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

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PROCESSING: This collection has been described at the item and folder level. All photographs have been placed in Mylar. Other items have been placed into pH-neutral folders and into an archival box. The negatives for photographs MS244-1-22 through MS244-1-37 have been sleeved and placed in a file cabinet in the refrigerated room in the Vault.

HISTORICAL NOTE

The famed "Capital to Capital" cruising yacht race was the longest power boat race that had ever been staged. The race 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 race's finish line in 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 Albums

2 Folders

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 for photographs MS244-1-22 through MS244-1-37
(5/30/18 placed in file cabinet in refrigerated room in Vault)

Album 1 (Green, cloth covered binder)

Correspondence related to the 1928 Capital to Capital cruising yacht race from Olympia, Washington, to Juneau, Alaska.

Album 2 (Rust colored binder) 1928-1978 Olympia To Juneau Yacht Race.

History of the 1928 Olympia, Washington to Juneau, Alaska Yacht Race by Patrick J. Haskett. A cruise of 1000 miles from the extreme end of Puget Sound through Canadian waters in Alaska.

Folder 1

1. The Start. (2 copies)
2. Boats at the starting line in Olympia, Washington, on June 26, 1928. Capitol to Capitol Yacht Race Olympia, Wash to Juneau, Alaska. Photograph by Maurice P. Anderson, Seattle. This print furnished gratis providing credit is given the photographer on publication.
3. [On trophy] Olympia Jewelers, Challenge Trophy, Capital to Capital Yacht Race, Olympia to Juneau
[On verso] The "Golden Cup" first presented to John Pierce, winner of the first Capital to Capital race in 1928.
4. *Winifred* [# 8], 2nd Free For All. 1st over 40 ft.
5. *Winifred*, Adolph D. Schmidt, Olympia, [?]
6. *Princess Kathleen*.
7. The Editors. [Left to right] Bobrick, Chapman, [woman and two men unknown] [Far left is A.L. Bobrick. Second from left is probably Charles F. Chapman. Far right is Richard Froboese, owner/captain of *Bolinder*. per Karen L. Johnson, May 2018, jas]
8. Capitol to Capitol Yacht Race, Olympia, Wash to Juneau, Alaska. Photograph by Maurice P. Anderson, Seattle. This print published gratis providing credit [is given the photographer on publication.] [12 men, one holding trophy, standing on dock in Juneau. Alaska-Juneau Mine in background] [2nd from left is Bobrick, 4th from left is grandfather Pierce, to the right of him is Chapman, next to Chapman is Schmidt. per Steve Pierce, May 2018, jas]
9. [A.L. Bobrick, a race judge from New York. Known as Commodore Bobrick who was chairman of the Rules Committee of the American Power Boat Association. per Steve Pierce and Karen L. Johnson, May 2018, jas]
- 10a. [Image of framed painting of *Winifred*.] To Adolph Schmidt, Compliments, Sydney Laurence.
- 10b. [Note from Philip H. "Skip" Schmidt containing information about the Sydney Laurence painting and the large binder]
11. [Typed letter from] Jas C. Johnson, Mayor of the City of Olympia to The Honorable Mayor of the City of Juneau, Alaska. June 26th, 1928.
12. [Message from] Roland H. Hartley, Governor of Washington, to Governor Parks, Governor of Alaska. Tuesday-June Twenty-Sixth 1928.

13. [Article] "The Alaska Cruiser Race" by Maurice P. Anderson from Pacific Motor Boat The Motor Boat and Yachting Journal of the Pacific; Seattle, U.S.A., August, 1928; Vol. 20. No. 11. (10 pages)
14. Hotel News of the West. Who's Who In Northwest Hoteldom by Scoop, the Hotel News Reporter. Boy! Page Adolph Schmidt. (1 page)
15. International Race Originated In Olympia Thirty Years Ago by Dean Shacklett. Report of Olympian 1958. (4 pages)
16. Official Results 1928 Capitol-To-Capitol Race (1 page)
17. [Typed letter to] Mr. B. F. Hume, Secy., Olympia Chamber of Commerce, Olympia, Washington. Juneau, Alaska. February 28, 1928. (1 page, 3 copies)
18. Circular of Conditions. Capital To Capital Yacht Race, Olympia To Juneau. Starting at Olympia, June 26, 1928 12:30 P.M. Pacific Standard Time (3 pages, 2 copies)
Instructions And Suggestions. (3 pages, 2 copies)
19. Instructions, Suggestions, Information (2 pages, 2 copies)
20. Prize List (2 pages, 3 copies)
21. Important. U.S. Coast Guard Convoy. Captain F. J. Birkett, Commanding. (1 page, 2 copies)
22. The Big Parade, Juneau. Alaska Scenic Views, Juneau. [3 boats with *Winifred* in foreground.]
23. The *Argosy* [#2], Alaska Scenic Views, Juneau.
24. The *Argosy* [#2], Alaska Scenic Views, Juneau.
25. The *Maidie* at Taku Glacier. Alaska Scenic Views, Juneau. [*Maidie* #6 and the *Argosy* #2 in front of Taku Glacier]
26. [USCG cutter *Snohomish*, that towed a racer's boat with engine problems to port. *per Steve Pierce, May 2018, jas*]
27. At Taku Glacier. Alaska Scenic Views, Juneau. [*Winifred* and two other boats in front of Taku Glacier.]
28. Keeping cool in the Capitol to Capitol Yacht Race. Alaska Scenic Views, Juneau. [Man standing on iceberg]
29. Alaska-Juneau Mill. Juneau, Alaska. WP Co. Juneau. 98.

30. The Start. [Boat #5 in foreground, #8, 9, and 10 visible]
31. Committee and Skippers. [Photograph was taken before the race started in Olympia. Grandfather (Pierce) is 5th from right, next to him, holding paper, is Bobrick. Adolph Schmidt is 2nd from left. *per Steve Pierce, May 2018, jas*] [Second from left, in dark shirt, is Adolph Schmidt. Third from left is Richard Froboese, owner/captain of *Bolinder*. Eighth from left, with mustache and holding RC2 flag and paper, is A.L. Bobrick. Ninth from left is John Pierce. Tenth from left is Dr. Edgar E. Rich, owner of *Argosy*. Second from right is Governor Roland H. Hartley of Washington State. *per Karen Johnson, May 2018, jas*]
32. Fishermen near Skeena River. Gill Netters. [Tug boat pulling 5 gill netters.]
33. Taku Glacier
34. The *Maidie*, [#6] Alaska Scenic Views Juneau.
35. The *Sandpiper* [#3] at Juneau, Alaska. Alaska Scenic Views Juneau.
36. *Yankee Boy* [#7]. Alaska Scenic Views Juneau.
37. The *Winifred* [#1] Alaska Scenic Views Juneau.
38. [Blueprint map showing finish line of the Capital to Capital Yacht Race in Juneau, Alaska. The finish line runs from the Pacific Coast Steamship Co. office to the Committee's scow or boat in Gastineau Channel] *Located in MS X-Oversize Map Case in Vault*

Folder 2

Photocopies of Adolph D. Schmidt's book (album) "1928 Capitol to Capitol Yacht Race – Pictures & News".