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**ISLAND HEIGHTS** — In a hotly contested "A" Cat race that featured numerous lead changes, Tom Beaton and the Wasp were in front when it counted.

Beaton and his crew, Cynthia Wesson, Joe Cavaluzzi, Quintin Danish, Don Turner, Julia and Russ Manheimer and Suzanne Cain, fended off Peter Kellog and the Tamwack to take the J. Willard Morgan Cup in the Barnegat Bay Yacht Racing Association weekly regatta, hosted by Island Heights Yacht Club.

The Morgan Cup, which has been awarded annually since 1903, is one of the most prestigious prizes for the A Cats in the BBYRA season. The Wasp, owned by Nelson Hartranft Jr. of Ocean Gate, has won the Cup before but this was the first time with Beaton as skipper.

"It was a thrill," said Beaton. "I guess the Toms River Challenge Cup is the big one because it has been around a little longer but this one is right up there with it."

Though morning races were canceled due to a lack of wind, a fleet of 85 boats in eight classes sailed in the afternoon from the mouth of the Toms River over the Wanamaker course. Winds were light to moderate out of the northwest in the afternoon and there was sporadic cloud cover. The A Cats and Sanderlings sailed upriver.

"The conditions were variable," said Beaton. "We would have pretty good wind and then it would get light and shifty. It was a really good race, the lead changed several times. I think there was four different leaders. We were in the lead the last three marks."

As the Wasp approached the finish, the Tamwack was bearing down.

"It was close," Beaton said. "The wind shifted right before we were across the finish. We thought we were going to cross the finish line in five or 10 seconds and it took us a minute. We put on a little distance by the second to last mark, but we lost it all. It was a very exciting race. My crew did a great job, as usual."

Three other perpetual trophies were awarded, with two others from the morning being put on the shelf until next year due to the cancellation.

The closest race of the day belonged to the Lightning class, which was competing for the Jack Wright Cup. J. G. Carson of Metedeconk River won by half a boat length over Paul Gelenitis of Metedeconk River, who won at Mantoloking last week.

The afternoon races were delayed because of a general recall of the E Scows at the start, but the class later provided another close race for the Atkinson Cup with Henry Bossett of Manasquan River edging Scott Callahan of Bay Head.

The Ensigns made their first appearance of the season with Len Egee

and Bob Morrison of Island Heights blowing away the field to capture the Slack Bowl.

In other races, John Bertholon of Normandy Beach brought the first Sanderling to the finish while Kris Smith of Shore Acres won comfortably in the Flying Scot class. Only two sailors apiece competed in Hobie 18's and Prindle 18's with Mark Schleckser of Shore Acres and William Epstein of Pine Beach winning, respectively.

Mantoloking Yacht Club and Manasquan River Yacht Club will host next week's regatta at Mantoloking with 10 trophies at stake.

### BBYRA RESULTS

#### At Island Heights Yacht Club Afternoon races (85 boats)

**A Cats (6):** 1. Wasp, Nelson Hartranft, Jr. (Tom Beaton skipper), Ocean Gate; 2. Tamwack, Peter Kellog, Bay Head; 3. Spy, Roy Wilkins, Island Heights; 4. Maryann, Mike Frankovich, Island Heights; 5. Lotus, Steven Brick, Island Heights.

**Ensigns (11):** 1. L. P. Egee/Morrison/L. Egee, Island Heights; 2. William Hummel, Island Heights; 3. Richard Torpey, Toms River; 4. Bailey/Rosenfeld, Island Heights; 5. Arthur Shearer, Seaside Park.

**Sanderlings (22):** 1. John Bertholon, Normandy Beach; 2. John Wardell, Bay Head; 3. Dave Hanrahan, Metedeconk River; 4. Allen Papp, Metedeconk River; 5. Bob Sayla, Seaside Park.

**E Scows (26):** 1. Henry Bossett, Manasquan River; 2. Scott Callahan, Bay Head; 3. William Campbell, Toms River; 4. Peter Fortenbaugh, Bay Head; 5. Harry Brick, Island Heights.

**Hobie 18's (2):** 1. Mark Schleckser, Shore Acres; 2. Harold Savage, Shore Acres.

**Prindle 18's (2):** 1. William Epstein (Pine Beach); 2. Samuel Courlas (Pine Beach).

**Lightnings (5):** 1. J. G. Carson, Metedeconk River; 2. P. F. Gelenitis (Metedeconk River); 3. David Ruiter, Metedeconk River; 4. Craig Dooren, Metedeconk River; 5. Phil & Greg Kinzel, Metedeconk River.

**Flying Scots (11):** 1. Kris Smith, Shore Acres; 2. T. Cornelius, Toms River; 3. Glenn Shaffer, Shore Acres; 4. James Leggett, Pine Beach; 5. Bruce Kohut, Toms River.



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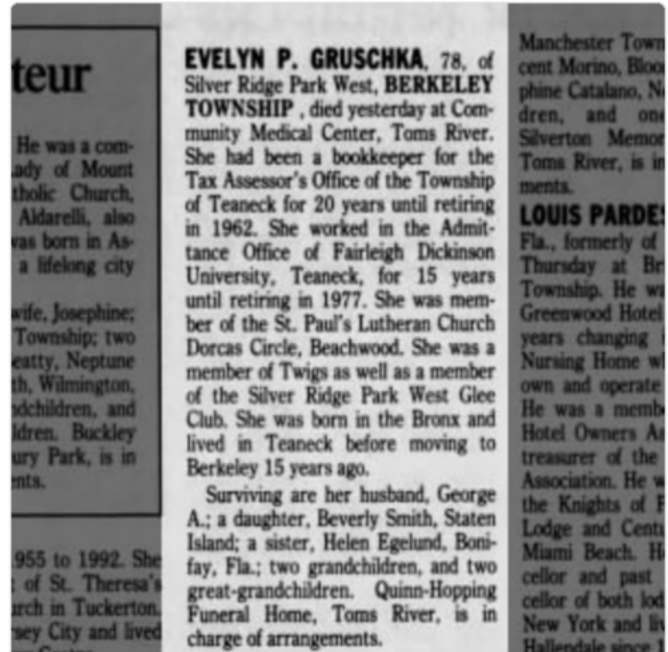
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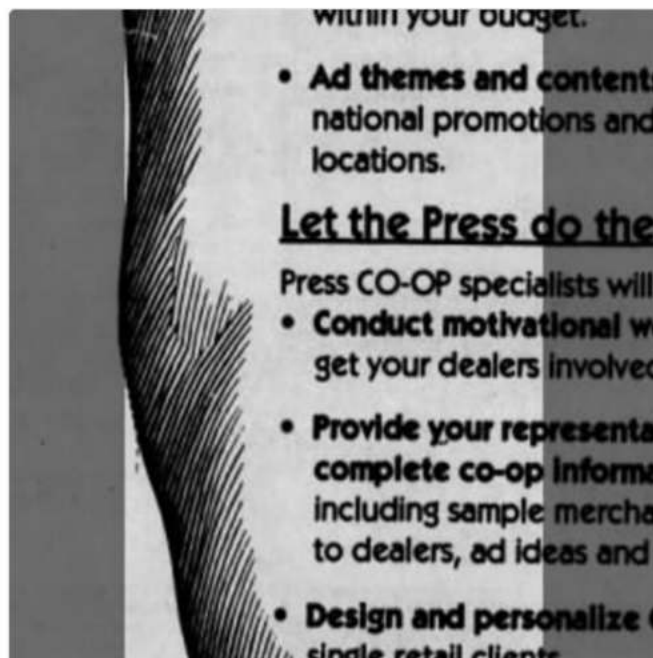
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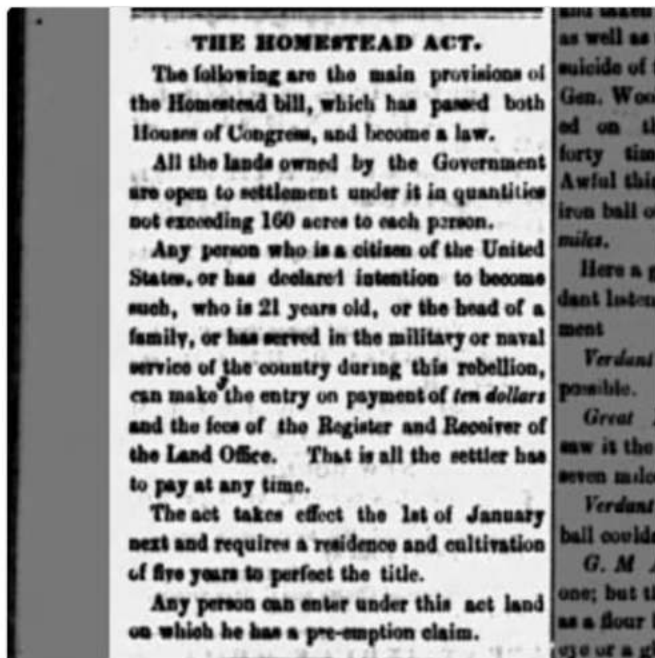
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