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The second season of the Henderson Harbor Yacht Club is opening with every indication that it will be a successful and profitable one. All the activities of last year are to be repeated in the present season with several additional features on the program. At least one new boat is to be added to the dinghy fleer, bringing the present number up to nine of these active little craft.

'Last fall representatives of the Henderson Club met with a group of men from the clubs at Oswego, Syracuse, Auburn, Geneva, Cooperstown, Cazenovia, Watkins Glen, Skaneatelas and Ithaca to discuss means of encouraging small boat sailing and of organizing the sailors of up-state New York. As a result of this meeting the Central New York Yacht Racing Association was formed, being an association of the above-mentioned clubs. The association at its formation passed a resolution to encourage the development of fleets of International Star Boats and fourteen-foot dinghies such as ours. It was felt that these two classes of boats were most ideally adapted to the waters of the various clubs and would furnish the best sailing and competition both within the organization and outside of it. 'A great many of the clubs already have Star Boats and the Owasco Yacht Club at Auburn is starting a fleet of four dinghies this year. The other clubs have, of course, a large number of other types of boats as, for instance, the Cazenovia Club's fourteen Cape Cod Baby Knockabouts and Owasco's fleet of somewhat similar one-design sloops. Provision has been made to bring all types of boats into competition both at the C. N. Y. Y. R. A. regatta at Geneva on August 27, 28, 29 and in a tournament of racing during the season. In the first round of the tournament, to be sailed before August 1, the Henderson Club is matched against Cazenovia. The match will be sailed in two races, one at Cazenovia with the Henderson sailors manning part of their fleet of small knockabouts and another race to be sailed at Henderson with the Cazenovia crews sailing an equal number of our dinghies. The total score of the two races will determined the winner of the match. The semi-finals will be sailed during August and the finals at Geneva as a part of the C. N. Y. Y. R. A. regatta. The dates for our match with Cazenovia have not been definitely determined but have been tentatively set for July 18 at Cazenovia and August 1 at Henderson Harbor.

Last year Mr. John C. Marsellus presented a trophy for competition in dinghies between the Crescent Yacht Club and the H. H. Y. C. The cup is to be sailed for in two matches, one at Henderson Harbor and one at Chaumont. Last year the cup was quite decisively won by the C. Y. C. but since that time the Henderson sailors have made great strides and are very optimistic about

the outcome of the series this season. The first of these races will be held at Henderson when the C. Y. C. makes its annual cruise to Henderson Harbor on July 11 and the second will be sailed at Chaumont on August 15.

The W. W. Hammond Cup, presented last year, was sailed for in a team race in the Star Boats of the Oswego Yacht Club and the Class S Boats of the Crescent Yacht Club, the Crescent, Oswego and Henderson Clubs participating. This was won by the Henderson Club. The cup will be sailed for at Henderson on July 11 this year.

On July 4 and 5 the Lake Skiff Sailing Association will hold its regatta at Rochester. This Association is made up of the clubs of the United States and Canada who sail fourteen-foot sailing dinghies. The Henderson Club at present is not a member of this organization but the association is holding an invitation race for non-member clubs in which our club will participate. Each non-member club is to send one crew to sail in boats loaned by the association.

Mr. R. G. Dunmore has presented a trophy to be sailed for throughout the season by the sailors of the Henderson Club. Mr. Dunmore's idea in presenting this trophy is to bring out the sailing ability of the individual, eliminating the possibility of the superior qualities of any one boat being a factor. Consequently the boats will be rotated, each skipper sailing every boat in the fleet, and the points being awarded to the man and not the boat. One race in this series will be sailed each week throughout July and August.

The Barrett trophy now held by John Marsellus is emblematic of the season championship and will be sailed for weekly from June 30 to Labor Day. In this series scoring is also by the point system, the points going to the boat regardless of who sails it.

Due to the large number of inter-club events this year, it will be impossible to sail the Dunmore and Barrett cup races on regular days each week. All the weekends of July are full and it is necessary to save dates during August in the hope that our club may be fortunate enough to reach the semi-finals in the C. N. Y. Y. R. A. tournament. However, changes may be made in the schedule to put one of these races on the weekend if no other activity is arranged for that date.

There will be the usual series of three races for the A. O. E. G. trophy on the Labor Day weekend. This trophy is at present held by John Marsellus.

At the first annual meeting of the club held at the close of last season the suggestion was made that the Henderson Harbor Yacht Club take what action it could in an endeavor to secure a gas buoy to mark Lime Barrel Shoal. A committee was appointed consisting of Mr. John C. Marsellus, Mr. E. A. Barnes and Mr. R. G. Dunmore. The committee secured the support of other yachting organizations on the lake and presented their case to the Bureau of Lighthouses. As a result they were promptly assured that a lighted buoy would be placed on the shoal as soon as possible. Lime Barrel Shoal is an obstruction to the entrance to Henderson Harbor. While there is good water in the channel the shoal has never been marked in any way and constituted a real hazard to those not thoroughly familiar with the water. The new buoy will make entering the harbor an easy matter both by day and night, the latter having been almost impossible to a strange yacht. These changed conditions will make Henderson

a very much needed harbor of refuge at the eastern end of Lake Ontario and will encourage the yachts of all the lake to come to our beautiful bay.

July 28, 29 and 30 will bring to Henderson the greatest display of yachting over seen on these waters. On these days the Lake Yacht Racing Association will hold its regatta at the Harbor. This organization is an association of the yacht clubs on Lake Ontario and holds its regatta at some point on the lake each year. The Henderson Harbor Club is not a member, as it has not the five boats of fifteen-foot waterline required for elegibility. The regatta is being held on our bay with the Crescent Yatch Club as hosts and our club is doing all in its power to cooperate with the C. Y. C. in making the regatta a success. It is expected that there will be more than a hundred sail boats racing and of course countless cruisers and power boats in attendance. A long distance race for the Freeman Cup held each year by the L. Y. R. A. will start at Coburg, Ontario on Saturday, July 25. The finish of this classic will be between the new gas buoy on Lime Barrel Shoal and a committee boat anchored to the west of it. The course for the three days of racing at Henderson will be in the lake just outside Six Town Point. It is hoped that all the members of the Henderson Harbor Yacht Club will lend their support in every way to making the visiting yachtsmen at home and these glorious few days a success. We want them to come often and the only way to assure this is to see that they have a good time.

Last season Mrs. Robert Lansing offered, through the Henderson Harbor Yacht Club, a trophy to be known as the Robert Lansing Memorial trophy. It was to be raced for in Star Class Boats by the Crescent Yacht Club and the Henderson Harbor Yacht Club, each club to be represented by a team of three boats. A challenge was extended to the Crescent Yacht Club and accepted. It was, however, later decided by both clubs best to postpone sailing for this cup until 1932 as neither club had as yet any Star Boats and during the present business conditions the expense of building six new boats would be rather, severe. Plans for this race in 1932 are now progressing and with a year in which to develop them they should meet with great success. The idea of a Robert Lansing Memorial trophy is a beautiful one and was very heartily welcomed by all. No man had a greater love for Henderson Harbor than Mr. Lansing, and Henderson Harbor has never had a finer citizen or more distinguished resident. If Mr. Lansing were at Henderson today we would find in him one of our strongest supporters in an endeavor to establish the fine, character-building and picturesque sport of sailing on our beautiful bay. A trophy bearing his name and intended to accomplish a purpose which was so parallel with his own ideals is bound to be highly treasured and to gain great prestige in a locality where he was so well loved.

The officers of the organization feel that the club has made satisfactory progress for the first year. This has been possible only because of the splendid support given by the non-sailing as well as the sailing members. The club is still, however, in its infancy and is probably passing through its most critical period. If the club is to continue its growth, if it is to increase its service to the people of Henderson Harbor, form a part of their social life and take its place among the yacht clubs of the lake, this support must not only continue but increase. The energy and enthusiasm of a few individuals cannot make

the club a success. The future we are confidently looking towards depends on you. We are anxious to build up a larger membership of the right type of people. If you have any names to suggest, please do so.

Are you flying the club flag on your boat? These very attractive flags may be secured from Vice Commodore R. G. Thompson in two sizes, at ost. They are very well made and will add greatly to the shipshape appearance of any vessel, large or small. Commodore Thompson also has a supply of emblems for your yachting cap. They are of smart and seamanlike design and should be worn by all club members.

We are making up a register of the boats of the club for later publication and would appreciate your sending in the name of your boat and the type, such as power cruiser, runabout, outboard, sloop or yawl. As this is the only way your boat will be registered; it is important.

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