

THEIR FIFTIETH BIRTHDAY.

New-York Yacht Club Members Celebrate at the Clubhouse.

The New-York Yacht Club was fifty years old yesterday, and to properly celebrate such an auspicious event an informal reception was given at the clubhouse, 67 Madison Avenue, last evening. There was a holiday air about the building all day yesterday that betokened to the layman something out of the ordinary. Pennants and vari-colored flags of handsome design floated from every window, and there was a bustle and activity about the place at once attractive. The occasion had long been talked about and a more elaborate observance suggested, but owing to the unfavorable time of the season the jubilee was observed as above stated.

The reception proper began at 8 o'clock and ended at midnight, and during that time as many members of the club as could possibly attend did so. There were also representatives present of the different yacht clubs around New-York, and altogether the affair was decidedly pleasant.

The plan first suggested, and the one which the members would have preferred to carry out, originated with Mr. Adams, part owner of the schooner Sachem. It was this gentleman's idea to have a rendezvous of the yachts owned by the club in the Horseshoe in the morning to be followed by a parade through the harbor. A majority of the members favored this plan, but when it was shown that many members would be absent from the vicinity, either abroad or cruising, the programme was changed. The arrangements for the observance of the organization's birthday were in the hands of a committee comprising James C. Berger, J. V. S. Oddie, F. T. Adams, F. W. J. Hurst, and A. B. Jones.

Following the reception a supper was served, and a few speeches from reminiscient members made the evening a most enjoyable one. A string orchestra made lively music at intervals. Considering the unseasonableness of the time the attendance was quite large.

Last night's affair was a sort of first edition of the anniversary celebration, for next week, when the club's annual cruise begins, special races will be held at Glen Cove for semi-centennial cups. These trophies are particularly attractive and should furnish the incentive for a number of pretty races.

Among those who observed the anniversary were James D. Smith, Fordham Morris, Thomas B. Clarke, Charles A. Grymes, J. R. Grymes, E. E. Chase, Willard H. Jones, F. De P. Hall, John R. Platt, Commodore Brightson, Manhattan Yacht Club; J. Frederick Tams, John Hyslop, S. V. Graham, United States steamer Cincinnati; Stephen Peabody, William Post, William Post, Jr., Charles Schade, Newark Yacht Club; A. G. Kavanagh, United States steamer Cincinnati; Thure De Thulstrup, Charles P. Buchanan, F. M. Randall, Vice Commodore Pavonia Yacht Club; D. W. Kohn, L. W. Forbell, Pavonia Yacht Club; Wilson Marshall, R. P. Lounsbury, G. L. Ronalds, J. V. S. Oddie, S. L. Husted, Jr., Commodore Larchmont Yacht Club; Henry Gilsey, Edward M. Brown, John M. Wilson, Henry Steers, H. J. W. Bartlett, Temple Yacht Club, England; N. D. Bill, Alfred L. Smith, Williamsburg Yacht Club, Elisha Brush, Williamsburg Yacht Club.

C. Barnum Seeley, James W. Hayward, A. B. Jones, Morris J. Asch, C. B. Hendricks, Albert Darling, Stanley Greacen, John P. Haines, William A. Haines, Henry Morrill, Charles L. Browne, Commodore Knickerbocker Yacht Club; C. H. Zocher, Knickerbocker Yacht Club; Arthur H. Clark, Sidney Jones Colford, William P. Douglass, William L. Stow, A. L. Barbes, William S. Vernand, C. T. Van Santvoord, A. J. Prime, Yonkers Corinthian Yacht Club; F. M. Hausling, James Speyer, Henry H. Hendricks, R. W. Cameron, A. W. Hinds, United States steamer San Francisco; E. H. De Long, United States steamer Cincinnati; R. Floyd Clarke, R. A. C. Smith, Fricken, L. J. Callanan, and Frank T. Robinson.