THE CHRISTENING OF THE THIRTIES

Before the yachts were actually completed, rigged and put overboard, it became necessary to allot them to those who were to be their owners. And this was done by the Committee actually drawing the names by lot. The numbers of the yachts have never changed, except that for a few years, through an error made by the concern which most obligingly kept a record of the numbers of all the yaohts in these waters, No. 14 was given the number 19, so that for this period our Class had no number 14. I secured a change 1n this while I was Chairman of the Thirty Class in 1922.

But to return to the allotment. The numbers of the yachts, the names of the owners, and the names then given to the yachts are as follows. The names printed in Italics, that is, ALERA, LINNET. ORIOLE, BANZAI, and PHRYNE,have been preserved to this day withthout change. NAUTILUS is so called today but her name was changed to WANDERER VIII in 1920 for a short time.

Number	Name	Original Owners
1	ALERA	A.H. and J.W. Alker
2	IBIS	O'Donnell Islin
3	ATAIR	Cord Meyer
4	MAID OF MEUDON	Wm. D Guthrie
5	PINTAIL	August Belmont
6	DAHINDA	Wm. Butler Duncan, Jr.
7	TOBASCO	Henry F. Lippit
8	CARLITA	Oliver Harriman
9	ADELAIDE II	Philip H. and George A. Adee
10	LINNET	Amos Tuck French
11	ORIOLE	Lyman Delano
12	NEOLA II	George M. Pynchon
13	MINX	Howard Willets
14	CARA MIA	Stuyvesant Wainwright
15	BANZAI	Newbury D. Lawton
16	NAUTILUS	A.G. and H.W. Hanan
17	PHRYNE	Henry L. Maxwell
18	ANMEONE II	John Murray Mitchell

Of some of these names the following explanation may be interesting:

ATAIR is another form of Altair, the bright star in the Constellation Aquila.

MAID OF MEUDON: Mr. Guthrie's mother's family lived at Meudon near Paris in the XVIII century, and the name of her father's country place in Ireland was Meudon.

DAHINDA is from Longfellow's Hiawatha and means Bullfrog.
TOBASCO: Mr. Lippitt named his yacht after this particular kind of pepper, he having another yac
called PAPRIKA, and wishing to keep up the standard, as he tells me.
NEOLA II: Neola was an Indian princess of the Tuscarora
tribe.
BANZAI is the Japanese cheer, and means literally, "Ten thousand Years!"
PHRYNE was a famous Athenian beauty, said to have been one of Praxiteles' models.

All of the Th1rties were originally white. PHRYNE was painted black after a very few raoes; when
BANZAI, the only other one, which is not white, had her color changed to black, I have been unable to
ascertain. SILHOUETTE came out in blue in 1925.

On March 23rd,1905 the Committee, having completed its work was, at its own request, discharged at the
Club meeting, but to the formal motion to discharge the members added a vote of thanks, and well
deserved thanks they certainly were.
    The Thirties were gradually finished and rigged and were taken from Bristol to the Sound at
various times. I am unable to give even an idea of the order in which they left Bristol. Some were sailed
by their owners, as DAHINDA by Duncan, PHRYNE by Maxwell, IBIS by Iselin. who true to himself as
an undergraduate with a crew of classmates had all kinds of adventures off Fisher's Island Sound. While
this was taking place. Mr. Herreshoff wrote on April 30th:

    "The waterline length of ATAIR was exactly 30 feet with all equipment on board, watertank full
and extra suit of sails (cruising) no crew.I have not measured the sailing length from the boat but have
gone over it carefully from the drawings and calculations. The original calculation for racing length was
26.8'. Then we lengthened spinnaker boom 80 that racing length came 27' very nearly. In these
calculations the actual stretched size of mainsail was taken. I have now calculated the sail area under the
rule that the Club has since adopted, and find the sail area is larger as it should be, and to keep sailing
length below 27' the spinnaker boom w111 have to be shortened from 19.5' to 16.8' or only about 6" over
the base at the forward triangle.

The figures are	$Z = 29.00$
	$D = 275.5$ cu. ft.
	S as at present
	(spin.boom 19.5') 1128
	S with spin. boom
	16.8' 1105

Sailing length

$$\frac{29 \times 1128}{5.5 \times 275.5} = \frac{29 \times 33.6}{5.5 \times 6.51} = 27.2$$

Or with 16.8' spin. boom
    Sailing length

$$\frac{29 \times 1105}{5.5 \times 275.5} = \frac{29 \times 33.25}{5.5 \times 6.51} = 27.0$$

I think it best to have the Official Measurer determine the limit of length of spinnaker boom to keep within 27' before it is reduced.

We have six of the boats now afloat and four completely rigged. Three will go away tomorrow."

Thus were the Thirties christened and started on their way in the yachting world.