

2 Racing Boats Ahoy! From Far Apart

By PAUL TANNER

FROM ports thousands of miles apart, two beautifully-lined racing boats destined next Spring to duel with Lake Ontario breezes for the right to defend the Canada's Cup, have arrived within the last four days at the Rochester Yacht Club.

First to be tied up was the one that came the farthest, the 40-foot 8-Meter Class Iskareen, all the way from Scotland. She reached Rochester Wednesday morning, towed by the Hudson River and through the Barge Canal from New York, where the freighter American Chief had brought her lashed to the deck from across the Atlantic.

Iskareen's new skipper, Herb Wahl, went to Oswego Tuesday midnight and met her and the tug Ellen L. for the ride up Lake Ontario, which agreeably flattened out after several days of kicking up, and they came into the mouth of the Genesee River to the RYC basin at mid-forenoon Wednesday.

Two-and-a-half days later, just before dark Friday, down the lake from the other direction sailed the other boat, the 8-Meter Thisbe, coming after 20 years back home to the scene of one of her greatest triumphs, the winning of the Canada's Cup in 1930. Thisbe was sailed down from Detroit by two members of her old Detroit crew, making their last trip on her as a vacation to deliver the boat here to her new owners, E. C. (Scoop) Palmer and his son, Jim, the flyer who's going to transfer his enthusiasm from the air to the water.

THISBE CAME in full-rigged with her sails flying, but of course Iskareen had to make the voyage across the ocean with her mast out and all rigging crated. Which was as expected, but it resulted in Wahl having a couple of bad days after her arrival. Because when Herb started to check up on the rigging, being mighty anxious to get her ready to sail and everything, he was crestfallen to find that the boat's solid rigging was nowhere to be found. Immediately he sent off a cable to Scotland. In fact it took two cables to Scotland and two answers and then a hurried phone call to New York.

When the American Chief arrived in New York harbor, the freighter's derrick swung the racing hull over the side and set her into the bay waters. There the tug Ellen L. under Capt. Dick Kates put on a line and towed the Iskareen over to Minneford's yacht yard. At that time it was planned to put the boat onto a truck and bring her over the highways to Rochester. But after conferring with trucking firms who said a virtual house would have to be built around the craft on a "lowboy" truck, it was decided a trip by water would be more practical.

So the 32-foot Ellen L.'s captain who specializes in diving and salvage work, said, sure, he'd tow the Iskareen to Rochester. Meanwhile some of the boat's rigging attached to what appeared only to be an 18-foot long, 10-inch square piece of lumber found inside the hull was crated separately and the plank cast aside in the Minneford yard. "It looks like a good piece of wood," Wahl said to the yard master. "You can have it."

WELL, AFTER the tug had delivered the Iskareen safely and without a canal lock scratch to Rochester (and with only one deck hand, too!), and the frantic search for the missing rigging, the final cablegram from Scotland explained. That "plank" cast aside in New York from the racing boat wasn't just a piece of wood. It was a hollow box and the rest of the fittings were in it.

So then the phone call to Minneford's boat yard in New York, and yes, they still had the "plank." They'd noticed that it sort of rattled when they moved it, they said, so had put it into their storehouse where it promptly had been forgotten since there were no markings on it. Sure, they'd get it right out and ship it to Rochester. Which, to put it mildly, was quite a relief to Herb Wahl.

But he expects to have the boat fully rigged and ready to sail in a few days. And he's decided definitely not to change its name. Iskareen is a Swedish girl's name (the boat was built in Sweden), and much too nice to change, the Wahls have decided.

There's just one thing that needs a little explaining, says Herb. Friends who have read the name on the stern have remarked on the R.C.Y.C. beneath it. No, Wahl insists, his friends at the Royal Canadian Yacht Club who arrived on the scene in Scotland ready to buy Iskareen only to find that Wahl's agent had closed the deal a few days earlier, did not leave their initials on the boat. He thinks it formerly sailed out of the Royal Connaught Yacht Club, or some club with the same letters.

Wahl will have to post a guard on that carved tiller, however. Already there have been many an envious look cast its way.

MEANWHILE, Scoop Palmer bubbles over with enthusiasm at his acquisition of Thisbe. Although to hear Scoop tell it, when Wahl informed him there was a boat for sale in Detroit that he'd like him to look at, Palmer had no idea he was getting into the racing boat class.

"I thought we were going to Detroit to look at a nice, comfortable lazy sailing cruiser," says Palmer. "When we got there and go aboard, I says to Wahl, 'There's not enough headroom. It won't sleep enough. Where's the galley? Nope, I don't want it.' So Wahl tells me, 'Look, try it out for a season. It's a good boat. If you like it you'll know then what it needs and you can have it fixed up just the way you want it.' Why, it wasn't until we were on our way home that I discover that I've bought a racing boat! And I'm in the racing business! But you know, now Jim and I are all excited about it. And Bob Shannon (her Detroit owner) told me he's willing to wager plenty that Thisbe can take Iskareen."

When Thisbe sailed into the RYC basin, Wahl was on hand and yesterday he was still enthusing over the fine condition she's in. "Why," he pointed out, "look at her deck. You can't see where her planking is put together. It's still as perfect as when Bill Barrows sailed her in 1930."

Thisbe now has a new auxiliary motor, the same as Howard Reker's 8-Meter, the Bangalore. But the motor can be taken out for the Canada's Cup trials. Will Wahl put a motor into Iskareen? Never, says Herb. "And this is one boat that I'm never going to part with. I'll keep her forever." It's nice to have guys feel that way about their boats.

Wahl Skippers Starwagon To 2d Cup Elimination Win

Starwagon made it a contest again in the 6-Meter George Cup Eliminations at the Rochester Yacht Club yesterday. Herb Wahl's red racing sloop leading all the way twice up and down a windward-leeward course to gain its second victory of the season.

Jerry Castle's George Cup champion, Stork, couldn't do better than third yesterday, which leaves it a single point ahead of Starwagon in the standings to date. Bill Calkins' Viking came home second, more than 2 minutes behind the winner, with Stork another half-minute back. Rle Hoard's Mist was fourth. Wahl was 4 seconds late at the starting gun but worked out a lead on the 3-mile beat to weather and never was headed.

Marth Tobin made his first race of the season in the Star class a winning one in his Nibot III. Bob Dobbin's Sea Horse was second, followed by Oc. Marth's Tard and Peggy Wee, sailed by Ed Rohrer and his sister, Pat. This was a twice-around-a-small tangle affair.

Pogun Captures Test In Lightning Event

Pogun, skippered by Cliff O'Hare, captured the Lightning division race sponsored by the Geesee Yacht Club on Lake Ontario yesterday. Clarence Wilson's Stardust was second and Ernie Butler's Guppy third.

Solunar Table

By JOHN ALDEN KNIGHT

The schedule for Solunar Periods, as printed below, has been taken from John Alden Knight's Solunar Tables. It indicates the best time for fishing.

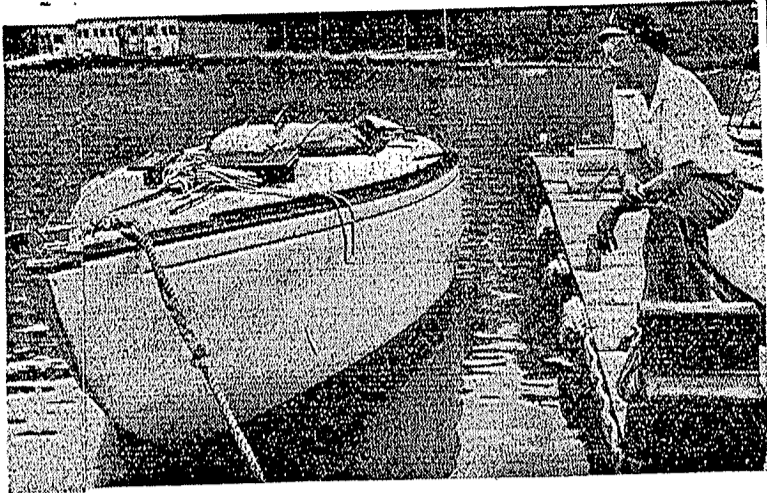
The major periods are shown in boldface type. These begin at the times shown and last for an hour and a half or two hours thereafter. The minor periods, shown in regular type, are of shorter duration. Time is Eastern Standard.

Today 1:45 3:00 2:10 3:25

VINCENT TRIUMPHS

Hartford, Conn. — (P) — Tony Vincent, of New York, ranked 14th in the nation, won his fourth consecutive New England tennis championship yesterday at the Hartford Golf Club. Vincent was leading Henri Salaun, of Hartford, 7-5, 6-3, when Salaun defaulted because of the 90-degree heat.

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ISN'T SHE A BEAUTY? Herb Wahl admires his 8-meter racing yacht Iskareen, just arrived from Scotland, at Rochester Yacht Club. She'll be rigged this week.



BACK HOME—Also at RYC, Jim Palmer inspects another 8-meter, the famous Thisbe which won Canada's Cup here in 1930, has just been brought here from Detroit by Palmer and his father, E. C. (Scoop) Palmer.

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