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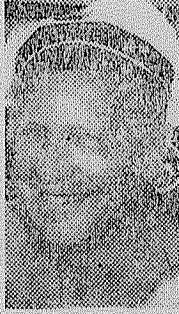
Wahl Buys '8' From Scotland!

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A NEW 8-meter racing yacht will arrive at Rochester Yacht Club probably in June as the first move here to provide a defender for the Canada's Cup, which hasn't been raced for in almost 20 years.

Herb Wahl, RYC 6-meter skipper, received a cable from England only a few hours ago that his offer for the 8-meter sloop Istaleena had been accepted and that she will be shipped to Rochester sometime in the late Spring. The boat now is in Glasgow, Scotland. Istaleena was built in Sweden in 1939 and is the last one of her class to be built to Sparkman & Stephens designs.

Just a few hours after Wahl had received the cable, he got a telephone call from Norm Walsh of the Royal Canadian Yacht Club at Toronto. Walsh, well-known as the skipper of the big cruising yacht Evangeline, said he had a man abroad hunting for an 8-meter and that they had decided to buy Istaleent. But—Walsh's man was just too late. Wahl had gotten there first. So the Canadian's agent has gone on to the Scandinavian countries in his search.



HERB WAHL

As a result of all the revived interest in the Eights, it is expected that a challenge for the Canada's Cup will be received from the RCYC shortly. It has reposed in the RYC trophy case since Rooney Castle last won it in 1934.

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MEANWHILE, 6-Meters continue to flock to Lake Ontario!

And as the flock grows and grows—there are 20 of the graceful 40-foot international racing class sloops on the lake now—enthusiasm of the 6-Meter racing skippers continues to grow, also. So much so that the other weekend American and Canadian 6-Meterites got together in Buffalo to plan a regular Lake Ontario 6-Meter race schedule for the coming season.

The gathering was held at Buffalo Yacht Club and the outcome was formation of an inter-club committee to direct the fortunes of the class. Rochester Yacht Club's Bill Calkins, skipper of Viking, was named chairman. And here's the schedule that will be recommended to the various club race committees:

Saturday, July 11—Two races at Youngstown for 4-boat teams from each club. This will mean that RYC, Youngstown YC and Royal Canadian Yacht Club at Toronto would be represented. The other two clubs, the Royal Hamilton and the National YC at Toronto, only have one boat each.

Sunday, July 12—Race from Youngstown to Toronto.

Saturday and Sunday, July 18 and 19—Alarm Cup series at Toronto for 6-Meter championship of Lake Ontario.

Sunday, July 26—Freeman Cup race, Toronto to Rochester.

Thursday, Friday and Saturday, July 30, 31 and Aug. 1—LYRA races at Rochester.

Thursday, Friday and Saturday, Aug. 13, 14 and 15—George Cup challenge cup races at Rochester.

Which means that for more than a month in the middle of the Summer the 6-Meter boats of the five clubs represented will be engaged in inter-club competition, a pretty ambitious schedule which should provide some pretty exciting racing.

Those at the meeting voted unanimously to recommend also to race committees on the lake that use of permanently stationed bouys be discontinued. During the past season, in nine races at Toronto and Youngstown, where they have permanent bouys, eight of the starts were off the wind instead of to weather, which usually is much preferred. At the RYC racing marks are set out before each race, according to the wind.

Newest Sixes to join the Lake Ontario fleet are the Swallow, which Ken Hamilton of Youngstown has purchased from Frederick Fish, who sailed her on Long Island Sound, and Focus III, acquired from abroad by Fred Obersheimer of the same club.

Swallow, designed by Sparkman & Stephens, was built by Nevins in 1934 and efforts heretofore to separate her from Mr. Fish have been unsuccessful. Both Jon Heinrich and Herb Wahl of the RYC tried to buy her previously. Hamilton, Swallow's new owner, sailed Jill to two Freeman Cup firsts this past season. Obersheimer, who has bought Focus III, originally brought Circe to Lake Ontario and next season will mark his return to 6-Meter racing.

Focus III is a sister ship of Elizabeth X, which finished second in this year's Olympics to Llanoria from Long Island Sound. Since Elizabeth X, has been brought from Europe to the Royal Canadian, the two boats will race against each other again. Obersheimer has renamed his new boat Little Sister.

So as of now this is how the Sixes on the lake line up:
Rochester Yacht Club—Stork, Mist, Apache, Viking, Starwagon.
Youngstown YC—Swallow, Little Sister, Erne, Jill, Jack, Meteor.
RCYC (Toronto)—Elizabeth X, Trickson, Totem, Caren, Aphrodite, Circe, Gallant.
National YC (Toronto)—Buzzy.

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ROCHESTER YACHT CLUB, which has seen extensive rebuilding and improvement of its Summerville clubhouse and grounds during the past year, will be headed for 1953 by the same staff of officers, with only one or two exceptions, that spearheaded the improvement program. At the annual election F. Ritter Shumway was reelected commodore, with Samuel W. Townsend as vice commodore.

Gilbert L. Barber was named new rear commodore, with others renamed as follows: Secretary, Oscar Marth; corresponding secretary, John A. Gottschalk; treasurer, Allen J. Oliver; measurer, Oscar Marth; directors for two years, Joseph P. Ingerson and Herbert P. Wahl elected new to the board, with Wilmot V. Castle Sr. reelected; delegates to LYRA, Castle Sr., George E. Ford and Alvin H. Gorsline, all reelected.

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HALF-HITCHES—One of the features of the National Motor Boat Show in New York City's Grand Central Palace Jan. 9-17 will be a collection from the Mystic Seaport of the Marine Historical Association at Mystic, Conn. Among other items will be a 15-foot sailing canoe, Kestrel, built in the late 1880s in this country from designs of W. P. Stephens. It is a center-boarder with a yawl-type rig, having a large foresail and a smaller mizzensail . . .

Top prize in the 24-mile 'Round Miami Beach Marathon Dec. 27 for inboard and outboard racing craft up to 30 feet, will be an MG sports car. Which should intrigue Rochester's Bob Wahl, second in his class in the Albany to New York marathon this past season. If Bob could win an MG he could park it alongside his dad's snappy Jaguar in the Herb Wahl driveway in Druid Hill Pk. . . .

T' 53 Albany to New York marathon, incidentally, has been June 7 . . . Newport Yacht Club is planning a big New party at its Irondequoit Bay clubhouse.