

VESSELS BUILT AND OWNED IN THE CAYMAN ISLANDS

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The days of sailing are long past for most of these proud ships -- but their memories will live on in the chronicles and in the hearts of the people who remember the thrill of sighting a gleaming white sail on the horizon ...a tiny speck which promised the return of men long at sea, husbands, fathers, sons or friends.

The ships still come and the men still return, but seldom can you see the stately beauty of ship under full sail, her sticks thrusting skyward, and her sails straining to move her homeward...and the cry which still could bring a thrill to the stoutest seaman in this snug Cayman harbour, "Sail Ho!"

Many of these schooners entered for races when the then <sup>(K)</sup> Commissioner The Honourable A. W. Cardinall, C.M.G. announced that 23 schooners and about 300 catboats were expected to enter the extravaganza. The race dates were January 25th to 28th, 1937. The "Goldfield" was the champion having won the Class "A" Challenge Cup two years in succession. Class "B" honour was taken in 1935 by the Lydia E. Wilson and in the next annual race by the "Alsons". Class "C" was won by "Caymanian" in 1936.

Information from Rev. H. C. Dixon's Book, "Land Of My Birth" <sup>76</sup>  
The following is a list of our gallant ships with data from the year 1903, when Grand Cayman became a Port of Registration. Several more could be added should the records in Kingston, Jamaica be searched.

227 ships

<u>SHIPS' NAME</u>	<u>KIND</u>	<u>OWNERS</u>
Drew	Schooner	W. Yates
Didoa	Sloop	Archibold Bodden
Manoah	Sloop	W. M. Coe
Jucuae	Schooner	William Farrington
Armedia	Schooner	M. Conolly
Ready Call (26)	Sloop	Robert Connolly

Victory (17)	Sloop	T. Welcome
Dread Not (30)	Schooner	Abraham Ebanks
Jemsons	Schooner	James Bodden
Mispah (42)	Sloop	Alfred O. Bodden
Goldfish	Schooner	Richard Bush
Alice Agnes	Schooner	Hy C. & W. J. Bodden
Sisters	Schooner	" " "
<del>R Brothers (46)</del>	<del>Sloop</del>	<del>Bodden Bros.</del>

HEBER JAMES ARCH AND SONS SHIPYARD

<u>SHIPS' NAME</u>	<u>KIND</u>	<u>OWNER</u>
A. A. Radium	Yawl	A. B. Conolly
Albian	Schooner	W.M. Coe"
Alert	Schooner	James H. E. Arch
A. M. Adams	Schooner(116 tons)	Thompson Enterprises
Antoinette	Motor Vessel	"
Anderson	Schooner	Hardy Anderson
<del>Arbutus</del>	<del>S</del>	
Arbutus	Schooner	" " " & Co.
Arbutus (2)	Schooner	Warren Bodden
Eliza Ann	Schooner	J. J. Merren
Armistice(1930)	Schooner(27 tons)	James Arch
Sunbeam	Schooner	" " "
Hope	Sloop	" " "
X-Ray	Sloop	" " "

Bonnie Rose (25)	Sloop	" " "
Bird	Sloop	H. J. Arch
Managuian?	Yawl	" " "
Champion	Schooner	Robert B. Alley
Thomas & James	Schooner	Thomas Watler & others
Fame	Schooner	James Z. Farrell
The Wrestler	Schooner	Jos. Watler
Lavinia (40)	Schooner	William Eden & Co.
Favourite	Schooner	Robert Thompson & others
British Star	Schooner	William Carter
Liberty	Schooner	Reed Bodden
Leader	Schooner	Smiley Connolly
Addie & Lizzie	Schooner	Thomas D. Connolly
Leah (21)	Schooner	Crighton Bros.
Dido (92)	Schooner	John E. Bodden
Lilly (39)	Schooner	John E./Bodden
Annie Wood (50)	Schooner	Ephraim Alley
Rainbow (46)	Schooner	A. E. Panton
Sea Gull (93)	Schooner	E. Parsons
Caiman (61)	Schooner	F. N. Lambert
Island Home	Schooner	" " "
Siren (62)	Schooner	W. M. Coe & J. Webster
Lydia Wilson	Schooner	Ausley Webster
Goldfield(1930) <sup>b.</sup>	Schooner (99tons)	W. Conwell Watler
Genevra (1850)	Schooner (41)	James Bodden
Ben Richmond (63)	Schooner	W. M. Cochran
Express (69)	Schooner	J. S. Webster & <i>D. Thompson</i>

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Frank Canizas (24)	Schooner	J. L. Eden & Co.
Imperial (49)	Schooner	W. S. Bodden & H. A. Bodden
Admiral Collingwood	" (106)	J. Thurnam & M. A. Wood
<del>Firefly (32)</del>	<del>Schooner</del>	<del>R. E. Bush</del>
Marne?	Schooner	Osmond Thompson
Mizpah (42)	Schooner	A. R. Bodden
Brothers (46)	Sloop	Bodden Bros.
Reliance (43)	Sloop	W. A. Bodden
Sterling (31)	Sloop	W. S. Bodden
Harmony	Schooner	Wood & Glover
Western Union	Motor Vessel	Thompson Enterprises
Union (72)	Schooner	Foster Brothers)
Maria	Schooner	?
Veta Louise	Schooner	H. O. Merren & Co.
Diamond (46)	Sloop	J. S. Webster & Chas. Bush
Britannia	Schooner	W. M. Coe
Britannic (1937)	Schooner (22)	A. Bodden b. by D. Jerris V?
Fullmar	Schooner	" "
Thompson	Schooner	Hanford Thompson
Neptune	Motor Vessel	?
Madline	Motor Vessel	Hardy Anderson
M. S. Nunoca	" "	Motor Ship Company
Maid of the Mill	Schooner	George Wood
Lady of the Isles	Schooner	Richard Carter
British Star	Schooner	Richard Carter
Union	Schooner	Wm. Eden & Co.
Favourite Lass	Schooner	Thompson Bros.

White Water	Schooner		?
Blake	3-mast Schooner		?
Maryland	Schooner		Charles Bush
Antarus (1933)	Motor Vessel (55)		H. O. Merren & Co. (built by I.A.McTaggart)
Cimboco	Motor Vessel		Motor Ship Company (C.I. Motor Boat Co.)
Caymanian (1914)	Sloop (45)		R. E. McTaggart (built by R.B.Bodden)
Explicit (1920)	Schooner (3-mast) (187 tons)		J.T. Ritch Ritch Bros.
Admiral Beatty(1919)"	(123)		Danny Hunter & Brother (Tibbetts & Hunter)
Admiral Sturdy	Schooner		" " "
Sturdee (1921)	Schooner (84)		J. D. Hunter
Explorer	Schooner		A. E. Panton
Wembly?	Schooner		" " "
W.Bloomfield (1909)	Schooner (49)		Kirkconnell Family
Edison Brother	Schooner		Edison Brothers
Edison (1921)	" (76)		J & T. Conolly
O.Louise(1919)	Schooner (231)		Kirkconnel Bros.
Testeco (1913)	Sloop (41)		Jervis' Brothers, C/Brac
Hulda (1908)	Sloop (36)		W.E.& E.V.Bolden
Concord (1915)	" (19)		G.N. & H. S. Jackson
Pomare (1920)	" (10)		D. Jervis
Nevada (1924)	" (11)		T. S. Jackson
Wayne Clifton (1915)	" (38)		R. C. Foster
Alsons (1934)	Schooner (59)		Foster Family b. by (built by W.L.Foster)
C.C. Acme(1929)	Schooner (59)		(Built by W. L. Foster) (Owned by R.C.Foster)

Panama	Sloop		Mrs.L.A..Anderson & H. M. Eden
H. L.Franklin	Schooner		Philip Ebanks
Scring?	Schooner		W. M. Coe
E.A. Henning	Schooner		John Henning
Klondike	Schooner		W. C. Watler
Gold Medal	Sloop		W. C. Watler
Geneva	Schooner		?
Cayman	Schooner		F. N. Lambert
Tunnel	Schooner		Temple Ebanks
Banks	Schooner		Temple Ebanks
Rembro (1930)	Schooner	(68 tons)	R. E. McTaggart
Reliance(1905)	Sloop(43)		(Bodden Brothers) (H. A. Bodden)
Sterling (31)	Sloop		Bodden Brothers
Dillaway	Schooner		?
Sea Gull (93)	Schooner		C.E. S. Parsons
Meritwell	Schooner		Lionel Bodden
WK Merit (1905)	" "	(80)	Kirkconnell Family
Marie	Schooner		Owen Bodden
Helvin (1914)	"	(46)	Tibbetts Family
Heath	Schooner		C. H. Bodden
Harmony (1918)	"	(55)	Bodden, Et al
Majestic	Schooner	(47)	R. E. McTaggart (built by J.R. Bodden, Sr.)
Collingswood	Schooner		?

Franklyn	Schooner		?
Exploit (1916)	"	(76)	Ritch Bros.
Envoy (1916)	"	(36)	J. N. Tibbetts
T.B. Gain(1917)	"	(63)	L. N. Tibbets
Carolie (1917)	"	(52)	C. H. Bodden
Carmania (1916)	"	(76)	S. E. Bodden
J. M. Tie (1917)	"	(25)	J. N. Tibbetts
Coronella (1918)	"	(92)	Foster Bros.
Colburn (1919)	"	(36)	H. C. Foster
R. A. Glenn (1920)	"	(24)	R. C. Foster
Accord (1921)	"	(37)	T. S. Jackson, etal
Amity (1923)	"	(41)	W. Bodden
Strive (1926)	"	(24)	A. Dilbert
Camperdown	Schooner		Ted Eden
Benefit	Yawl		M. Conolly
Concha (1914)	"	(34)	J. W. Hunter
Toil (1915)	"	(23)	Timothy Ritch
Huntress(1940)	"	(13)	E. A. Ritch
LadySlater			Motor Ship Company
Beulah (1913)	"	(49)	P. Scott, etal
Ithmar (1913)	"	(64)	Kirkconnel Family
Reward (1913)	"	(60)	W. L. Foster
Nadia (1915)	"	(75)	J. W. Hunter
Dawn	Motor Boat		Bertie Bodden
None-pareil?	Schooner		? John E. Bodden
Parker	Schooner		?
Pearless	Schooner (3-mast)		?

Albert H. (sank in 1937)	Schooner		A. E. Panton
Kirksons (1943)	Motor Vessel	(329)	Kirkconnell Bros.
Sonar (1947)	"	(104)	J. R. Tibbetts
Sohail (1951)	"	(35)	G.G.Knox
Bertha Scott?	Schooner		Cayman Brac
E.M.Bertha(1907)	"	(148)	L.A. & R.A. Scott
Plaruna?	Schooner		" "
Merit	Schooner		Kirkconnell Bros.
Chamberlyn	Schooner		?
Expediter (1923)	Schooner	(49)	J.T. Ritch Etal
Amaranth (1923)	"	(46)	Carter & Foster
Amaranth?	Schooner		R. E. McTaggart
Verona?	Schooner		T. P. Thompson
Culture	Schooner		T. Ebanks
Hulser	Schooner		L. Bodden
R. L. Hustler(1931) (sank in 1941)	"	(61)	Built by R. B. Bodden
E. L. Banks (1926)	Schooner	(54)	Built by Benson Bodden
Zirema (1932)	Schooner	(91)	(Built by Mr. McTaggart)
K. H. Ruby(1934)	Schooner	(41)	C. G. Kirkconnell
J. E. Taylor	Schooner		?
Taylor (1934)	"	(81)	Ritch Bros.
Promoter (1903)	Sloop	(23)	W. D. Scott
Olive(1905)	"	(8)	R. K. Thompson
Fair Hope (1905)	"	(30)	Wilford Foster
Energy(1906)	"	(35)	J.B. & J.N. Tibbetts
S. Robert Stanley	"	(31)	R. W. Foster



(1907)			
Resolution(1910)	"	(40)	J. N. Tibbetts
Cariba (1912)	"	(6)	J. W. Hunter
Transient (1912)	"	(21)	Ritch & Frazer
Markum (1913)	"	(49)	Foster Bros.
Canary (1908)	Yawl	(47)	S.E., A.N. & C. Bodden
Defender (1902)	"	(37)	Wm. R. Bodden
Paragonia(1936)	Yawl(23)		J. Ritch, etal
3-Mast (1905)	Schooner(296)		J. E. Scott
Olga (1930)	"	(66)	W. L. Foster
Miss C.B.(1931)	"	(54)	J. N. Tibbetts
Kirk B (1931)	"	(60)	C. G. Kirkconnell
T. B. Radar(1946)	"	(162)	K. P. Tibbetts
Georgiana	Schooner (72)		J. E.Scott & Bros.
Ocean Flower	"		J. E.Scott & Bros.
Clara C.Scott	"	(260)	J. E.Scott & Bros.
<del>E. M. Bertha</del>	<del>Schooner (148)</del>		<del>L. A. Scott</del>
Primrose	Sloop (24)		A. S. Foster
Alexandra	"	(23)	J. M.Scott & Bros.
Shamrock	Sloop (26)		S.E.Bodden.
Energy	"		Tibbett Bros.
Robert Stanley	"		Robert Foster
Canary	"		S.E.Bodden & Bros.
Huldah	"		W. E. Bodden & Son

Emily (40)	Schooner	James Coe
Transient	Schooner	Zabulon Farrel
Eagle	"	Zabulon Farrel
Hennings	" "	Samuel Hennings
Walton	"	Zabulon Farrell
Commerce (40)	"	Sam. Parsons
Elizabeth	"	Sam. Parsons
Mary Annie	"	Sam. Parsons
Mary Catherine	"	Sam. Parsons
Oregon (9)	"	Sam. Parsons
Two Sisters	"	Bodden & Thompson
John Wesley	"	Ebin Parsons
Creole	"	Lindsey Thompson
Phoenix	"	McColliston Thompson
West India Lass	"	Sam. Parsons
Sapphire	"	Thompson & Page
Wave	"	?
Vivide?	"	" H. Bush
Excelda (1920)	"	"(58) K. H. Ritch, et al
Magallia?	"	" Webster/Powell
Conolly?	"	" Conolly?
Marica	Schooner	A. B. Conolly?
Klosking?	Schooner	Richard Bush
Firefly(32)	Schooner	Richard E. Bush
Melpomnie	?	Ashby & Czar
MELPOMEVE		