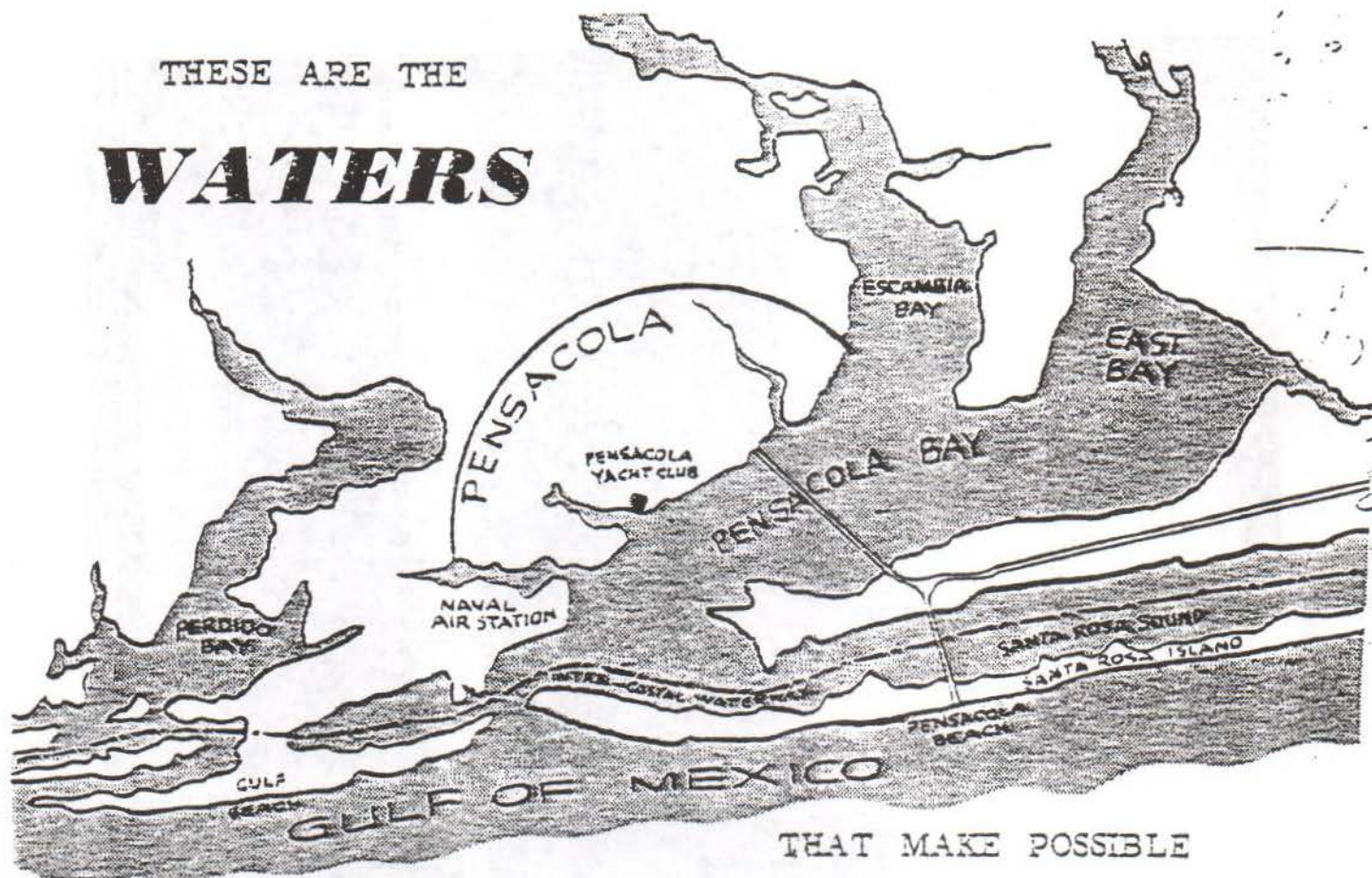


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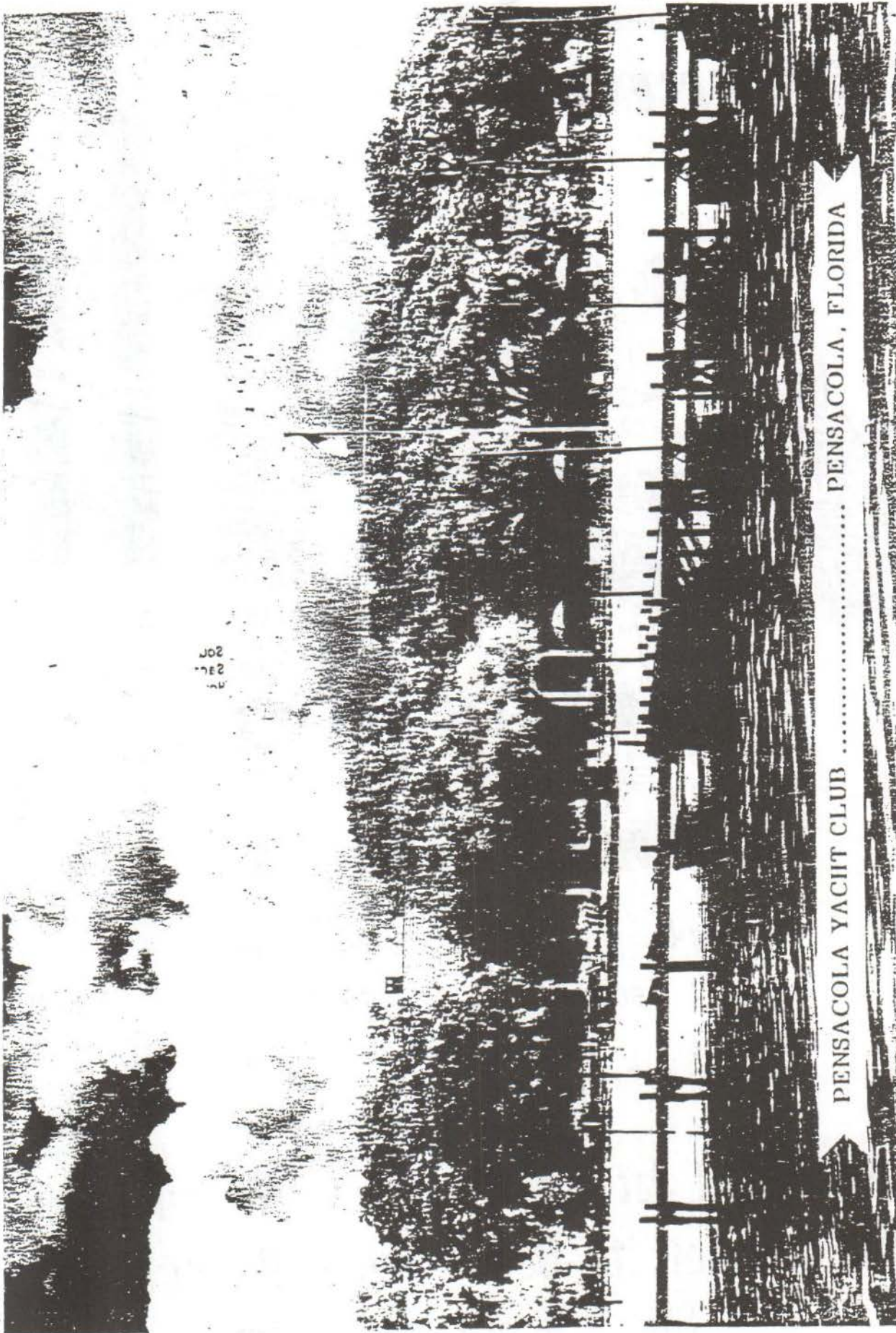
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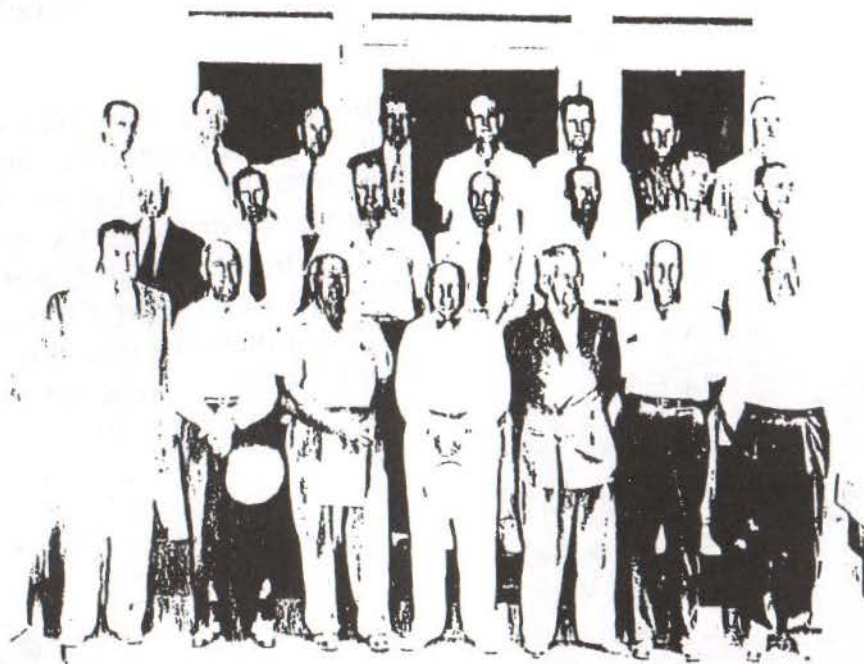
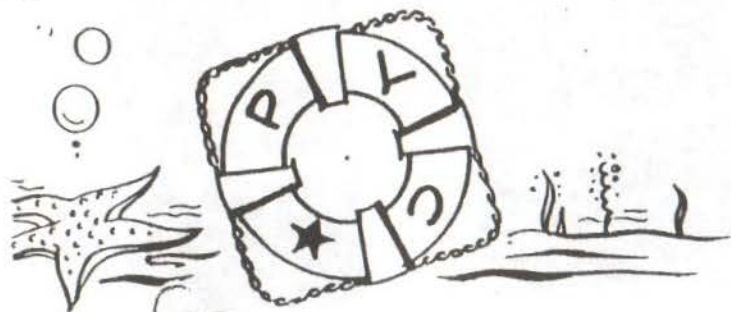


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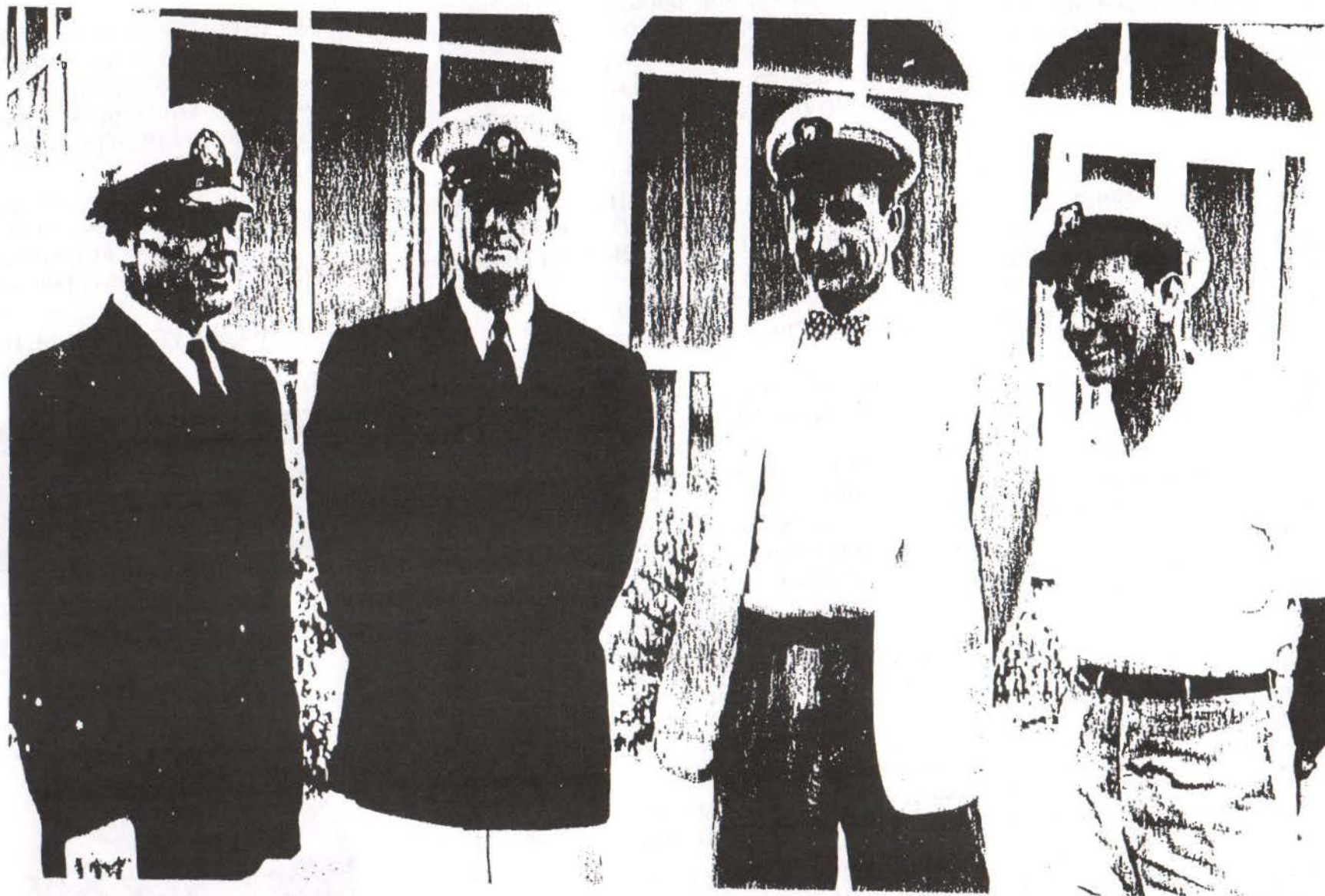
WELCOME

The Gulf Yachting Association, its Flag Officers and Members, join the Pensacola Yacht Club in welcoming you to its 29th Annual Lipton Cup Races, which bring together the top skippers and crewmen of the various clubs in the Association, to compete for the Fish Class Championship. As always, it's an occasion for the renewal of friendships, and friendly rivalries of bygone days. The Pensacola Yacht Club is sparing no effort, nautically and socially, to make this occasion a memorable one. Therefore, as President of the Gulf Yachting Association I bid you and your guests a warm and hearty welcome - and may the club with the best skippers win the Lipton Cup.

George P. Hopkins
President,
Gulf Yachting Association



P Y C Flag Officers



Left to Right ... Commodore John C. Pace, Vice Commodore Eugene Taylor,
Rear Commodore Henry E. McLaughlin and Treasurer D.D. Barker.



CAPT. DAVID M. WITHERILL

If all the color and tradition of a Lipton Fish Class Regatta could be expressed in one individual, perhaps it would best be embodied in the personality of Capt. David M. Witherill, dean of Fish Class competition.

His interest in the field of small boat competition predeeds the Fish Class boat considerably, for Capt. Dave lays claim to the ownership of the first speed boat in Pensacola waters. His love for things nautical led to his life's business, and a marine supply store in Pensacola, that still carries his name.

In 1920, with the advent of the Fish Class, his experienced eye recognized a good boat, and he firmly attached himself to the class, learning all he could about the science and technique of what it takes to lead the fleet home.

For twenty nine years Fish Class racing has been his first interest, his first love. Years ago he became so consistent a winner that he earned the monicker of Capt. "Dependable" Dave Witherill. He has the distinction of sailing in every Lipton Fish Class Regatta held. In his twenty nine years of competition he has amassed the staggering total of 342 individual points in Lipton Fish Class Regattas.

Perhaps his greatest race was in the 1933 Lipton Regatta at St. Petersburg, when a tropical hurricane was churning the waters of Tampa Bay. Ten Fish Class sloops set out only to be overcome by winds up to sixty miles per hour. Nine of the ten boats were capsized in this fight for survival. Only one of the ten came thru this withering ordeal---"Dependable" Dave had scored again. To this great feat he very modestly gave credit, as always, to his fine crew, Joe Marques, main-sheet and Bill Lurton.

Aside from his enviable record in Lipton Regattas he has many other honors to his credit. He is a past Commodore and Fleet Captain of P.Y.C. and now a life honorary member. His impressive array of wins include the Kennedy Cup, the Capt. Dan Sheppard trophy, and many others. The "Cock-of-the-Walk" Flag being practically regarded as his personal property.

Modest and generous with his vast knowledge but always a keen and formidable contender on the race course, Capt. Dave has earned the undieing love and respect of those who sail the Fish Class---first, for his true sportsmanship, and second, for his unsurpassed skill and ability to win fairly.

SIR THOMAS J. LIPTON
GRAND OLD MAN OF YACHTING

Sir Thomas J. Lipton ----- Grand Old Man of Yachting, is without peer in the field of international yacht racing and sportsmanship. As the donor of the Lipton Trophy, for which Gulf Coast Yachtsmen compete annually, he has established himself as the patron saint of all those who thrill to the feel of an honest boat boiling along with a bone in her teeth.

Born of Irish parents, in Glasgow he started his career at the age of eight as a "greengrocer's" clerk at the astronomic wage of .60¢ a week. On requesting a raise after several years he was informed that he was overambitious. This was somewhat ironical for the man was to become the world's greatest tea tycoon, a yachtsman of international fame, a personal friend of the Prince of Wales (Edward VII), a baronet in his Majesty's Court, and a member of the British Royal Yacht Squadron.

Early in his life he sailed to America, where his success was anything but spectacular. He worked in New York and New Orleans at various jobs where he accumulated \$40 before returning to London where he opened a grocery store. Here starts the story of one of the most successful business enterprises the world has ever seen. From this humble beginning exploded a vast chain of stores and tea plantations that spread all over the British Empire.

He was well into life when he entered the field of international yacht racing, more specifically, it was in 1851 when the British suffered a humiliating defeat at the hands of an American boat and crew.

With total disregard for expense, Tom Lipton spent two million dollars on one of the finest racing yachts the world had ever seen - a sure winner, but once again with magnificent audacity, the Americans overwhelmed our British brothers. It was in this race he earned for himself an undieing love and reputation for superb sportsmanship by all contestants. Five times he tried - five times he failed, but each time he went away a gallant loser.

After his last race in 1930, when he fell the victim of Harold S. Vanderbilt's famous "Enterprise" he was given a sumptuous reception by the City of New York at which he made the humorous comment to the effect that this reception was a considerable improvement to the one given him when he first came to America at the age of 17 and that he was getting to be a "Devil of a Fellow".

It was in 1919, when he was at the pinnacle of his success, that he returned to New Orleans and offered the fish class Lipton Trophy to the Southern Yacht Club. The same Trophy that has provided the stimulus and competition in the hard fought Lipton regattas held each year on the Gulf Coast.

Our "Grand Old Man of Yachting" passed on in 1931 of a heart ailment. He left with two great desires unattained - he never married, and he was never successful in capturing what he loved to refer to as "that elusive old mug" - the America's Cup. But with him he took the ardent love and respect of every yachtsman and the title of the "World's Best Loser". Truly, a "Grand Old Man of Yachting".

