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Guide to Collection

Schmidt, Adolph D. "Skip"

Adolph D. "Skip" Schmidt - Capital to Capital Race, 1928

MS 244

1 box
(2 folders, 2 albums, 1 VHS tape,
1 small box of negatives)

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HISTORICAL NOTE

The famed "Capital to Capital" cruising yacht race was the longest power boat race that had ever been staged and started at 12:30PM, June 26, 1928. The originators of the inaugural race were two Olympia, Washington Yachtsmen, Adolph Schmidt and John Pierce. The race ran from Olympia, Washington, to Juneau, Alaska, through the Inside Passage. It was 1000 miles long and there were 10 entries. The boats were limited from 25-65 feet in length. The race was run by handicap rules. The "Dolphin II" was the first boat across the finish line and had the honor of giving a written greeting from Washington State's governor, Roland Hartley to the governor of Alaska, Governor Parks. The "Dell" from the smaller boat division was declared the winner in that division and the overall winner being the boat closest to her handicap time.

SCOPE AND CONTENTS NOTE

The items of this collection document the role of Adolph D. Schmidt in the 1928 Capital to Capital Yacht Race. Items include a notebook of correspondence of the Capital to Capital Yacht Race, 1928, Photos (10) and negatives, copies of letters and articles, a scan of a Sydney Laurence painting of the Winifred (a boat), letters from the Mayor of Olympia and the Governor of Washington, and a blueprint of the Gastineau Channel (the downtown Juneau area). Correspondence includes an autographic letter from Washington Governor Hartley.

SUBJECTS

Olympia, Washington, Juneau, Alaska, Capital to Capital Race, Cruiser, Boat Race

INVENTORY

2 Folders

2 Albums

1 VHS tape - "1928 Capital to Capital Boat Race" © 2000 PHS "Skip" Schmidt
6/23/11 copied to DVD and DVCAM

1 Small box of negatives

Folder 1

1 The Start.

2 Boats at the starting line in Olympia, Washington, on June 26, 1928.

3 On verso: The "Golden Cup" first presented to John Pierce, winner of the first Capital to Capital race in 1928.

4 Winifred [race # 8], 2nd free for all. 1st over 40 ft.

5 [Winifred.]

6 Princess Kathleen.

7 The Editors. [Group portrait of 4 men and a woman.]

8 Capitol to Capitol Yacht Race, Olympia, Wash to Juneau, Alaska. Photography by Maurice P. Anderson, Seattle. This print published gratis providing credit [?]

- 9 [Unidentified portrait image of male with Navy hat?]
- 10a [Image of framed painting of Winifred? Left hand corner: To Adolph Schmidt, Compliments, Sydney Laurence.]
- 22 The Big Parade, Juneau. [3 boats with Winifred in foreground.]
- 23 The Argosy [race #2], Alaska scenic Views, Juneau.
- 24 The Argosy [race #2], Alaska Scenic Views, Juneau.
- 25 [Maidie [race #6] and the Argosy [#2] in front of Glacier.]
- 26 [Unidentified steamboat.]
- 27 [Winifred and two other boats in front of Glacial wall.]
- 28 Keeping cool in the Capitol to Capitol yacht race. Alaska Scenic Views, Juneau.
- 29 Alaska-Juneau Mill. Juneau, Alaska. Winter & Pond, photo #98.
- 30 The Start. [Boat #5 in foreground, #8, 9, and 10 visible]
- 31 Committee and Skippers.
- 32 Fishermen near Skeena River Gill Netters. [Tug boat pulling 5 gill netters.]
- 33 Taku Glacier
- 34 The Maidie, Alaska Scenic Views Juneau.
- 35 The Sandpiper [race #3] at Juneau, Alaska. Alaska Scenic Views Juneau.
- 36 Yankee Boy [race #7]. Alaska Scenic Views Juneau.
- 37 The Winifred [#1]