

# MIDWINTER REGATTA

## at Los Angeles

Rain and Light Winds Prevent a Record Turnout, but Competition is Close and Exciting.

MARK TWAIN once said that everybody complains about the weather but nobody ever does anything about it. And so it was at this regatta, excepting for the Ten Meter Class. While all the other large-boat classes went out and took their soakings the first two days, the Ten Meter skippers wisely agreed to stay ashore and raced only the last two days. Wes Smith's *Sally*, sailed by Clare Neuner, won, C. E. Vesey's *Sirius* was second, and Pierpont Davis' *Santa Maria* was third. This was all perfectly regular and according to predictions. In fact, the Tens are fine boats, but they run too true to form to be interesting to the spectators. Perhaps some day they will find the combination of the *Sirius*, or Don Ayres will put some new rags on the *Branta*, and we shall see some competition.

Another very regular group was the Ocean Racing Class, wherein Chuck Ullman's Bird Boat *Pipit* was doped to win and she did. The breezes never had enough weight to afford the larger boats a chance, although the scratch entry, Bill Bartholomae's beautiful *Senta*, did win once, but her final place was fourth. Bob Taylor's *Javelin*, which is Island Clipper No. 2, staged a series-long duel with Dick Stewart's *Tantalus*, really about the most interesting contest of the regatta. *Tantalus* seemed to have second series place cinched until the last race, which *Javelin* won and the extra quarter point for that position gave her just that margin over *Tantalus*.

The Percentage Handicap Class came out only the last two days. Harold Barneson's *Francesca*, an ex-R boat, won by two

points over J. G. Johanson's fine cutter *Gullmar* from San Diego, with C. C. Moore's *Fantasy* third.

The center of the stage was held by an evenly matched fleet of six Six Meters. John Swigart had the *Fun* in top condition, winning three of the four races, no mean accomplishment in such company. It was a popular victory, for he has shown that he can take it. For many years he trailed near the end of the procession with the old *Ripples*. Her flat forward sections made it impossible for her to play in the money, excepting when she found a good breeze and smooth sea, a rare combination in these waters. Sailing a sluggish boat though is a fine way to learn, and John has shown that he picked up plenty in the wakes of the others. Now it is standing him in good stead. Bill Horton's *Lulu*, which looks like a sister ship of *Fun*, was a fair second, but she seemed hardly in a class with *Fun* this time, even though next week she may be on top. Emerson Spear won the final race with *Rebel* in convincing style. Rumor had it that some extra-large lead blocks fitted that day enabled him to sheet his *Genoa* from a point some six or seven inches

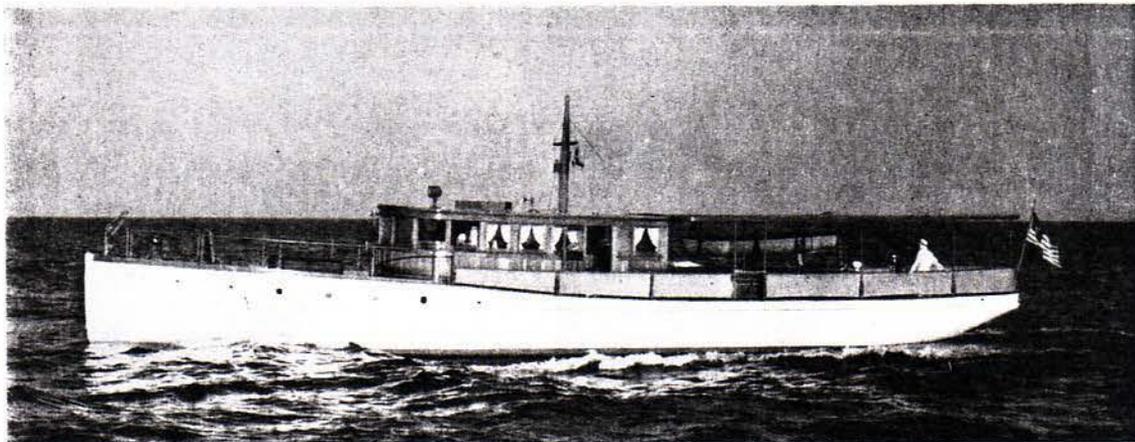


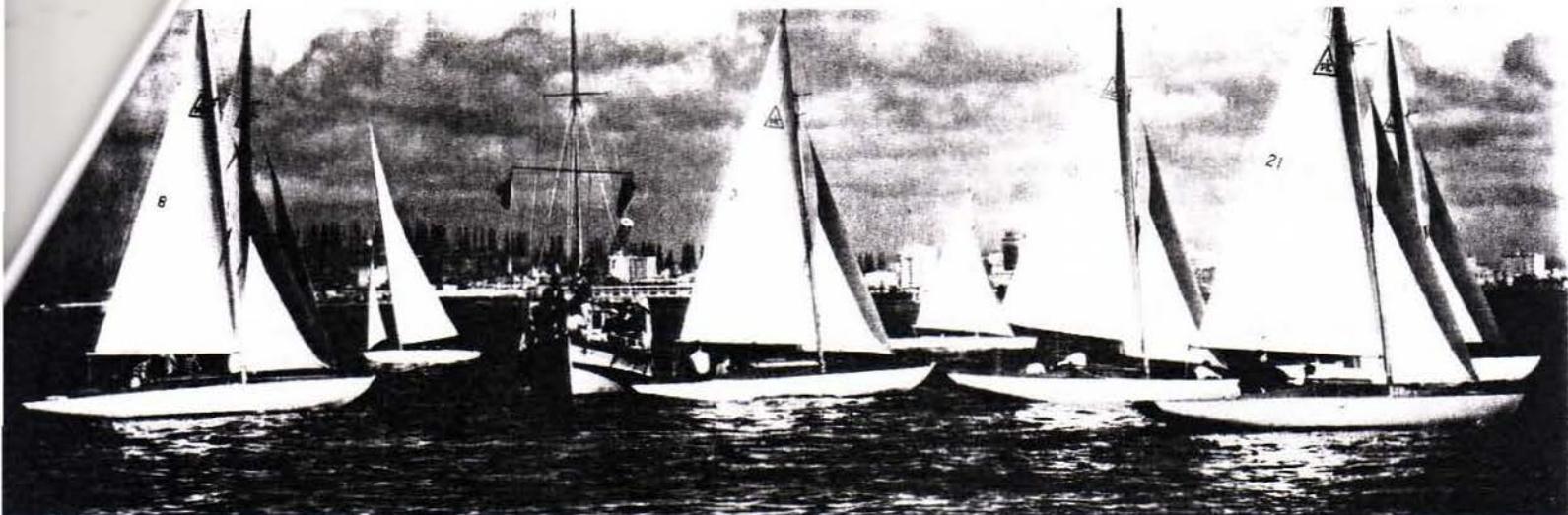
Kenneth Pier's *Mistress* gave the other Rhodes Race-Cruisers a trouncing for the "steenth" time. — Photograph by W. C. Sawyer.



Bill Brown's *Silhouette* was a decisive winner in the Pacific Coast (PC) Class.—Photograph by W. C. Sawyer.

Mark Pierce's fine Diesel cruiser *Anne C* won the cruiser event, defeating a big field that included many champions. —Photograph by W. C. Sawyer.





The PIC's put on one of their hard-fought battles. Louis Varalyay coming out the winner with Peggy Slater second.—Photograph by Kent Hitchcock.

outside the rail. This prevented the after leech of the sail from backwinding the mainsail, thus releasing *Rebel* at long last from the dead weight she has been towing. Commodore Nelson Jones brought the *Corinthian V*, ex-*Light Scout*, down from San Francisco. The breezes were too light for her until the last day, when she took second place handily and showed that when she gets a decent wind she can make them all step.

Only ten Stars turned out, but this was not bad considering the weather. Jim and Gordon Cowie demonstrated that it was no fluke when they won the Internationals last summer by romping away with three of the four contests in this fleet, which had class if not numbers. Barney Lehman wound up in third place and

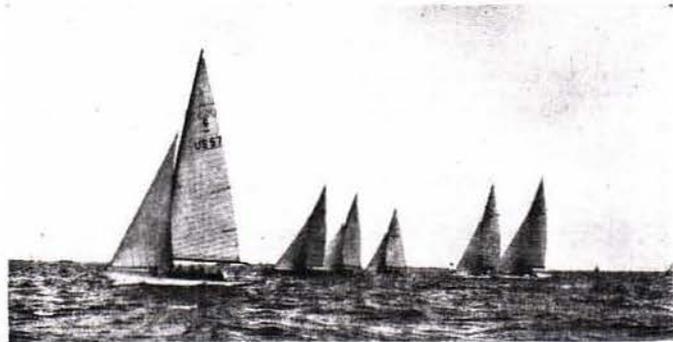
was the winner of the other first place. George Fleitz sailed his *Wench* consistently well to take third in the series, while Bill Baxter from Newport was fourth. Glenn Waterhouse of Berkeley was out with a new love, the old *Joy*, a boat that took part in the 1932 Olympics at Los Angeles as the English representative with Colin Ratsey at her tiller.

Only three of the California 32's came out. Walter Elliott's *Escapade*, the Douglas boys' *Altamar* and Alan Mickle's *Velero II* each took a race. Then *Velero* captured the odd one and that gave her the series. This is one class where it is not safe to make predictions; these boats are true one-designs.

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Among the mighty fleets of small craft the Snipes were the most numerous, and once more Darby Metcalf ruled the roost with his *Satan*. As well as fleet champion he is international champ.—Photograph by W. C. Sawyer.



The Sixes have boiled down to six regulars and all were out. They comprise the cream of the class, each boat being capable of winning a series any time. It is hoped that Myron Sapulding's *Saga* will become active soon.—Photograph by W. C. Sawyer.



A line-up of beauties during Saturday's races. Right to left, the first three are Wes Smith's *Sally*, winner among the Tens; Rod Burnham's *Gayle*, of the Ocean Racing Class; and Harold Barneson's *Francesca*, which carried off the honors in the Performance Handicap Class.—Photograph by Jack Sparks.

worth by two points, the two last-named being tied.

The summaries:

RHODES 33—(1) *Mistress*, Kenneth Pier, 10½; (2) *Tugger*, J. E. Neville, 8¼; (3) *Sylvia*, Gordon Martin, 6¼.

PACIFIC COAST—(1) *Silhouette*, W. McKenzie Brown, 7¾; (2) *LaCucuracha*, Ed Giddings, 5¼.

ALBATROSS—(1) *Souvenir*, Bernard McNally, 18; (2) *Folly*, Jack Hillman, 16¼; (3) *Kalobe*, Andy Kirk, 14¼; (4) *Ob Ob*, Kenneth Farnsworth, 14¼; (5) *Rhapsody*, Ed Fussell, 12¼; (6) *Peda*, Everett Morris, 9.

PACIFIC INTER-CLUB—(1) *Sans Gene*, Louis Varalyay, 31¾; (2) *Seventh Heaven*, Peggy Slater, 29¼; (3) *Epic*, William Gulick, 17; (4) *Chalupita*, Ken Davis, 16; (5) *Agilita*, Jack Morris, 15; (6) *Clipper*, W. C. Vance, 14; (7) *Challenge*, George Schoenen, 10; (8) *Atalanta*, Bob Schilling, 9.

STAR—(1) *Rambunctious Second*, Jim Cowie, 39¾; (2) *Scout Third*, Myron Lehman, 35¼; (3) *Wench*, George Fleitz, 31; (4) *Stormy*, Bill Baxter, 28; (5) *Dream Girl*, Bob Allen, 21; (6) *Brownie*, Archie Brown, 17; (7) *Chunet*, Charles Koontz, 16; (8) *Joy*, W. Glenn Waterhouse, 12; (9) *Indian*, Henry Newman, 11; (10) *Maia*, Earl Spangler, 8.

\*—Protest pending against *Rambunctious Second* in third race dropped.

SIX METER—(1) *Fun*, John Swigart, 21¾; (2) *Lulu*, Bill Horton, 16; (3) *Rebel*, Emerson Spear, 15¼; (4) *Lanai*, Bill Slater, 13; (5) *Corinthian V*, Nelson Jones, 11; (6) *Mystery*, J. K. Horton, 7.

CALIFORNIA 32—(1) *Velero II*, Alan Mickle, 10½; (2) *Escapade*, Walter Elliott, 7¼; (3) *Altamar*, D. W. Douglas, 7¼.

LAWLEY 110—(1) *Round-a-Bout*, Jim Rounds, 15¾; (2) *Nell Gwyn*, Dana Jones, 12¼; (3) *Haedae II*, Herbert Day, 8; (4) *By-Ge*, W. C. Evans, 4.

OCEAN RACING RULE—(1) *Pipit*, Charles Ullman, 29½; (2) *Javelin*, R. P. Taylor, 23¼; (3) *Tantalus*, Richard Stewart, 23; (4) *Senta*, W. A. Bartholomae Jr., 22¼; (5) *Gayle*, Roderick Burnham, 20; (6) *Jorie*, Brooks Gifford, 15; (7) *Trade Wind*, Albert Mendel, 8; (8) *Blue Jacket*, John Foy, 4.

CALIFORNIA CRUISING CLASS—(1) *Blue Escape*, A. E. Arling, 18¼; (2) *Bonnie Jack*, R. N. Dahlstrom, 17¼; (3) *Toi*, C. E. Hutsel, 15; (4) *Shadow*, C. C. Butler Jr., 13; (5) *Roudy*, Robert Alcorn, 11; (6) *Ta Ta*, Horton Williams, 11; (7) *Cuca*, R. M. Woolpert, 10; (8) *Mist*, Dr. Kenneth Claman, 9; (9) *Fun*, William Read, 3; (10) *Nancy Lee*, K. O. Sherman, 3.

TEN METER—(1) *Sally*, Wes D. Smith, 6½; (2) *Sirius*, Cecil E. Vesey, 3; (3) *Santa Maria*, Pierpont Davis, 3.

PERCENTAGE HANDICAP—(1) *Francesca*, Harold Barneson, 11¼; (2) *Gullmar*, J. G. Johanson, 9¼; (3) *Fantasy*, C. C. Moore, 9; (4) *Revelry*, Ray Kellogg, 7; (5) *Venturous*, Morgan-Riddon, 4; (6) *Mannequin*, Paul Johnson, 2.

Ten small boat champions, two of them defenders, were named by Chairman Frank Davenport at the end of the two-day series sailed off Cabrillo Beach February 22 and 23. The helmsmen to retain their 1940 titles were Gale Ford with *Zola* in the 19-Foot Restricted Class and Gordon Gann's *Rebel II* sailing with the Little Ships fleet.

Darby Metcalf, 1940 International Snipe Class champion, sailed *Satan* to win the Mid-Winter championship of that group and thereby collect the Etherton Rose trophy. Norman Meager, competing in the Flattie Class at the tiller of *Wind Rider*, won the class title and the M. K. Horton award. The W. L. Horton trophy, emblematic of the Mid-Winter Regatta championship of the Sunray Class, went to Bob Woolf's *Demon*. The Civic Regatta Association trophy for the Skimmer Class was won by Bob Gales' *Surprise*.

On the basis of the reverse point score system Chairman Davenport announced the first three winners in each division as follows:

FLATTIE—*Wind Rider* (Norman Meager) 4½; *Sprees Gal* (Dix Tovell) 4¾; *Smokeroo* (James Jessop) 9.

19-FOOT RESTRICTED—*Zola* (Gale Ford) 3½; *Westerly* (H. F. Eakin) 4¾; *Rhythm* (A. N. Carpenter) 11.

SKIMMER—*Surprise* (Bob Gales) 3½; *Patricia* (Dick Russell) 6¾; *Dolce* (Sidney Jones) 9.

SUNRAY—*Demon* (Bob Wolf); *Challenger* (Leonard Lenger) 6¾; *Raysun* (Robert Hodges) 10.

SNIPE—*Satan* (Darby Metcalf) 4½; *No. 4154* (Ted Varalyay) 14; *Fun* (Austin Peoples) 14 (tie).

INTER CLUB—*Moses* (Glenn Meyer) 3½; *Gadget* (H. M. Wor-