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DID YOU KNOW?

"Burgee" - October 1944

Charley Cole

One of the Cups to be passed to a winning skipper at the Cups 'n Flags this October 28th is the Cole Cup. At times fondly dubbed the "Skuttle" and "Coleslaw Trophy," it nevertheless is appreciatingly raced for by the Star skippers. Charley Cole, for the benefit of late comers, was neither a great yotsman who made millions in pickles & had a yot accordingly, nor was he a plain, modest Snipe sailor. Charley gave his Cup because he liked the sport and the contact with its skippers---as well as the Race Committee. He wrote yatching for the Times-Union for many years along with murders and music. His yot assignment brought him down and out on the staunch Bobabout where he also had the opportunity to wrangle with Obee. When the races started he was wont to shed his shirt, bare his well developed, rugged torso and defy Old Sol during a nap on the back porch. Then he'd go home with inspiration and write a vivid tack-by-tack eye-witness story of the race, manuvvers (we never spell maneuvers right the first time) included.

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