



Photo by W.B. Jackson

Spindle, a handsome and able 68-foot power cruiser owned by Frank J. Fahey, of Boston, leaving Marblehead. *Spindle* was designed and built by the George Lawley & Son Corp., and is powered with two Sterling Dolphin motors.

New Charter Granted

The Star Class has just granted its first charter for a new 1928 fleet to be known as the Great South Bay Fleet. Among its charter members are: W. H. Picken, Acting Secretary, 800 Riverside Drive, New York City; L. T. Parsons, Paul Bigelow, O. H. Blackman, and J. J. Atwater. Stars in the various clubs from Bayshore to Westhampton will be included in the fleet, which will number from ten to fifteen boats in 1928. The fleet has already signified its intention of sending a challenger to the Pacific Coast. The eliminations will probably be held during Great South Bay Race Week.



Lorna Whittelsey, of Greenwich, Conn., although only 15 years old, has been sailing successfully against the best on the Sound this season. She was the only successful invader of Massachusetts waters this summer, winning the Woman's Championship for Indian Harbor.

For the third time Ernest Ratsey has won the Western Long Island Sound eliminations for the midwinter championships, to be held at Havana early next February. Gravesend Bay will be represented by T. D. Parkman. As the season along the Atlantic coast closed, the southern Star fleets went into action. New Orleans starts its Cuban eliminations October 1st and Star racing in the West Indies and in Australasia soon will be under way.

France Starts Ocean Racing on the Mediterranean

THE extensive racing programs which have been carried out this season by yacht clubs along the channel and the Atlantic and Mediterranean coasts bear testimony to the growing popularity of yachting in France.

Of first rank in this season's activities was the ocean race on the Mediterranean, from Toulon to the Island of Corsica and back to the mainland at Fuan-les-Puis, the total length of the course being approximately 260 miles. This race, the first of its kind to be sponsored in France, was organized by *Le Yacht*, under the auspices of the Yacht Club of France. As in the case of the famous Fastnet Race, in England, this ocean race is to be sailed each year.

The race was open to yachts having a load water length of from 9 to 20 meters, and was sailed under the International Racing Rule, with special requirements as to life-saving equipment and navigating lights. There was no restriction as to the number of amateur yachtsmen carried as crew.

The following rule was used for rating the yachts:

$$T = 0.6562 \times \frac{L\sqrt{S}}{\sqrt{B \times C}}$$

L = l.b.p. + 1/4 the difference between l.o.a. and l.b.p. minus height of rail.

B = Maximum beam.

C = depth from top of beams to top of iron floors.

S = sail area.

The start was made at Toulon on July 24th, eight contestants crossing the starting line in the presence of a large fleet of spectator yachts. Light winds prevailed at the start; in fact, during the first 36 hours or more the yachts were almost becalmed and were widely scattered. On July 26th a fair wind struck in and sent the fleet off to Corsica.