

# THE RELIANCE AT BRISTOL

## Cup Yacht Being Put in Preparation for Glen Cove Races.

### Two of the Bar Harbor 30-Footers Given Trial Spins—Morton F. Plant's Schooner Nearing Completion.

BRISTOL, R. I., May 10.—Everything is in readiness for hauling out the Reliance in order that she might have her underbody cleaned, and the work probably will begin early to-morrow. On account of the fine breeze yesterday, she was not put on the ways, but was taken out for a trial spin, during which her big clubtopsail had its first airing. Some new light sails have been taken aboard, and the yacht probably will remain here until Wednesday.

The vessel is partly dismantled, the only spars in place being the topmast, mainmast, and main boom. Rush work will be begun to-morrow in fitting the boat with its new sails and its new main gaff, the latter of which is to be ready to be adjusted some time during the day.

The new schooner yacht under construction for Vice Commodore Morton T. Plant of the Larchmont Yacht Club is more than half plated in the north shop at Herreshoff's, and it looks as though the craft would be ready for launching in another month. The new schooner is having plating of nickel steel. The building of a schooner is something new at the Herreshoff shops.

The new steam launch under construction at the Herreshoff shops for Cornelius Vanderbilt will be finished in about ten days. She will have a thirty horse-power engine and will be about 26 feet in length. Mr. Vanderbilt is to have this launch as a tender to his steam yacht North Star. Cornelius Vanderbilt's steam tender Mirage of the eighty-one-foot fleet, built here a few years ago, has just had a new condenser at the Herreshoff shops, and, having been put in the water a few days ago, is preparing to leave for New York.

Two of the Bar Harbor thirty-footers were given trial spins in Bristol Harbor Friday by Designer Herreshoff, the boats manoeuvring under sail with much quickness. The new boats were tried on all points of sailing under mainsail, forestaysail, and jib in a light breeze.

The open steam launch Vanish, recently purchased by ex-Commodore E. D. Morgan as a tender and dispatch boat for the Columbia during the Summer, after a general overhauling, was given a series of speed and boiler tests in the harbor the past week, and was almost up to her former speed of ten years ago, when she steamed at the rate of nearly twenty-two miles an hour. The Vanish is about 40 feet in length and is the greatest flier seen in Bristol Harbor for some years. The Vanish left for Newport Thursday afternoon.

Sloop yacht Altair of the 51-foot class, owned by Cord Meyer of New York, was launched from her berth in the Herreshoff yard in Walker's Cove Thursday afternoon, and is partly fitted out for the season. The yawl Spalpeen, owned by R. M. Riddell, is to be soon put overboard and fitted out for the season.

The new steam launch Sunbeam, about 35 feet in length, and built there for J. C. Hutchinson of New York, had a number of trials in the harbor the past week. Thursday she developed a speed of eighteen miles an hour.

Nat Herreshoff's new steam yacht Roamer was placed in commission last Monday morning.

Steam yachts Parthenia, Wana, Florence, Eugenia, Reposo, and Augusta are being fitted out at the Herreshoff shops for the season. The new 45-footer in the Herreshoff shops is progressing in construction.

Three of Designer Herreshoff's sons, Nat, Sidney, and Grilswold, are following in the footsteps of their father in the production of pleasure craft, and have a new naphtha launch almost ready to put overboard. The launch is about 15 feet in length, and is taking shape in the boys' playhouse near their home. The work was begun on the craft last Thanksgiving Day. It will not be their first boat, for the Herreshoff boys are owners of a fleet of sailing skiffs, which for the past two seasons they have handled with efficiency in Bristol Harbor.