

## Inter-Lake Yacht Races.

Who that has not owned a fast yacht, or sailed with friends on their boats in an exciting race on some beautiful body of water, away from the heat and cares of the city, can fully appreciate the eagerness with which many yachtsmen and designers of boats on the north shore are looking forward to those bright summer days when so many "crews" will hug the rail as their respective boats cut through the water in fierce contest for high honors?

During the winter a great many persons on the North Shore have been making plans as to where and when to go for the summer vacation. To all yachtsmen, perhaps an outline of the inland lake races may be interesting.

On Greenlake, Wis.—A beautiful sheet of water famous among yachtsmen—on the C. & N. W. R. R. thirty miles west of Fondulac, there are some fast boats, and the Greenlake Yacht Club promises to make a strong bid for first honors in the inter-lake races to be sailed at Oconomowoc on Lake La Belle from July 24th to the 29th. The Greenlake Yacht Club races begin the first week in July and races will occur each Saturday during the summer. The boat on Greenlake that proves the fastest will try and regain the cup given two years ago by the Greenlake Yacht Club and now held at Oconomowoc.

The Inland Lake Yachting Association will hold their races at Winnebago under the auspices of the Oshkosh Yacht Club, beginning August 14th and ending on the 19th. That week will be a lively one, for yachts, each the fastest in its class of some lake, will be entered to test themselves in the big events at Winnebago. There are twenty-two yacht clubs belonging to the association, and each club will send either a "twenty footer" or a "seventeen footer," or both, so that over thirty boats will sail in the big races for the high honors to be awarded.

The racing week of the year on Pistakee Lake, near Fox Lake, and on the C. & N. W. R. R., is that from July 10th to 16th. A great many speedy boats are entered from several lakes. Races will be held during the summer every Saturday on Pistakee Lake.

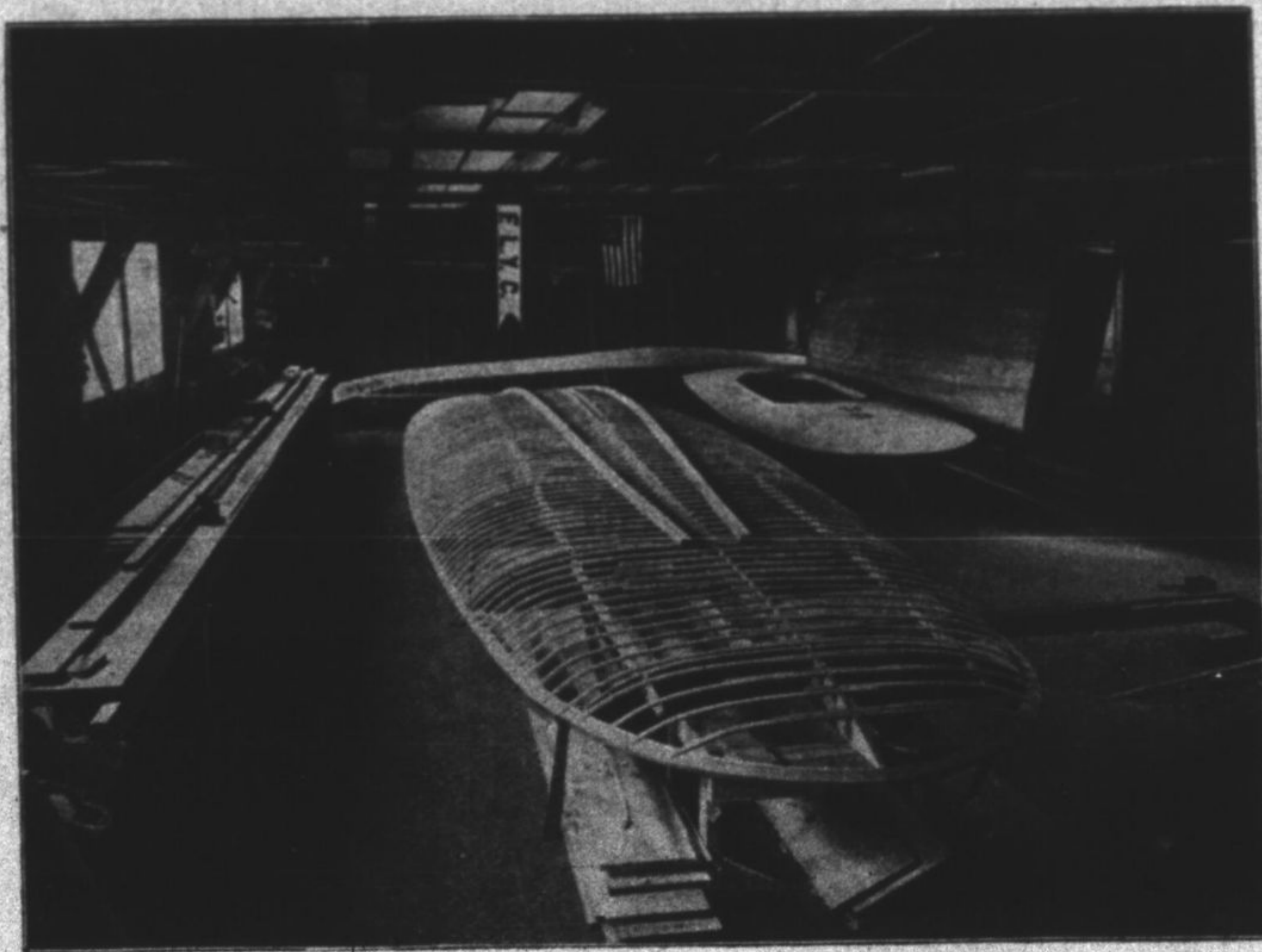
On Fox Lake, near the C. & N. W.

R. R., from July 17th to 22d, inclusive, the principal events will be sailed and many reputations will be made and lost, for the number of new boats to be entered for these races is large. There will be regular club races on Fox Lake every Saturday in July, August and September.

yachts not exceeding twenty feet racing length, the second class not exceeding seventeen feet racing length.

Any western yacht club having a regular membership of over thirty members and a fleet of ten or more yachts, is eligible for membership in the association. Before the first of May, 1898, the association included eighteen yacht clubs. It now consists of twenty-two clubs and a membership of 2,000 men.

The first annual regatta was held on White Bear Lake, Minn., which is about twelve miles from St. Paul, in



A Twenty-Footer on Fast Lines in Course of Construction by the Palmer Boat Company of Highland Park.

A good many fine boats are reaching completion in the "factories" of leading boat designers throughout Illinois, Wisconsin and Minnesota. The illustration on this page, taken for the "News Letter," gives a view of a portion of the Palmer Boat Co.'s main building in Highland Park. Mr. Chas. Palmer is well known as a designer and builder of fast yachts and launches, and a trip to his picturesque place, "Shingle-Nook," will prove interesting to all who want to see fine models in different stages of completion.

In January, 1898, the Inland Lake Yachting Association was organized, with the object of encouraging yachting and yacht racing upon the inland lakes of the west, under uniform rules of measurement and classification. It was decided that there should be two classes. The first class composed of

the latter part of August. In the twenty-foot class were represented yachts from the Minnetonka Yacht Club, Indiana Yacht Club, Pistakee Yacht Club, Fox Lake Yacht Club, and Oshkosh Yacht Club, making, with the White Bear yacht, a class of six "twenty footers," each boat being the fastest boat in its home club. In the seventeen-foot class there were only three representatives, coming from Minnetonka, Fox Lake and White Bear, respectively.

White Bear Lake is a beautiful body of clear water reached by the C. & N. W. R. R. line, and the courtesy shown to all the visiting yachtsmen by the members of the White Bear Yacht Club will always be remembered by those entertained. The yachtsmen were very agreeably surprised at the great beauty of the lake and the many substantial summer homes on it.