



A Close Reach

THE PENGUIN IN THE WAR YEARS

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It was just two years ago that the last history of the Penguin Class was written and in it were these words: "The Penguin Class looks ahead to the war years not with pessimism but with confidence that the emergency will see the Class emerging with whole skin and showing a continued growth." That prediction still holds. In fact, the Class growth during 1942 and 1943 has been beyond expectations of many. And prospects for 1944 appear even better.

At last count, there were more than 1,000 registered Penguins in the United States, Canada and Panama Canal Zone, and a total of 16 chartered fleets. Among the newer additions to the Penguin "fold" are fleets at Hampton, Va., and the Naval Training Station at San Diego, Calif. Elsewhere in the yearbook will be found an account of the San Diego group. Sufficient to say here, that the late Capt. H. C. Gearing and others at the Station deserve a big hand for the work they have done in affording both enlisted men and officers an opportunity to sail Penguins.

Since 1941, the year in which Walter Lawson of Washington, D. C., won the national title, there has been no regatta of national scope. In its place, the officers of the Class have encouraged the staging of fleet championships and have offered handsome half models of Penguins as prizes. The program for 1944 calls for a furtherance of this plan.

However, lest one receive the impression that only the end of war will see a return of a National Regatta, your officers take the stand that such an event will be held when and if there are no difficulties encountered from gasoline and tire rationing and other transportation restrictions. War is not the determining factor, according to the Class policy.

Like every other group the Penguin Class has many members in the armed forces. The Secretary has an actual tally of 273 members, but probably there are many more who have not notified him.



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