

Published Articles of the New York Yacht Racing Association

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N Y Yacht R. Association. At the last meeting of the new yachting association there were delegates from Brooklyn, Columbia, Harlem, Jersey City, Newark, New Jersey, Sing Sing, Yonkers Corinthian, Tappan Zee, Williamsburg, Staten Island and Pavonia. The delegates present from the Sing Sing Club were Vice Commodore W W Washburne and E B Sherwood.

The officers of the association were elected at this meeting, and are as follows: Commodore A J Prime of the Yonkers Corinthian Club, President; F W Pangborn, of the Jersey City Club, Vice President; George Parkhill, of the Columbia Club, Secretary; R L McMurry of the Staten Island Athletic Club, Treasurer; C W Volst, Williamsburg Club, H B Pearson, Jersey City Club, W W Washburne, Sing Sing Club, C Cameron, Newark Club, Executive Committee. A constitution and by-laws were adopted. It was decided that a pennant be flown by all members of the association.

The following committee was named to draft a set of racing rules to be submitted at the next meeting of the association: George Gartland, of New Jersey, Chairman; Captain Joe Ellsworth, of Jersey City; Vice Commodore W W Washburne¹, of Sing Sing; Commodore Lalor of Harlem, and Commodore Hopkins of Brooklyn.

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¹ The Shattemuc folded into the new Yacht Club and continued their interest in inter-club racing, as indicated by Washburne's membership on this Committee.

3.07.1908

Mr. Carpenter Elected Vice-President. The Hudson River Yacht Racing Association held its annual meeting and banquet last Saturday at uptown Shanley's, New York, and Treasurer Harry M Carpenter of the Shattemuc Yacht and Canoe Club, this village, was elected vice-president of the organization.

It was decided to hold the annual regatta at Kingston, Labor Day.

Among the members of the Shattemuc Club at the banquet were Mr. Carpenter, I T Washburne, Oscar H Ressegiue, Stuart Wilder, R M Akin, and Dr. A O Squire.

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8.06.1910

Hudson River Yacht Racing Association. A meeting of the Hudson River Yacht Racing Association was held at the Shattemuc Club House, last Saturday night. Delegates were present from Yonkers, Albany, Poughkeepsie, Tappan Zee, Newburgh, and Tarrytown. Harry M Carpenter, of the Shattemuc Club, President of the Association, presided.

Arrangements were made for a regatta on Labor Day, under the auspices of the Association over the local club's course.

Harry M Carpenter has donated two handsome cups for the Labor Day regatta, and they are now on exhibition in the window of Albert Kamp's jewelry store. They are of exquisite design and it is rarely that finer or more expensive trophies are offered for any aquatic events.

One of the cups bears the inscription, "Presented by Harry M Carpenter, President of the Hudson River Yacht Racing Association, to the winner of the one-design boat class, September 5th 1910, Ossining, N Y." The other, is of more massive proportions, explains the reason for its being offered in the following inscription: "Presented by Harry M Carpenter, President of the Hudson River Yacht Racing Association, to the motor boat making

the fastest actual time in any race, September 5th, 1910, at Ossining, N Y."

Both of these cups, which have been greatly admired during the past week, were purchased from Mr. Kamp.

Luncheon was served at the conclusion of the business meeting.

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3.02.1912

Attended Annual Meeting of Hudson River Yachtsmen. The Hudson River Yacht Racing Association held its annual meeting last Saturday night in New York and practically all of the officers were re-elected, among them being Treasurer James Bedell, of this village. The delegates from the Shattemuc Yacht and Canoe Club were Robert M Akin, J Herbert Carpenter and Harry M Carpenter.

The annual dinner was held at Reisenweber's and in addition to those already named, those present from the Shattemuc Club were Charles W Frean, Dr Amos O Squire, J Herbert Carpenter Jr. and George J F Carpenter.

At the above meeting the subject of Croton Point as a permanent camp for the organization was discussed. It was decided to get the sentiment of the various clubs on the matter and if the camp is established, the annual regattas will be held off this village.

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5.11.1912

Yachtsmen May Get Headquarters at Croton Point. Croton Point may yet be selected as the permanent headquarters of the Hudson River Yacht Racing Association and the annual regatta will probably be held off the Point this year, if a supplementary report submitted by a special committee to the Regatta Committee, at a meeting held in the Press Club, New York, Monday night, is adopted by the organization. Harry M Carpenter, of the Shattemuc Yacht and Canoe Club, was the chairman of the committee. The report is as follows:

"Your Committee having in charge the Croton Point headquarters proposition beg to report that they have perfected

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arrangements with the lessee of the property, Captain Anning J Smith, who intends running an excursion resort on the property, as follows:

“The owners will remodel and renovate the old farm house located just north of the Underhill mansion furnishing it so as to be suitable for a clubhouse, with club rooms, reading rooms and bedrooms – supplying proper help for the proper maintenance of same, giving the Association the exclusive use of this house. Meals will be served in the old Underhill mansion, a la carte, where a restaurant and café will be maintained. A fixed charge to be agreed upon will be made for the use of bedrooms in the clubhouse. The Association and its members to have the right to use any and all times, and for this privilege a charge of \$250 per season will be made. “Your committee have made arrangements with Captain Smith for the use of the grounds this coming Labor Day, so as to hold the annual regatta off Croton Point. He has extended an invitation to the Association to hold their annual regatta, and granted them free use of the grounds for this occasion

“Your committee believe and would recommend that the Association take steps to consummate the deal to hire the above mentioned house as a club house and headquarters believing that the charge of \$250 per season for this concession is reasonable and that the use of the grounds for excursions and picnic parties will not interfere with the Association uses. Proper docks will be maintained and gasoline and oil sold, all facilities will be at the service of the Association.

“They also recommend that, if the clubhouse proposition is not carried through, the kind offer of Captain Smith for the use of Croton Point for this Labor Day, free of charge, be accepted and would recommend the holding of the annual regatta there”.

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5.25.1912

Yacht Racing Association Will Not Make Use of Croton Point. The Hudson River Yacht Racing Association had a special meeting at the Press Club in

New York, last Monday night and the Shattemuc Yacht and Canoe Club of this village was represented by Commodore Harry M Carpenter, Secretary Charles W Freaan and Isaac T Washburne.

The recommendation made by a special committee – consisting of Commodore Harry M Carpenter of the Shattemuc Yacht and Canoe Club, chairman; Commodore Joseph H Acker, Tarrytown Yacht Club and Commodore H E Sturtevant of the Tappan Zee Yacht Club, that permanent headquarters for the Association be established at Croton Point was rejected by a vote of 11 to 10.

The resignation of the Albany Yacht Club was filed as the result of a controversy concerning the Ellicott Cup and was accepted.

The invitation to hold the Labor Day regatta at Croton Point was not accepted, and it was decided to hold this annual event in front of the house of the New York Motorboat Club at 147th street and North River.

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9.07.1912

Ossining Boat Scores Victory in Holiday Regatta. The annual regatta of the Hudson River Yacht Racing Association was held at New York on Labor Day and neither the number of boats starting nor the number of boats carrying parties to witness the races was as great as those present at the regatta held at this village two years ago.

The “Shattemuc” of the Shattemuc Yacht and Canoe Club of this village scored a notable victory in the one-design sailing class, defeating “Rival” of the Newburgh Yacht Club, by 1 minute and 30 seconds, the “Tappan” of the Tappan Zee Yacht Club, was third and the No. 226 did not finish. The “Shattemuc” was sailed admirably by a crew consisting of Raymond C Peck, Rossiter Holbrook, and Ralph Cotton.

Commodore Harry M Carpenter, of the Shattemuc Yacht and Canoe Club, viewed the race from the deck of his yacht, the “Marie Louise” and had Fleet Captain Jesse L Gorrell for his guest.

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On the homeward trip the “Marie Louise” towed the “Shattemuc” and the five canoes returning from the meet of the Atlantic Division of the American Canoe Association

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3.22.1913

Hudson River Y. R. A. Meets. At the annual meeting of the Hudson River Yacht Racing Association, held Saturday afternoon at the Hermitage Hotel, Worthington Scott, of the Tappan Zee Y.C., president of the association, presided, and representatives of ten clubs attended. The following dates were set aside by the association for club fixtures:

Colonial Y.C.’s Cornfield Light race, July 12 and 13; Poughkeepsie race, August 9 and 10; Shattemuc Yacht and Canoe Club races, at home, June 14 and September 20; Tappan Zee Y.C. home races, July 4; Columbia Y.C. home races, June 7; New York Motor Boat Club, race to Albany, June 28; home races, July 19; Hudson River Yacht Club, relay race to Albany, May 30, and annual regatta of the association, on Labor Day, and the Saturday and Sunday preceding it, to be held off Croton Point.

A new one-design class of sailing craft was adopted by the association. It is called the Indian class and is along lines similar to the Manhasset Bay “bugs”.

Another new class adopted is that of power dinghys, each to be twelve feet long, with a beam of four feet, and equipped with a three horse power motor. They will cost \$125 each.

Harry M Carpenter, Charles W Freaan, Rivers Genet, and Isaac T Washburne, of the Shattemuc Yacht and Canoe Club attended the meeting and they afterward enjoyed a beefsteak supper at the Colonial Yacht Club.

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7.19.1913

Hudson River Power-Boat Association. The Hudson River section of the American Power-Boat

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Association comprise most of the clubs in the district.

The officers are: President, Worthington Scott, Tappan Zee Yacht Club; Vice-President and Secretary, C A H Chapman, New York Motorboat Club; Treasurer, F P Prall, Commodore Colonial Yacht Club.

The annual cruise, to Newburgh Bay, is announced for August 2 and 3, when 50 boats are expected to participate. A clambake will be served at the Newburgh Yacht Club.

A cup will be offered for special class speed-boats for the Labor Day meet at Croton Point. The race will be open to any boat belonging to a club on the Hudson River, regardless of membership in the Association.

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8.09.1913

Local Yachtsmen in annual H.R.Y.R.A. Cruise. The annual cruise of the Hudson River Yacht Racing Association was held to Newburgh and return Saturday and about twenty-five boats participated. Commodore Harry M Carpenter of the Shattemuc Yacht and Canoe Club of this village was the fleet captain.

The boats assembled at the anchorage of the Shattemuc Yacht and Canoe Club on Saturday morning, the slower boats getting under way at twelve o'clock and the large ones an hour later. On reaching Cornwall the larger boats waited for the slower ones and after reaching Newburgh a clambake attended by over one hundred persons was served. Later in the evening the Newburgh Yacht Club gave a reception in honor of the visitors.

The Shattemuc Yacht and Canoe Club was represented by Commodore Carpenter's "Marie Louise" and Willet Acker's "Francis R". Before leaving Newburgh Sunday afternoon, a dinner party of eight assembled on the "Marie Louise". Mr. Carpenter had for his guests Joseph Royle, Jesse L Gorrell, Lansing V Terwilliger, and Charles W Frean of this village, and Joseph H Acker of Pocantico Hills secretary of

the Association. Mr. Acker was accompanied by his brother, Louise Acker.

The following clubs participated: Columbia, Colonial, New York, Edgewater, Yonkers Corinthian, Tarrytown, Tappan Zee, Shattemuc, Newburgh, Poughkeepsie and the Rondout.

Worthington Scott is the President of the Association. It has been decided to hold the annual regatta on Labor Day off Croton Point, under the general auspices of the Association instead of, as heretofore, under the direction of a single club.

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9.06.1913

Labor Day Regatta a Great Success.

The annual regatta of the Hudson River Yacht Racing Association was held off Croton Point on Labor Day and it will hold a place in the annals of the organization as the most completely successful one thus far held.

The regatta was one of the most successful held on the Hudson river. Some fourteen clubs were represented, and there was continuous racing from early in the forenoon until late in the afternoon.

The course was a triangular one, extending from the Point toward Rockland Light, thence to a buoy off Sparta and back to the starting line and was entirely free from driftwood and varying currents, which have so frequently annoyed the yachtsmen in the past. The day itself was an ideal one for the power boats but a little more wind would have been acceptable to the handlers of the sailing craft.

The first race was for the restricted class of power boats, over 20 feet, for the American Power Boat Association cup given by the Hudson River Yacht Racing Association, and open only to boats belonging to clubs on the Hudson river.

G H Glover's Cinderella, of the New York Motor Boat Club, proved the

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winner. She also captured a cup for boats over 70 rating, and won the most important trophy of the day, the Ellicott cup.

The race for the J R Ellicott Cup was anticipated as the most interesting event of the day but was in a measure a disappointment. The Cinderella had a walkover as the Gunfire II, nominated by the Columbia Yacht Club, developed motor trouble and did not start. The inter-club race was won by Clara, Schem, and the Seabright of the Poughkeepsie Yacht Club.² The winners in the other events were as follows:

Class E, open boats rating under 40, Bunk III, New York; Class A, cabin boats, Jeff, Poughkeepsie Yacht Club; canopy top boats, Twig, Shattemuc Yacht and Canoe Club, A E Tompkins owner; Class D, open boats rating 40 and over, Undine, Tappan Zee Yacht Club, Nyack; Class E cabin boats rating 43 and under, Billie, Colonial Yacht Club; Hudson dinghies, William's Kid, Yonkers; Racing boats, rating 70 and under, Undine, Tappan Zee Yacht Club; bang-and-go-back race Consort, Jr. New York Motor Boat Club; free-for-all race, Little Joker, Tappan Zee Yacht Club.

SAILING CLASSES

Class E cabin sloops, Bantam, J Herbert Carpenter owner, Shattemuc Yacht and Canoe Club; 1910 one-design Mower class, Rival, Newburgh Yacht Club; 1908 one-design, Mowerregattas of the Association were held in conjunction with some club in the organization but the change, coupled with the excellent character of the course selected, will probably result in the annual event being held at the Point each year hereafter, and according to the announcement made Tuesday by Worthington Scott, its president, the Hudson River Yacht Racing Association will lease land for the permanent headquarters at Croton Point. The new way of holding the regatta worked out better than anyone had expected. Next year's regatta will again be held on Labor Day over the Croton Point course.

² For the three cruiser title

Mr. Scott made some additional announcements of results at the Monday races. The Little Joker, owned by H S Ford of the Tappan Zee Yacht Club won the hydroplane championship of the river over A J Gregory's Bull Moose III. The Little Joker covered the twenty mile course in 29m. 32s. The Poughkeepsie Yacht Club won the three cruiser title of the association.

Isaac T Washburne, of the Shattemuc Yacht and Canoe Club, was the chairman of the Committee on Classification for Sailing Boats. Commodore Harry M Carpenter of the Shattemuc Yacht and Canoe Club logged off the course with his cruising yacht Marie Louise, and a number of his fellow members rendered services of an equally invaluable character.

Col. Franklin Brandreth's Phalarope was the committee boat. Among the well know members of the Association present were president Worthington Scott, C Gorgon Reel, Rondout; Mayor W H Frank of Poughkeepsie; Mayor Corwin of Newburgh; Captain M W Collyer of Chelsea; Ex-President E W Marshal of Yonkers, I Lester Crocker of Tarrytown.

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9.08.1914

Annual Regatta of Hudson River Yacht Racing Association. The annual regatta of the Hudson River Yacht Racing Association was held yesterday off of the north shore of Croton Point, the committee making the change from the usual course off Southwest Point, considering the course to be a better one from the standpoint of the spectators.

There was a very large fleet of boats at anchor and the racing program was an excellent one every class having a large entry and the sport was of an excellent character until that brisk breeze sprang up in the afternoon, which made navigation extremely difficult and many of the motorboats had to weight anchor and run for a more sheltered harbor.

In the sailing races on Sunday the "Bantam" of the Shattemuc Yacht and Canoe Club retained possession of the J

R Ellicott Cup, a perpetual trophy offered for the sailing boat³ making the fastest time over the five-mile course. She was sailed by the owner, J Herbert Carpenter and his son, Thomas Carpenter. Thomas Carpenter won in the Indian Class with the "Yixa" and his brother, J Herbert Carpenter Jr, was second with the "Ade". Raymond C Peck and George Beisheim mistook the course and did not finish.

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The above clippings were transcribed from the original newspapers, which reside at the Ossining Historical Society in Ossining, New York

³ Powerboat