

400 boats expected for Hyannis regatta

The Hyannis Yacht Club regatta, expanded last year in all aspects, expects to attract over 400 boats to the Lewis Bay area July 27-29, with the U.S. Naval Academy's New York 40, Avenger, skippered by Ens. John Westerbeke, topping a fleet of 100 cruising class racing machines.

Dennis Sullivan, regatta chairman, says that plans for the three-day event have just about been completed. The 42nd annual regatta falls between the Edgartown and Buzzards sailing extravaganzas affording sailing enthusiasts a three-week period of competition at the height of the summer.

Bill Lawson, off-shore chairman, expects two entries from the Massachusetts Maritime Academy. According to Capt. Greer, the academy plans to have its Swan 48, Cadets Pride on the starting line, and if she can be made ready, the Windlass will also compete.

The cruising class will compete in two classes, the Performance Handicap Racing Fleet (PHRF) and International Off-shore Rule (IOR). A large fleet of one-design craft will be competing including 505s, Beetle Cats, Lasers, 420s, Widgeons, Cotuit Skiffs, Day Sailers, Cape Cod Knockabouts, J24s and 22s.

Beetle skippers will be competing in regular regatta events for the class as well as the Leo J. Telesmanick Championship. A large fleet of Lasers is assured as the regatta is a qualifier for the Laser world championship.

Dock Lines

By Joe Hoffman

Post-race activities are planned each day, beginning opening day, in the regatta tent. A 10-piece steel band, Reel Steel, will be the featured attraction from 4 until 8 p.m. and during the same time period Saturday, the Oakland Road Band will perform. Sunday afternoon the highlight of the social schedule is the appearance of John Salerno's 15-piece Jazz Society, featuring the big band sounds of 30s, 40s and 50s.

Entry deadline has been set for July 26, 1984, at 8 p.m. Those who require more information are asked to write to Hyannis Yacht Club Regatta, Post Office Box 9, Hyannis, Mass. 02601.

The Three Harbors Regatta held last week at Saquatucket came off without a hitch. This was the first of what the organizers hope will be a regular event on the Cape sailing schedule. Three Harbors was sponsored by the Cape Cod Power Squadron and it couldn't be happier with the outcome. Forty-six sailboats answered the call on a day that was absolutely beautiful for sailing. Wind direction dictated a course that ran between Stage Harbor and

Dennisport, and the entire race took place only about 1½ miles off the beach.

The Class D results proved to be the most interesting, especially if you are a lover of the catboat. Elmer Torre took first place in Piper, and Dick Klein sailed his Sand Scratcher to a second-place finish. Bob Barningham completed the sweep by the "cats," racing Annie B home in third place.

In the Class A spinnaker division, top honors went to a J-22 called Catch 22, skippered by Van Thompson. He beat out Will Holden's Campaign and a Wianno Senior, Incubus, sailed by Jim Light from Bass River. Class B was the close division of the day as the trophy went to Neil Thomkinson and his crew aboard the Chinook. All 11 boats in the division finished within 10 minutes of each other.

Class C was almost the Maloney Division as Phil Maloney sailed Lustre to first place and Bill Maloney came in third in Lone Ranger. In between was Bob Rice and Bonaventure. First place in the E division went to Pete Eastman in his MFG 17, Hesperus.

The honor of coring the longest distance to race in Three Harbors has to go to Howard Johnson. He sailed his Cape Dory 27, "Tide Chaser," from Sesuit Harbor through the Cape Cod Canal enroute to

Harwich in order to make the race. If you come that far why not make an event of it? Johnson then left on Monday to go the other way, around Monomoy and Provincetown and back home to Sesuit Harbor.

Bob Maynard, the Power Squadron's Race Chairman, is already planning for next year, so you can count on it . . . The second annual Three Harbors Regatta.

YACHT CLUB NOTES — All of the clubs that are only open in the summer are ready to get back into action. Falmouth Yacht Club plans it's grand opening party tomorrow, and on Sunday it has scheduled a race for the "210" class boats. That will be a first for that class at Falmouth. Hyannisport has a new sailing master this year; not new to sailing of course, but new to the 'Port. Beth Richardson will take over the top job when sailing classes begin next week. Also stepping into a new job as sailing master is Emily Sheehy. For the past few years Sheehy has handled the Town of Barnstable program but on Monday she starts her new job right next door at the Hyannis Yacht Club. One master who won't be learning new ropes is Jim Lawrence, who is starting his fourth year at the Falmouth club.

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