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Biographical Note

This material was donated by David Sanderson on behalf of his brother Allen B. Sanderson who died May 16, 2006.

Allen B. Sanderson was born in Boston January 22, 1931, grew up in Littleton, MA, and graduated from Wesleyan College, Middletown, CT. After military service he obtained a Master's Degree from Boston University School of Journalism, and came to Gloucester to work as a reporter for the Gloucester Daily Times. Although the job did not last Allen spent the rest of his

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life in Gloucester.

He worked as a technical writer at Raytheon and Sylvania, and as a grant writer at the Perkins Institute for the Blind. Throughout this time his first love was his 58' wooden sloop the *Cytheria*, which he co-owned with Julian Hatch. She was berthed at Beacon Marine in East Gloucester for many years and he devoted many hours to her care and restoration, with brief intervals of sailing along the coast.

He also acted as publicity agent for the Dory and Schooner races in the 1960s and 70s.

Acquisition Note

This collection is a gift of David Sanderson, 248 Spinney Road, Portsmouth, NH 03801-4922. The donation was made on behalf of his brother, Allen B. Sanderson, and was part of Allen B. Sanderson's estate.

Scope and Content of the Collection

Dory races between Gloucester and Lunenburg, Nova Scotia are on a home and away series held on July 1 (in Gloucester) and September 15 (in Lunenburg) annually. This material covers the years 1965, 1966, 1967.

Dory competitions began in 1947. Originally held only in Gloucester, they were later expanded to include a match race of the Gloucester winner against the winner of the Lunenburg races. The senior division race is one nautical mile and the junior division (18 and under) is over a half nautical mile course. The dories belong to the Dory Committee, but the oars belong to the individual racers. Training for the race is taken seriously with coaching by local Coast Guard Station personnel.

The International Schooner Race was also a competition between Gloucester and Lunenburg, Nova Scotia. The first race for a trophy and prize money was put on by a group of Boston fish dealers over a thirty-three mile course off Boston in 1886. Gloucester entered the race for the first time in 1888 and took second place. The first Gloucester race was held August 16, 1892 as part of the city's 250th Anniversary celebration. The cup, donated by Henry S. Hovey, Commodore of the Eastern Yacht Club, was won by Capt. Maurice Whalen in the *Harry L. Belden*. These events were followed by a race for the Lawson Cup in 1901 and the Lipton Cup in 1907.

In 1920 the Halifax Herald and Mail put out a challenge taken up by the Gloucester Daily Times and the International Schooner Races began. The schooners were true fishing vessels over 100' in length at the water-line, and manned by the fishermen themselves.

The competition was at its most intense during the 1920s and 1930s and in 1923 the races between the *Bluenose*, Capt. Angus Walters, of Lunenburg and the Gloucester schooner

Gertrude L. Thebaud, Capt. Ben Pine, approached mythic proportions in both communities. When Capt. Walters died in 1968, it was front page news in the Gloucester Daily Times.

The demise of the fishing schooner, engines being more efficient than sail, and the onset of World War II, combined to end the competition.

In 1969, the races were resumed as the Great Schooner Race, although the vessels were smaller and used for recreation rather than fishing. The competition is open to all gaff-rigged schooners of at least twenty-five in length. The Gloucester winner then competes against the Lunenburg winner in a best out of three competition. This material covers the years of the Great Schooner Races between 1969 and 1976.

Racing Schooners - Background to International races

It was a tradition for fishing schooners with full loads to race each other into port. Beyond the competitive spirit of the vessels, the first ship into port received the highest prices for its catch. Since most of the fishing took place off the coast of Nova Scotia, it was not unusual for Gloucester schooners to have many Nova Scotians on their vessels.

Of the 5,378 men memorialized at the dedication of the cenotaph in 2007, 1,596 were born in the Canadian Maritimes. The close ties and natural competitiveness of the two fleets led to the International Fishermen's races of the 1920's and 1930's.

One cannot overemphasize the excitement generated by these schooner races. Thousands of spectators converged upon Cape Ann, elected official from all levels of government were present, banquets were prepared, formal balls were held and newspaper coverage was extensive and widespread.

1920 The *Esperanto* (Captain Marty Welch) defeats the *Delawana* in Halifax. Welch was born in Nova Scotia. The *Esperanto* was lost in 1921 on Sable Island off Nova Scotia.

1921 *Elsie* (Capt. Marty Welch) vs. *Bluenose* (Capt. Angus Walters). *Bluenose* is the victor. *Elsie* lost in 1935 off the Gulf of St. Lawrence

1922 The *Puritan*, built in 1921, judged to be the fastest of American schooners, lost at Sable Island. *Henry Ford* (Capt. Clayton Morrissey) vs. *Bluenose* (Angus Walters). Capt. Morrissey was born in Nova Scotia.

 { 1st race - *Ford* wins but is disqualified - too much sail
in { 2nd race - *Ford* wins
Gloucester { 3rd race - *Bluenose* wins
 { 4th race - *Bluenose* wins

Major controversy over outcome - Bad blood among crews

1923 Lipton Cup - *Henry Ford* defeats *Eliz. Howard* and *Shamrock*

1923 *Columbia* (Capt. Ben Pine) vs. *Bluenose* in Halifax. Capt. Pine born in Newfoundland. *Bluenose* disqualified in Race #1 (fouls *Columbia*); disqualified in Race #2 (went inside buoy). Walters refuses to race again - Pine refuses cup and prize money

1926 *Columbia* (Pine) vs. *Henry Ford* (Morrissey)

Columbia wins

1927 - *Columbia* lost - Sable Island

1928 - *Henry Ford* lost - Newfoundland

1929 Local race - *Progress* (Capt. Manuel Domingoes)

1930 - *Progress* lost off Cape Cod

1930 *Gertrude L. Thebauld* (Ben Pine) vs. *Bluenose* (Angus Walters)
(Gloucester - *Thebauld* wins - Lipton Trophy only)

1931 International Fishing Trophy, Halifax - *Gertrude Thebauld* vs. *Bluenose* - *Bluenose* wins

1938 *Gertrude Thebauld* vs. *Bluenose*. *Bluenose* winner (3 out of 5)

1948 - *Thebauld* lost off Venezuela

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10/10/30	240	<i>Thebaud</i> wins (times)
10/11/30	241	Race called off - lack of wind
10/11/30	242	Ball (Dance) - Ben Pine in hospital, replaced by Charlie Johnson
10/14/30	243	Second race postponed - no air 10/15/30 - race called off
10/16/30	244	Repairs to <i>Bluenose</i>
10/17/30	245	Race again postponed - flat calm 10/18 - <i>Thebaud</i> wins
10/20/30	246	Lipton trophy awarded 10/21
9/27/30	247	10/1/30 - Pre-race preparations Halifax papers
10/7/30	248	<i>Bluenose</i> in Gloucester - repairs on <i>Thebaud</i>

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		Halifax papers
10/7/30	249	Article on <i>Thebaud</i> Halifax papers
10/14/30	250	Races postponed Halifax papers
10/15/30	251	Fog, wind cause calling off race with <i>Bluenose</i> ahead Halifax papers
10/16/30	252	Fog, wind cause calling off race with <i>Bluenose</i> ahead Halifax papers
10/19/30	253	<i>Thebaud</i> wins - but Canadian paper claims it was a fluke Halifax papers
9/24/30	254	Trial runs for <i>Thebaud</i>
10/11/30	255	Race with <i>Bluenose</i> called off
10/12/30	256	Race - calm (no race)
10/13/30	257	Race - calm (no race)
7/27/30	258	<i>Thebaud</i> crashes into boat in Marblehead
8/24/30	259	<i>Bluenose</i> to race <i>Thebaud</i>
9/3/30	260	Race confirmed
9/22/30	261	Pre-race
9/24/30	262	<i>Thebaud</i> out for spin
9/24/30	263	Pre-race - finances
9/25/30	264	Pre-race
10/28/30	265	No race at Halifax
10/14/30	266	Pre-race
10/17/30	267	Pre-race
10/30	268	Press releases - Canada
10/30	269	Press releases - Canada
10/30	270,271,272,273	Press clippings - Luce's Press Clipping Bureau
10/30	274,275	Press clippings - pictures
10/30	276	Picture - <i>Gertrude Thebaud</i> Misc. - Race chart, advertisements for race List of newspapers - clippings
10/30	277	Invitation cards
	278	(Blank)
9/30	279	Repeat of pre-race
	280	Repeat articles - pre-race
9/30, 10/30	281	Repeat articles - pre-race
10/10/30	282,283	Repeat - <i>Thebaud</i> wins 1st race

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10/11/30	284	2nd race called - no wind
10/16/30	285	3rd race called - too much wind
9/16/31	286	New race scheduled - International Fishermen's Trophy
9/29/31	287	Trial race between <i>Thebaud</i> and <i>Elsie</i>
10/9/31	288	<i>Thebaud</i> wins 2nd race over <i>Elsie</i>
10/13/31	289	<i>Thebaud</i> heads to Halifax
10/13/31	290	<i>Thebaud</i> in Halifax - pre-race preparations
10/15/31	291	Article - <i>Thebaud</i> Capt. John Matheson, sailed Gloucester to Halifax
10/16/31	292	Race is doubtful - fog
10/21/31	293	<i>Bluenose</i> wins 2 out of 3