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A YOUTHFUL SKIPPER

We get quite a kick out of publishing this picture of Billy Rich's daughter, Florence, with her F. T. Wood designed 24-inch model *Shamrock*.

The photo was made at the regatta held in Boston, June 29th, the Sunday following the National Elimination Races on the Charles River, under the auspices of the Community Service of Boston and the Boston Junior Model Yacht Association.

Florence Rich with her 24-inch Wood Designed *Shamrock*

Prizes were given by the *Boston American* and the Boston Tercentenary Celebration Fund. The races were under the direction of Francis McLaughlin of the Community Service and Fred Pigeon of the Boston Model Yacht Club.

Florence's boat finished first in her class, but the officials withheld the prize, as they ruled that Uncle Francis had given her too much assistance. On October 12th, on the Frog Pond at Boston, Florence came through unassisted, and proudly carried home her trophy.

Billy Rich showed this picture to the boys at the Eagle Cup races with the remark: "That is how we raise 'em in Boston."

This little miss has had a wonderful time with her boat this summer. All summer long she has been in the water, swimming and practicing sailing this boat and she can now handle it very cleverly.

DEAR MR. BROWN:

I hope you received the Park Board's subscription to MODEL YACHTING given as prizes in the 24″ and 40″ classes.

We have several prizes, including $5.00 each week of racing for the 40″ and $3.00 for the 24″ class; there are ice cream sodas for 1st and two for second place given each day—a total of 360 for the season; also tools are given each day, not to mention the cups for each class and the Park Board's cash prize for the week.

Instead of two cash prizes, I thought it would be nice if a sub. to "M. Y." was given. Mr. Kodel, representing the Park Board, agreed.

Be sure to send a copy to P. G. Schmidt, Box 71, New Castle, Del. He used to sail in Newark, N. J., and has built to the large classes, A and B.

Nineteen evenly matched models raced in the 40″ class this year. The June and August regattas gave *Whirlwind*, a schoolboy model designed by F. T. Wood, the $5.00 each time, not to mention the subs. to "M. Y." *Whirlwind* is owned by Austin McCullough and was built in my "Y" Class.

Mayflower, of Clarence Stouffer, took July's races. She is from one of my 40″ designs and is similar to *Radiant*, which won the September regatta, and gave me the cup for the third successive time. By reason of this, it is my permanent possession.

Next year's cup will be given on a percentage basis, and I want several percentage tables like the one you published in "M. Y." Am enclosing self-addressed envelope for them.

Sincerely yours,
ROBERT EASTBURN,
Com. Delaware Model Yacht Club.

GRAND RAPIDS M. Y. C.

During the Fall season a series of model races has been held under the auspices of the Grand Rapids Model Yacht Club for a cup donated by a prominent local merchant. After nine great races, an "R" boat, *Vulture*, owned by H. J. Cawthra, emerged the victor. *Vulture* was well sailed at all times and took four races from the miscellaneous fleet of fifteen boats. One of the smaller craft, *Barbet*, sailed by C. M. Luce, managed to pile up enough points through consistent good work to finish in second place. *Volsung*, which became nationally prominent while owned by Commodore Steinbrecher of Detroit, was not acquired by E. L. Cheney, her present owner, until the series was well under way, but she then performed so well that she forged up among the leaders.

The enthusiasm here over the sport was forced to submit to a severe test on October 19. Commodore Steinbrecher brought his new boat, *Pilot*, over to race against the Grand Rapids skippers and was met by a severe blizzard. Snow had fallen, and all expected to have to break the ice before they could put their yachts into the water; but ten boats turned out and struggled as far around the course as they could. *Pilot*, a beautiful boat with almost perfect balance and amazing speed, took the race over the mile course from *Vulture* by a bit less than five minutes. *Volsung* was damaged and forced to finish third, but the remaining yachts could not conquer the most difficult windward leg. With such interest the outlook for next Spring is most optimistic.

At the present time two 6-metre boats have been acquired, four more are under construction, while at least two others are guaranteed for next Spring. From this fleet it is hoped that two suitable representatives can be selected to carry the Grand Rapids Model Yacht Club burgee in the 1931 eliminations.

The Regatta Committee is anxious to book inter-club races for next year, and the Secretary would like to hear from any enthusiast.

COMMODORE,
Grand Rapids Model Yacht Club.

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been himself this summer. He only stayed at the trial races one day. There is only one answer, a "skirt." Come, Woody, break away to your first love—model yachts. We have been after the English Cup now for six years, and I have yet to read an article published by the participant after his return from England that gave us any light on the methods and what he really found out in England that would be useful to all model yachtsmen in this country. We would like to know something of the way of rigging, shape of sails, flow of sails, how sheets are handled, shape of hulls and a lot of little things that one who has eyes can see and should broadcast here to all. One of the best ways of finding out is for us all to go over when they get the tunnel built.

I have sent over to Mr. Daniels for a complete set of Class A 6-metre fittings such as he uses on his racing models, and when I get them will send them to Mr. Cox to see if they are what we want and will then turn them over to Mr. Fisher, who can duplicate them, and anybody can purchase a set from him or copy same from his neighbor who has a set. I would like to ask for information whether in the opinion of Mr. Black, Mr. Weaver or Mr. Bull about the balance jib, do they think it is an advantage on a model over the regular jib set on a stay; if so, all model yachtsmen want to adopt it. Also, what has each one found out about the proportion of the jib as to its area to the size of mainsail. Two or three of our 6-metres have a running sheet connected with the jib; this must be a great help and should be adopted by all. It only requires two extra blocks for the deck just aft of the jib sheet traveler and 4 or 4½ inches between the

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