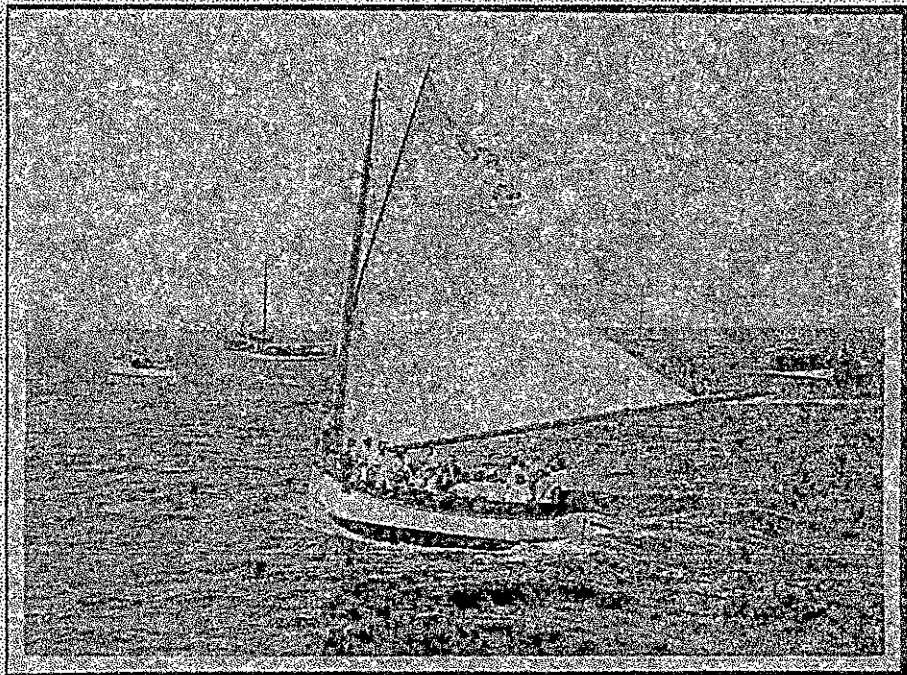


TOMS RIVER YACHT CLUB FOUNDED, HOSTS CHALLENGE CUP RACE!



Above, catboats and pleasure craft on the Barnegat Bay, 1913.

The Toms River Yacht Club Regatta.

New York Daily Herald, August 3rd, 1871

The Toms River Yacht Club made their first appearance before the public on Thursday, the 27th ult., a day long to be remembered by all in this section of the State interested in aquatic pleasures.

The race was for the Wasp Challenge Cup, valued at \$1000, presented for by the yachts of Toms River and Barnegat Bay, the winner to hold the cup for three months and then to be subject to challenge. The course was from Westray's Point, at the mouth of Toms River, to and around the stakeboat twelve miles down the bay and home, making a course of about twenty-four miles.

The day opened with a fine breeze, but before reaching the anchoring ground, previous to the start it was nearly a dead calm, which caused many to change their opinions as to the result of the race. The contestants were the Maria, Legal Tender, Sarah & May, Haze, Lulie, Vapor, Sallie Bower and Lizzie Hopkins, the finest yachts upon Barnegat Bay.

The start was given precisely at ten o'clock, and all got away together, but owing to the light breeze little headway was made until reaching a point some eight miles away, when the wind freshened and continued throughout the race. The Vapor was the first to round the lower stakeboat, followed closely by the Legal Tender and Maria, the balance of the fleet following well up. The same positions were retained until rounding Good Luck Point, when Legal Tender passed the Vapor and took first position, which she retained to the end although closely pressed by the Vapor.

By allowance of time the Vapor won the challenge cup, the Legal Tender the second prize--a tureen and salver. The third prize was secured by the Maria--a suit of colors.

The conduct of the race was very creditable to the club, it being their first exhibit. It was particularly satisfactory to all.

The Commodore's yacht, dressed in her gala day colors, presented a novel sight to the people in this section when approaching her anchoring ground, followed, as she was, by the entire fleet.

On board the Commodore's yacht were the invited guests, among whom were ex-Governor Parker, Mr. Joseph Chattelier, Mr. Tom Placide, Mr. Francis, inventor of the metallic lifeboat, Mr. Fletcher Westray, Mr. George M. Joy and Judge James.

The yachts arrived home in the following order:--

Legal Tender 2:05:59

Vapor 2:06:18

Maria 2:10:43

Lulie 2:14:28

Haze 2:15:51

Sallie Bower 2:18:01

Lizzie Hopkins 2:21:52

Sarah & May 2:35:09

Time of race with allowance made:--

Vapor 4:01:10

Legal Tender (Maria) Time Warp! 1871: TRYC Begins with Challenge Cup Race!

Maria 4:07:13

Haze 4:10:51

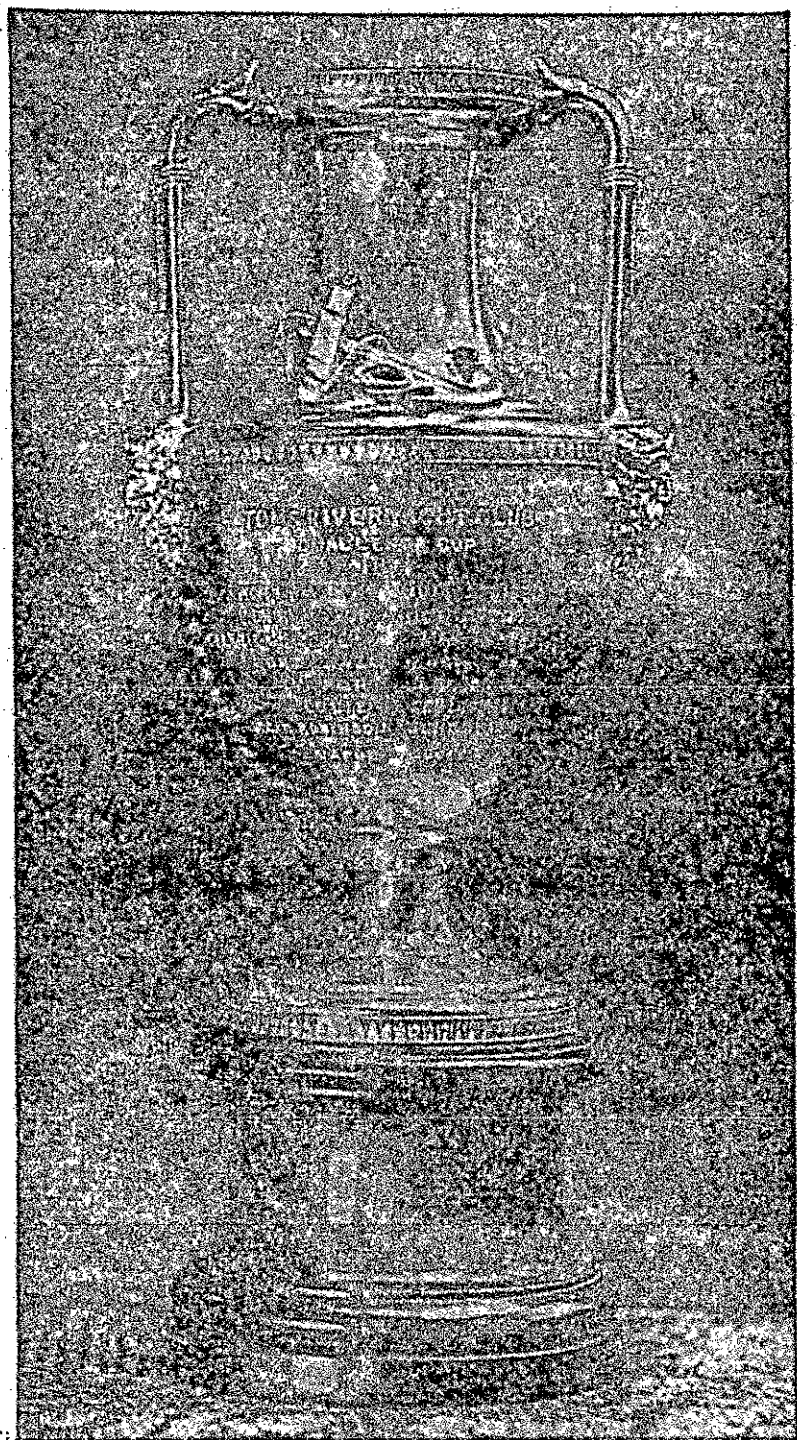
Lulie 4:11:18

Sallie Bower 4:12:33

Lizzie Hopkins 4:16:24

Sarah & May 4:22:41

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