PERSONALS

Raspberries, Peaches and Quince, plucked here and there,

WE UNDERSTAND THAT—

Jack Ross of Chicago won the July 4th race for the Drysdale Cup and Labor Day race for the Club Cup. The races were sailed in a tough breeze with Class B models. Jack reports a very poor season of racing in Chicago.

The Grand Rapids Club have seventeen members, with a probability of doubling the membership by Spring. Eight 6-metres are almost guaranteed for the '31 racing, six being either well under construction or built. They are going through the trials of changing from a free-for-all to a rating class schedule.

Com. Jim Potter is working out an old "sockdolager" of an A boat, 50-inch waterline, 50 pounds displacement. Some boat! Rich's new boat from Fred Pigeon's design will be 47 or 48 pounds displacement. They do things in a "big weigh" at Boston.

A. J. Fisher writes: "I think every man and boy who builds a model yacht wants something special in the line of fittings, and everyone suggests I should make this or that fitting. They do not seem to appreciate the cost of dies or special tools to make these fittings so they can be sold at a reasonable cost. However, I am going ahead with various additions to the yacht line, and anything new I will send you a sample for your opinion; also any suggestions, such as you have already so kindly given me, will be well received."

C. O. Brook has the Kiwan's Club "lined up to the extent of using their influence to have model yachting taught in the manual training classes in the Capital District. If this goes over, we can then plan on enlarging our membership and perhaps securing regular quarters."

J. W. Magann of Oklahoma City is interested in promoting model yachting as an activity in Sea Scouting. Mr. Magann recently sent us a nice little check for subscriptions and his own renewal.

Sam Berge of Grimstad, Norway, sent us a design of a 78.5 in. O. A. Class A model that is a pippin. This will be printed as a supplement in an early issue. Mr. Berge informs us that we gave his address in a previous issue as Oslo, which is some 200 miles from his home.

Morris Fiare of Portland, Oregon, has only been able to find one other bug, among the 300,000 inhabitants of that city, to share his fun. Mr. Fiare is a well-informed model builder and an expert workman.

S. L. Perkins has tried out his new schooner, which is a beautiful craft, and has sent us some photos and a report of her performance which will be published at the first opportunity.

Prospects are brightening up a bit around Hamilton, Ohio, with a strong possibility of a first-class model yacht club being organized in that city. Calvin Fuhrman promises further news as the scheme progresses.

The Vancouver M. Y. C. plans to send a boat to the 1931 British championship races with the hope that it will place well.

Eight of the sail area boats were racing at Redds Pond, November 2. The walls have been finished, but owing to drainage and drouth the pond is still low with a few spots where the models ground. Seven members are building for the new 700 sail area class. Frank Courtis was expected to give his new boat a tryout November 9.

The Rotary Club at Oakville, Ontario, is going to start a model yacht club for boys, with Geo. W. Barrett as instructor. Mr. Barrett is considering Mr. Wood's 36-inch schoolboy model.

A resident at Hampton Manor Lake, New York, has promised to donate a cup for "A" boats, to be competed for on that lake in 1931. This will be an open event in which all "A" boats will be invited to compete.

The Deeper Hudson Club has the keels laid for two "A" boats (Graffunder and Brook), and some five or six others have signified their intention of building to this class.

Ben Comfort of St. Louis has designed a new boat which he intends to bring East with him next season. Ben only got back to his office the first of October, and already has his 1931 campaign well under way. They work fast in St. Louis.

Model Yacht Racing Association of America

The M. Y. R. A. is composed of affiliated clubs in many cities. It is a member of the International Model Yacht Racing Association, which is composed of national associations. If you own a model or want to, and live in one of these towns, get in touch with the club. If there is no club in your town, organize one. We want to see a club wherever there is a pond or other suitable stretch for sailing.

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