T Dennis of the Sing Sing Yacht Club, was one of the judges. Everybody complimented the Pauline B, and she deserved it.

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The Democratic Register
9.19.1891

Yachting Notes. Col. Franklin Brandreth's steam launch Buttercup has been hauled out at Smiths shipyard at Nyack, being re-painted.

--James B Murdock and J B Kearney of Rondout, put in at the anchorage on Thursday, on board the sloop yacht Mary C.

--There is every indication that the "Rough and Ready Races" will revive quite an interest among the boat owners while the non-boat owners are doing a good deal of talking in regard to the prowess of their favorite crafts. The first race will take place on Saturday, the start being called for two o'clock in the afternoon. The course will be to and around the Tarrytown buoy and return, without restriction as to time limit. Each boat must be sailed by a member of the organization, and any non-professional can be one of the crew. The prize will be a pennant in each class. This must be worn three times to become the property of the successful boat.

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The Democratic Register
9.26.1891

Pennant Regatta. Eight of the yachts of the Sing Sing Yacht Club had a pennant regatta on the Hudson last Saturday afternoon, over a course from a stake boat anchored off the clubhouse to and around the Tarrytown buoy, a distance of twelve miles. The contestants were the sloops, Madge, Waif, Alice and Topsy. The cat-boats were the Orient, Oneita, Irex and Marguerite. In the sloop class the Madge, Commodore Ralph Brandreth, owner, won in 3:48:48. In the catboat class the Oneita, Fred S Jenks, owner, was a good winner in 3:25:52, the Irex,

Roger Haddock, owner, being second, Orient third and Marguerite fourth. The pennant won by the Orient in this race has to be won three times before it becomes the property of the owner of any boat. The second race in this "Rough and Ready" series as it is call, will probably be sailed to-day.

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The Democratic Register
1.17.1912

Twenty Years Ago The heavy weight tug-of-war team of the Sing Sing Yacht Club consisting of Irving S Haff, George H Barlow, W E Haff and Frank Valentine defeated Cortlandt Hook and Ladder Company, and the light-weight team, composed of A R Osborne, Edward B Murray and Philip H Fleck and Ralph M Stray lost to the Cortlandt light weights.

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The Democratic Register
3.09.1912

Twenty Years Ago. The Sing Sing Yacht Club elected the following officers: commodore, Ralph Brandreth; vice-commodore, Francis Larkin Jr.; rear-commodore, Charles S Raymond; secretary, Robert T Dennis; treasurer, Joseph Thompson; measurer, William E Haff; regatta committee – B S Gibson, Dr E B Sherwood, C S Gowen; house committee – Joseph Thompson, Robert T Dennis, James Bedell. Benjamin L Beatty, W L Hull; committee on admission – Col. Franklin Brandreth, W I Townsend, E L Todd, Francis Larkin Jr., Joseph Thompson; auditing committee S O Washburne, G M Todd, T Henry Calam. Trustees S O Washburne, B S Gibson, E B Sherwood.

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The Democratic Register
8.13.1892

Yachting Notes. Yachtsman Charles W Purdy the other day took a party consisting of Supervisor G M Todd, Edgar L Ryder, S O Washburne and James H Morgan for a sail in his natty yacht Waif in Haverstraw Bay. It goes without saying that they had a delightful sail.

--The sixty foot steam yacht Floss, owned by Mr. Westinghouse of air-brakes fame, and navigated by William

Cronk, a former Sing Singer, came to Sing Sing on Friday evening of last week, and put up at the Yacht Club house. The Floss is a lively little craft and can show her heels to most vessels of her size.

--The twenty-five foot catboats Mary Alice owned by Hudson Tallcot and Marguerite, owned by James Peterson both of Croton, will sail with the boats of the Sing Sing Yacht Club in a race for the cock-of-the-walk colors this afternoon for a special prize offered by Rear Commodore Chares S Raymond, of the Pauline B. The start will be at 2 o'clock and it promises to be a lively race, if there is any wind.

--The little steam yacht Sibyl of which G Elliot Brown is the putative owner, though by many it is said to belong to Warden W R Brown, has steamed away for Lake Champlain, and several other lakes probably and is also said to be manned by prison officials, who are not employed to run yachts, but to watch convicts in the pay of the State. It is a question whether the Controller is authorized to pay them for this non-official work.

--There was a yacht race at Croton last Saturday growing out of a rivalry between the catboats Mary Alice, owned by Hudson Tallcot, and the Marguerite, owned by James Peterson. The race was over a triangular twenty-mile course in Haverstraw Bay.

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The Democratic Register
3.11.1893

Yachting Notes. The annual meeting of the Sing Sing Yacht Club was held in the law office of Messrs. Nelson H and Stuart Baker, No 10 Croton avenue, on Monday evening. Commodore Ralph Brandreth presided, and the report of Treasurer Thompson showed the organization to be in a very prosperous condition. Col. Henry C Symonds and Nelson H Baker were elected to membership. The following officers and standing committees were elected for the ensuing year: Commodore, Ralph Brandreth; Vice-Commodore, Francis Larkin Jr.; Rear-Commodore, Charles S Raymond; Secretary, Robert T Dennis; Treasurer, Joseph Thompson; Measurer, William E Haff, Regatta Committee—Chairman, B Stuyvesant

Gibson; Dr. E B Sherwood and Charles S Gowen; House Committee — Chairman, Joseph Thompson; Robert T Dennis, Benjamin L Beattys, James Bedell and William L Hull; Committee on Admission — Chairman, Col. Franklin Brandreth; W I Townsend, Francis Larkin, Jr., Edwin L Todd and Joseph Thompson; Auditing Committee — Chairman, S Olin Washburne; Gilbert M Todd and T Henry Calam; Governing Committee — Chairman, Dr. E B Sherwood, Gilbert M Todd, Wm. Clinton Mead, W I Townsend and Stuart Baker; Trustees- Francis Larkin, Jr. Isaac B Noxon and Edwin I Todd.

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The Democratic Register
4.15.1893

Yachting Notes. Col. Franklin Brandreth's steam launch Buttercup will be put in commission within a few days.

--Messrs. Harry M and William M Carpenter have been elected members of the Sing Sing Yacht Club.

--Contractor John Haff is building the addition to the quarters of the Ossining Yacht Club.

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The Democratic Register
6.24.1893

-- Col. Franklin Brandreth and Commodore Ralph Brandreth have returned from their salmon fishing expedition to Nova Scotia.

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The Democratic Register
6.24.1893

Both Disabled. Two of our crack yachts, the Aller and Pauline B were starters in the fifth annual regatta of the Yonkers Corinthian Yacht Club last Saturday, but they came home without any prizes, as they met with mishaps and accidents which prevented them from finishing the course. In the first place, the Aller broke her throat halliards, which, of course, put her out of the race, and as the wind was blowing very strong, and quite a sea was running the Pauline B did not have enough of a crew on board to handle her and had to take a reef in her sail. In the face of these conditions they saw no use in trying to cover the course and did not attempt it.

One or both of these yachts will be in the regatta of the Tower Ridge Yacht Club of Hastings, which takes place on the Hudson today. We wish them better luck this time and first over the course, as they will meet some of their last Saturday's competitors from Yonkers in this regatta.

The Yonkers *Daily Statesman* says: "The Edna and Colleen open catboats of the Yonkers Corinthian Yacht Club fleet, and both flyers, are entered for the Tower Ridge Club's regatta Saturday. It is expected the Pauline B of Sing Sing will race them".

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The Democratic Register
7.08.1893

Sing Sing Yachts Capture Prizes. The fifth annual regatta of the Audubon Yacht Club, West One Hundred and Fifty-third street and the Hudson River, which sailed on the Fourth in a fine northwest wind. The course was from the club house to Rockside Park, on the New Jersey shore, thence along that shore to Edgewater, and from there to the start. It was sailed over twice, making a total distance of twelve miles.

The starting signal was given at 12:52 P.M. and the fleet crossed in the following order: Frankie V, Julie, Theresa K., Pauline B, J L Miller, Harry C Miner, Alta, Hilma, Agnes N, Lizzie F, Winona, Bonafide, Aller and Clara R. The first boat to finish was the Pauline B of the Sing Sing Yacht Club, which crossed the line at 4:15:23, followed by the Alta, Aller and Harry C Miner in the order named. The prizes, which were handsome pieces of silverware, were won by the Aller, Pauline B, Alta and Winona.

The Aller, Osborne and Baker, owners, which was in Class 2, cabin catboats, won in fine form, defeating her nearest rival about ten minutes.

The Pauline B, C S Raymond owner, was in Class 3, open catboats over 20 feet waterline, and defeated her nearest competitor, the Frankie V, 32 minutes and 7 seconds.

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The Democratic Register
8.05.1893

Yacht Club Notes.

--While the catboat Pauline B was lying in front of the Sing Sing Yacht Club one night last week, during a heavy blow, a small steam yacht which was lying at anchorage there dragged her anchor and fouled the Pauline B, smashing her bowsprit and injuring her pretty badly. It is said though that the steam yacht was the most [sic] damaged of the two.

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The Democratic Republican
2.03.1894

Sing Sing Yacht Club. This club has grown so proficient upon the old billiard table they have at their clubhouse that they have decided to dispense with it and have purchased two new tables from the Brunswick and Balke Company, one for billiards, and the other for the game of pool. This club is not asleep or dormant this winter, but are having a good social time.

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The Democratic Republican
3.03.1894

Desire for Club Life. The desire for club life is growing hereabouts, and we hear of one or two projects on foot to form a men's club, such as is in operation in Yonkers, Peekskill, and other progressive places.

The Sing Sing Yacht Club, since it has become a social club in winter, has increased so in popularity that it has doubled its initiation fee of ten dollars, and now it costs twenty dollars to enter its membership.

A number of gentlemen have come to the conclusion that a men's club should be organized and flourish in Sing Sing, and are perfecting arrangements so as to call a preliminary meeting. The idea is a good one.

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The Democratic Republican
3.10.1894

At the annual meeting of the Sing Sing Yacht Club, held on Monday evening, the following officers and committees were chosen for the ensuing year: Commodore, Ralph Brandreth; Vice-

Commodore, Francis Larkin Jr; Rear-Commodore, Gilbert M Todd; Secretary, Robert T Dennis; Treasurer, Joseph Thompson; Measurer, William M Carpenter; House Committee, Joseph Thompson, Chairman; Robert T Dennis, William L Hull, James Bedell, William C Kipp; Auditing Committee, S Olin Washburne, Chairman; Gilbert M Todd, T Henry Calam; Governing Committee, Dr. E B Sherwood, Chairman; Gilbert M Todd, W. Clinton Mead, William I Townsend, Stuart Baker; Regatta Committee, B Stuyvesant Gibson, Chairman; Dr. E B Sherwood, Charles S Bowen; Committee on Admission, Col. Franklin Brandreth, Chairman; W I Townsend, Francis Larkin Jr., Edwin L Todd, Joseph Thompson; Trustees, Ralph Brandreth, Gilbert M Todd, Joseph Thompson

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The Democratic Republican
5.05.1894

Yachting News. William H Baker, of the Sing Sing Yacht Club, is going to charter a large yacht for the season.

--Rear-Commodore Raymond, of the Ossining Yacht Club, has got his crack cat-rigged yacht Pauline B in commission.

--The Columbia Yacht Club, of New York City, has tendered the courtesy of its club house and anchorage to the Sing Sing Yacht Club for the ensuing season.

--Secretary Robert T Dennis, of the Sing Sing Yacht Club, has the description and inventory of a smart and comfortable twenty-eight foot cabin sloop yacht that can be chartered for a very reasonable sum for the summer.

--William L Onyans, who was Secretary of the Sing Sing Yacht Club a few years ago, has presented the organization with a well filled scrap book that he kept during his day. It contains a collection of clippings relating to the organization, which are very interesting.

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The Democratic Republican
6.30.1894

Yachting News. James Bedell of the Sing Sing Yacht Club has got his steam launch Mollie right in speeding trim and frequently takes his fellow members out for an airing.

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The Democratic Republican
9.8.1894

Yachting News. Measurer William M Carpenter of the Sing Sing Yacht Club, has had his sailing canoe Oneka thoroughly overhauled and fitted out with new rigging. A nickel plated drop-rudder is one improvement that tends to make the craft faster than ever.

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Democratic Register
3.06.1897

Sing Sing Yacht Club. At the annual meeting of the Sing Sing Yacht Club, held last Monday evening, the following officers were elected for the ensuing year:

Commodore-Ralph Brandreth.
Vice-Commodore-Col. Francis Larkin
Rear-Commodore-Gilbert M Todd
Secretary-Robert T Dennis
Treasurer-Joseph Thompson
Measurer-William M Carpenter

Regatta Committee-Dr. E B Sherwood, chairman; Chas. S Bowen, R T Dennis

House Committee-Joseph Thompson chairman; James Bedell, Robert T Dennis, William L Hull, William C Kipp.

Committee on Admission-Franklin Brandreth, chairman; W I Townsend, Col. Francis Larkin Jr, Edwin L Todd, Joseph Thompson.

Auditing Committee- S Olin Washburne, chairman; T Henry Calam, G M Todd.

Trustees- Ralph Brandreth, G M Todd, Joseph Thompson.

Governing Committee- Dr. E B Sherwood, chairman; G M Todd, T H Calam, W I Townsend, A R Genet.

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Democratic Register
5.15.1897

Col. Larkin as an Athlete. The *Illustrated American* in its issue of the 8th instant, had a half-tone engraving of Col. Francis Larkin Jr, which was made from a photograph taken when the gentleman was a student at Princeton College some eighteen years ago. It is printed in connection with an article by Charles E Patterson, entitled "The Growth of College Athletics", which treats of the famous college athletes during the past twenty years. In it Col.

Larkin is mentioned first and foremost and his photograph occupies the right of line, as it were, in the illustrations that accompany the article, Col. Larkin is credited with being the most versatile of the athletes of his college days, winning eight intercollegiate championships in two intercollegiate meetings. In 1878, and again in 1879, Col. Larkin succeeded in winning the sixteen-pound shot put, the sixteen-pound hammer throw, the standing high jump, and the standing broad jump. These were the most praiseworthy performances of their day, and some of the records are yet recognized as standards in the athletic and sporting world.

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Democratic Register
8.06.1898

--The Sing Sing Yacht Club has leased the second floor of the Foshay block, entrance on Spring street, for a club room, to which they will remove their billiard and pool tables. This will be much more convenient for the members when they wish to manipulate the spheres. It is said the club will have a naphtha yacht race on Labor Day.

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The Republican
3.11.1899

Sing Sing Yacht Club. The annual meeting of the Sing Sing Yacht Club was held on Friday evening, when the following officers were elected: Commodore, Ralph Brandreth; vice-commodore Francis Larkin Jr; rear-commodore, Gilbert M Todd; secretary, Robert T Dennis; treasurer, Joseph Thompson; measurer, William M Carpenter.

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The Republican
7.22.1899

--Both of the Sing Sing Yacht Club houses are draped in mourning out of respect to the memory of its late treasurer, Joseph Thompson, and the flag is at half-mast. At a meeting of the club on Thursday evening, Dr. E B Sherwood, Frank L Young and J Herbert Carpenter were appointed a committee to draft suitable resolutions on the death of Treasurer Thompson.

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The Republican
9.02.1899

Election of Officers. At a meeting of the Sing Sing Yacht Club on Monday evening the following officers were elected to fill vacancies occasioned by the recent death of Joseph Thompson: Treasurer, Frank L Young; member of admission committee T Henry Calam; member of house committee, Remsen W Nourse; chairman of house committee, James Bedell. A committee composed of Dr. E B Sherwood, J Herbert Carpenter, and Frank L Young was appointed to draft resolutions on the death of Mr. Thompson.

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Democratic Register
3.10.1900

Yacht Clubs Elect Officers.
Sing Sing Yacht Club. The Sing Sing Yacht Club on Friday evening elected the following officers and committees for the ensuing years: Commodore, Ralph Brandreth; Vice-Commodore, Francis Larkin, Jr; Rear-Commodore, Gilbert M Todd; Secretary, Robert T Dennis; Treasurer, Frank L Young; Measurer, William M Carpenter; Trustees, Ralph Brandreth, Gilbert M Todd, Stephen M Sherwood. Governing Committee, Dr. E B Sherwood, chairman, Gilbert M Todd, William I Townsend, T Henry Calam, Albert R Genet; Committee on Admission, Franklin Brandreth, chairman, William J Townsend, Francis Larkin Jr. Edwin L Todd, T Henry Calam; Auditing Committee, S Olin Washburne, chairman, T Henry Calam, Milton C Palmer; Regatta Committee, Varian Banks, chairman, Robert T Dennis, William M Carpenter; House Committee, James Bedell, chairman, Robert T Dennis, Remsen W Nourse, William C Kipp, Robert M Haddock.

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The Democratic Register
04.13.1901

Will Stick to the Old Name—At a meeting of the Sing Sing Yacht Club, the other evening a motion was made that, inasmuch as the name of the village had been changed to Ossining, and as Sing Sing was now only used in connection with the penal institution

under the hill, the club change its name to something else.

Strange as it may seem to everyone but the members of the club, the club voted the motion down, only two votes being in favor of it. We do not know whether or not the club is to be congratulated in associating itself with the malodorous institution alluded to, nor whether they contemplated applying for club quarters at the only place in the world now appropriate for it, so far as the name goes.

It could not take the name Ossining Yacht Club as there is one by that name already.

Put on your "thinking caps", gentlemen; there are scores of good names from which to select a good and appropriate one for your club.

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