HARLEM BOATING CLIPS TO PAST

But Only Three Yacht Clubs Remain on Stream Once a Centre of Activity.

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Has Splendid Setting at Spuyten Duyvil Creek—Rowing, Sculling Groups Busy.

Once a centre of yachting activity in New York, the now oil-baked of the Harlem River are lived only apparently with small boats, from the sole relics of a glamorous past. Where once the finest of pleasure,yachts cruised at its edges and barges now ply their daily course.

The explanation of the decay of the Harlem, and the gradual transformation of the stream into a ship channel is the East River with the Hudson, accounts for its desertion as a yachting resort.

There are only three genuine yachts left on the Harlem, and of these only one, the Isham Park Yacht Club, is out of business as a district of factories.

Has Squatter's Cove

Sited on a privately owned island in a sequestered cove on the south side of Spuyten Duyvil Creek, only a short distance below the Columbia University boathouse is a setting of isolated beauty almost unbelievable within the city limits. A facility of half a mile long, from 20 to 50 feet at the aquala of Commodore Pugh of the Commodore, a similarly roomy Sport of Captain Charles Warren of the Empire State shallow cove.

For eight years ago, the club has only thirty-five members but there is almost a per cent average of one boat to a member, indicating the effectiveness of an organization's interest in yachting.

The next evidence that yachting still exists on the Harlem is the operation of the Speedyway with Young Men's Christian Association at the cove, preparing for Sunday evening, Tuesday night, and Thursday night for small craft to have a chance at regatta. The river shore a short distance east of Sherman Creek is the Val-Ray Boat Club, founded in 1911. All these clubs have thirty-five members, there is only eight or nine at a time in them.

Catherine the Largest Boat

The largest boat in the club is the Catherine, a 262-foot yacht owned by John Olsen. Commodore Patrick Loughran has an attractive summer program of Sunday evening, dances and social parties.

Beneath the towering houses of the sea wall along the Speedyway lies the Atlantah Boat Club, founded in a rowing crew in 1843, one of the two oldest of New York's boat clubs (the other is the Brooklyn). The past fifteen or twenty years has it been classified as a yachting organization.

There are eight boats in its slips or tied at its dock, dominated by the 26-foot Elodea. Membership in the New York Yacht Club, Launch and Engine Corporation.

Canoeing Clubs Along River.

Here and there among the trees are a number of boating and canoeing clubs, however they claim all interest in yachting, and take great pride in their traditional rowing and sailing races.