

**DEAN BROWN PERPETUAL TROPHY
ORIGINALLY KNOWN AS THE SANTA
BARBARA CITIZENS CUP**

In September it was announced that a silver cup had been found in Las Vegas by a silver scrap dealer. This dealer called SBYC to see if the Club was interested in purchasing it since it was engraved with "Santa Barbara Annual Regatta, 1907." As a result, this trophy was purchased by Mr. & Mrs. Dean Brown and given to SBYC as a perpetual trophy to be awarded to the winner of a suitable race to be determined by the Board of Directors. This trophy will be awarded for the first time at the December 2nd Annual Trophy Dinner to the Class C overall winner of the Triangular Series.

The SBYC now has three silver trophies from the "Annual Regatta, 1907": The Potter Hotel Cup; The Challenge Cup; and now the Citizens Cup.

August 1907 was the first year of a hoped-to-be annual race from San Pedro (the South Coast Yacht Club) to Santa Barbara. The sailing yachts started on Saturday and finished the 100 mile race about 8:00 p.m. Sunday. In this first race there were three yawls (average length 40'), four sloops and one schooner rig. On Sunday morning, the motor yachts started from San Pedro to join the finishing sailing yachts moored in front of the Potter Hotel.

During the week that followed, there were races held in the Santa Barbara Channel for those yachts from San Pedro and yachts from the Santa Barbara area.

On Wednesday, August 14, the Santa Barbara Challenge Cup (now awarded to the Class A winner of the Spring Triangle Series) was raced for by "all yachts under 35' belonging to recognized Pacific Coast yacht clubs of good standing." On Thursday, August 15, there were races for all classes represented at Santa Barbara. The trophies

awarded to these classes were from the merchants and citizens of Santa Barbara. Included were the Potter Hotel Cup and our newly acquired Citizens Cup.

The Potter Hotel Cup was then awarded to the winner of Class A and is now awarded to the winner of Class B for Wet Wednesdays. The Citizens Cup was then awarded to the winner of Class C and will now be awarded to the overall Class C winner of the Triangular Series.

After a week of racing, a large formal ball was held at the Potter Hotel. The participants themselves summed up this first Annual Regatta in this way: "Upon both sides, nothing but hearty expressions of good will have been heard and indeed, I may say that most of us will go back to Los Angeles and San Pedro too utterly full of words, so full indeed, as to be slopping over. The warmest expressions are too cold to convey a sense of our pleasure at our reception and entertainment. That this will be an annual event is the hope and expectation of every member of the South Coast Yacht Club."

This Annual Regatta was a long standing event if evidence of further trophies is an indication. In 1912 we have the first mention of the SBYC Annual Regatta with a silver cup for the yawl class. Again in 1923, we have the Dawton Trophy for the Annual Santa Barbara Regatta. There is speculation that this regatta was the forerunner of Semana Nautica which began in 1936.

Sally McBurnie
Researcher

NEW ROSTER INFO

Get your roster out right now and look how you're listed. If you have changed anything this year, boats, houses, phones, etc., fill out the enclosed information sheet and return it to Toffee so that the club records are kept current.