





RIVERTON
YACHT CLUB
OF
RIVERTON, NEW JERSEY



JULY FOURTH 1914

Regatta Committee
ROBERTS LEINAU

DR. W. L. JONES

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THE FIFTIETH ANNUAL REGATTA
of the
RIVERTON YACHT CLUB

will be held at
Riverton, New Jersey

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EVENTS OF THE DAY

- 9.30 A. M. Children's Flag Parade
- 10.30 A. M. Yacht Races
- 2 to 4 P. M. Band Concert on the Lawn
- 2.15 P. M. Power Boat Race
- 2.30 P. M. Tub Race
- 2.45 P. M. Swimming Races
- 3.00 P. M. Canoe Events
- 7.30 P. M. Church Services on
the Lawn
- 8.30 P. M. Fireworks on the
Pier





SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

CRUISERS AND ONE DESIGN CLASSES, COURSE No. 1.—Riverton Buoy to House of Correction Buoy, to Keystone Buoy, return to Riverton, keeping outside of all buoys, rounding course 3 times. Distance 9 miles.

Should the race not be made by one of the winning yachts within four hours of the time of starting, it will be considered as no race, and will be repeated on a day fixed by the Regatta Committee.

All Yachts entering must carry Club flags and owner's private signal.
The sailing regulations of the Riverton Yacht Club will be strictly adhered to.

10.25 A. M.—Preparatory Signal, 5 minutes before start, by firing gun.

10.30 A. M.—Start of 26 ft. One Design Class by firing gun. The starting time of all Yachts in this class will be taken from the gun.

10.35 A. M.—Start of 16 ft. One Design Class by firing gun. The starting time of all Yachts of this class will be taken from the gun.

10.40 A. M.—Start of Cruisers. The starting time of all Yachts of this class will be taken from the gun.

2.15 P. M.—Power Boat Race for boats of Riverton Fleet.

2.30 P. M.—Tub Race.

2.45 P. M.—Swimming Races.

3.00 P. M.—Preparatory Gun for Canoe Events. Course will be announced by the Committee.

Canoe events open to any canvas covered, open cruising canoe, 16 feet long by 31 inches beam. Entries must be in hands of Regatta Committee before 2 P. M.

PRIZES

26 ft. One Design Class. Prizes by Ex-Commodore J. H. Reese.
16 ft. One Design Class. Prizes by Commodore Robert Biddle, 2nd.
Cruisers. Prizes by Ex-Commodore E. B. Showell.
Power Boats. Prizes by Vice-Commodore H. H. Watkins.
Tub Race. Prizes by Charles A. Wright.
Swimming Races. Prizes by W. C. Wright.

CANOE EVENTS.

Men's Doubles. Prizes by F. C. Brooksbank.
Ladies' Doubles. Prizes by D. F. Vaughan.
Men's Singles. Prizes by A. W. Herr.
Ladies' Singles. Prizes by Roberts Leinau.
Canoe Kick. Prizes by D. L. Vaughan.
Mixed Doubles. Prizes by W. McLean Jones.
Broom Race for Men. Prizes by G. R. Showell.
Mixed Doubles (paddling backwards). Prizes by C. M. Biddle, Jr.
Men's Fours. Prizes by R. Biddle Frishmuth.
Broom Race for Women. Prizes by Dr. W. L. Jones.
Riverton Special. Prizes by Canoe Committee.
Tilting Contest. Prizes by D. B. Fidler.

Prizes will be on exhibition
at the Club House on day
of races, and will be
awarded at 6.30 p.m.



HISTORY OF THE CLUB

On the opening of the Yachting Season in the year 1865, a few gentlemen, owners of yachts on the Upper Delaware River, met at the residence of Edward H. Ogden, Riverton, N. J., to consider the project of forming a yacht club. After a full interchange of views it was unanimously decided to organize the Riverton Yacht Club, and on July 1, 1865, an organization was effected, which today stands as the oldest Yacht Club on the Delaware River and the ninth oldest in the United States. Casper W. Morris was elected Commodore; Jacob G. Morris, Vice-Commodore, and Edward H. Ogden, Secretary and Treasurer.

This occurred at a time when our Civil War had just closed; President Lincoln had recently been assassinated, and an intense, loyal and patriotic feeling prevailed over the country. The Committee appointed to select a club signal concluded that nothing could be more appropriate than one with the thirteen stars in the blue field and the red and white stripes.

Much of the success of the Club is due to Edward H. Ogden, who succeeded Casper W. Morris as Commodore in 1875, and continued to act in this capacity until the spring of 1895, when he declined re-election, having served for twenty years.

For several years after its organization the Club suffered much inconvenience in not having a club house in which to hold its meetings and as a place of rendezvous for its members, when funds were subscribed and the present club house was erected on the Riverton Pier in 1880, and on March 9, 1881, the Club was incorporated under the laws of the State of New Jersey.

The Club has always been the rendezvous of the yachting fraternity on the Upper Delaware River, and it extends a hearty welcome to all yachtsmen who may be cruising in these waters.

OFFICERS OF THE CLUB

Commodore,
ROBERT BIDDLE, 2ND.

Vice-Commodore,
H. H. WATKINS, JR.

Secretary and Treasurer,
H. B. HILLS.

Measurer,
J. H. REESE.

E. B. SHOWELL,
J. G. SECKEL,

Finance and Elective Committee,
W. MCLEAN JONES,

ROBERTS LEINAU,
J. H. REESE.

Certificate of Incorporation of the Riverton Yacht Club, of Riverton, N. J.

At a meeting of the members of the Riverton Yacht Club held at Riverton, Burlington County, New Jersey, on the first day of June, 1880, the following named officers were duly elected:

Commodore, Edward H. Ogden; Vice-Commodore, William F. Dreer; Secretary and Treasurer, F. Perot Ogden; Measurer, Robert Wells, Jr.; Regatta Committee, F. Perot Ogden, J. C. W. Frishmuth, Geo. W. B. Roberts; Finance Committee and Trustees, Walter G. Wilson, J. Rulon Miller, Charles E. Cornelius, Charles W. Davis, William R. Ellison.

That said organization has for its object the encouragement of yachting and other athletic sports and desires the incorporation of the said Association under an Act entitled "An Act to incorporate boat-clubs and other Associations for the promotion of athletic exercises," approved April 1st, 1876, and the supplements thereto.

We, the undersigned Finance, Investigating Committee, and Trustees, do hereby certify under our hands and seals that the corporate name of the association to be used in its dealings is the

Riverton Yacht Club

In witness whereof, we have set our hands and seals this Ninth day of March, A. D., 1881.

Signed, Sealed and Delivered in the presence of

J. E. CARPENTER.

WALTER G. WILSON,
CHARLES E. CORNELIUS,
J. RULON MILLER,
CHARLES W. DAVIS,
WILLIAM R. ELLISON.

State of Pennsylvania, ss:

Be it remembered, that, on this Ninth day of March, A. D., 1881, before me, the subscriber, a Commissioner of the State of New Jersey, duly appointed to take acknowledgments in the State of Penna., personally appeared Walter G. Wilson, Charles E. Cornelius, J. Rulon Miller, Charles W. Davis and Wm. R. Ellison, who acknowledged that they signed, sealed and delivered the foregoing Certificate as their act and deed for the purpose therein mentioned, the contents of the same having first been made known to them before signing; all of which is certified by me, J. E. CARPENTER, a Commissioner of N. J. for Pa. Duly recorded March 12, 1881, in Book B. of Cor., fol. 105, in Clerk's Office at Mt. Holly, N. J.

