

A SMALL-CLASS INTERNATIONAL RACE.

ANOTHER international race which will excite the interest of the sailors of small-class yachts will be sailed this month, under the auspices of the Seawanhaka Yacht Club.

Early in the spring, word was received by the members of the New York Canoe Club that Mr. J. Arthur Brand, one of the most successful sailors of small boats in England, would be glad to challenge for a race with an American half-rater. As such a boat was not within canoeing limits, the Canoe Club referred the matter to the Seawanhaka Yacht Club. This club has taken up the matter and offered a prize for the half-rater class, although such boats have hitherto been practically unknown here. The average size of these little racers is 15 feet water line, 25 feet over all, and 5 or 6 feet beam.

The rating for racing in England is obtained as follows: multiply the load water line, crew aboard, by the sail area, and divide by 6,000.

Spruce III, Mr. Brand's boat of last year, is 15 feet 6 inches on the water line, 25 feet over all and 5 $\frac{1}{2}$ feet wide. She has a loaded centre-board weighing 300 lbs. She was first rigged with a balance-lug sail, which was subsequently replaced by a sharpie sail and jib.

Mr. Brand was one of the founders of the Minima Yacht Club, which is devoted to small-class racing. He is one of a number of prominent prize-winners, and has owned several yachts, including the 8-ton yawl *Cornavia* and the 20-ton cutter *Tina*. The latter is his present boat. He is the son of the Hon. John Alexander Brand, comptroller of London, and he is an architect by profession.

The proposal to establish a class for boats of this size to meet the English challenge has met with unexpected favor, no less than seven having been built. Vice-Commodore Rous, of the Seawanhaka Yacht Club, placed an order with the Herreshoffs in the beginning, and the result is a very speedy boat with plate centre-board, and rigged with mainsail, jib, jib-topsail and spinnaker. Mr. C. B. Vaux, the famous canoeist, has been appointed to sail the Seawanhaka boat. The Herreshoffs have also built another boat of the

same class with a fin-keel for Mr. Wm. K. Vanderbilt. She is 22 feet over all, 15 feet on the water line, with 4 feet beam and 3 feet 6 inches draught.

The Indian Harbor Yacht Club are also building to enter the race. Their boat is being built in Newark, and is of lap-streak construction, with a dagger centre-plate. It is to be sailed by Messrs. Frank B. Jones and Richard Outwater. The Riverside Yacht Club are building a fin-keel at City Island, to be sailed probably by Mr. Geo. I. Tyson, owner of *Vorant II*.

Mr. W. P. Stephens, yachting editor of *Forest and Stream*, and the designer of the successful *Scarecrow* class, has designed a half-rater, which is being built at Clayton for Mr. C. J. Field, the former owner of *Gee Whiz*. This boat, which is to be named *Ethelwynn*, will be 23 feet 4 inches over all, 14 feet 6 inches on the water line, and with 6 feet beam on deck, and 4 feet 9 inches beam on the water line. Her draft will be 7 inches, and she will carry a dagger plate of bronze. She will carry about 200 square feet of sail.

The *Trust Me*, which was built by the Herreshoffs, and is the duplicate of the English *Wee Win* will be eligible to enter. She is 16 $\frac{1}{2}$ feet on the water line, and carries a 600 pound fin, and 150 square feet of sail. Mr. Huntington's *Question*, which has been racing Mr. Clark's *Trust Me*, will also enter. She is 14.60 feet on the water line and carries 220 square feet of sail.

Arthur Dwyer is building a half-rater at Boston for Mr. H. J. Burton. Dwyer is the builder of many famous small racers, including the *Onawa*, also owned by Mr. Burton. The *Onawa* beat the famous *Alpha*, and the *Kite*, which was built by the Herreshoffs to beat the *Alpha*, at Lake Minnetonka, last year.

The sport between these little boats will be keen. The trial races between them will bring to the front a number of small-boat sailors who have not been prominent as canoeists, but who have for years been known as skillful sailors of mosquito craft on Long Island Sound. These little boats should be encouraged, for they develop the highest skill at the least expense. R. B. B.