

EDMUND LANG

2nd Commodore of the Belle Harbor Yacht Club ~ 1907

Yachting Official ~ Chairman of Committee for the Americas Cup Races

Edmund Lang, of One Grace Court, Brooklyn, N.Y. was a well-known yachtsman who served as **Chairman of the Race Committee for the Americas Cup Races** off Newport, R.I., in 1930, 1934 and 1937. He was widely known in the yachting circles in this country and England as an expert navigator, mathematician and sailor.

Mr. Lang was a member of the Belle Harbor Yacht Club ~ since 1906 serving as Commodore in 1907, member of the New York Yacht Club ~ since 1913 serving on the race committee since 1925 and eventually as N.Y. Race Chairman from 1930 – 1939. He laid out courses for the Americas Cup Races, decided the starting times and worked for many months on the details in preparation for this leading event in international yachting.

In 1880, he was born and schooled in New York and began his business career with Westinghouse, Church, Kerr & Co as an electrical contractor. He later joined the Crocker-Wheeler Electric Manufacturing Company at 30 Church Street and served as its President for more than fifteen years until his retirement in 1939. He was also vice president of the Curtis Gas Engine Company and director of the Remington Arms Company.

He began racing half-raters and catboats off Sea Gate many years ago, and later skipper of larger boats, which he raced in the Long Island Sound and Jamaica Bay. In 1913, he bought the sloop “Banzai”, one of the original New York Thirties built by Herreshoff in 1905 and raced her with consistent success until a few weeks before his death.

Sadly, Edmund Lang died of a heart attack on November 1st, 1940 shortly before the train on which he was returning from Wilmington, Del., arrived at the Pennsylvania Station. Mr. Lang, 60, was in Wilmington to attend a board of directors meeting of the Remington Arms Company.

Mr. Lang’s hobbies included photography and he created several Christmas cards that were sent to his family and friends throughout the years ...

