



1945 WINNERS
COAST GUARD ACADEMY ALUMNI BOWL
I. C. Y. R. A. NEW ENGLAND DINGHY CHAMPIONSHIP

Frank E. Parker - William M. Page - Philip M. Hildebrandt - Robert S. Gershkoff
Skipper High-Point Skipper



Presentation
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for
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May 13, 1945

By
Captain Harold C. Moore,, USCG, former head of Seamanship Department
To winning
Cadet-Commodore Philip M. Hildebrandt of ~~XXXXX~~ Coast Guard team.



Presentation
of
THE DANMARK TROPHY

September 26, 1943

By

Captain Knud L. Hansen, Donor

To

Cadet Arthur Andre Fontaine of winning Coast Guard team

James W. Bolding- Arthur A. Fontaine- Captain Knud L. Hansen- Philip M. Hildebrandt-
Skipper T. S. "DANMARK" Skipper

Richard DeL. Miller



Admiral Pine.

Presentation

Coast Guard Academy Alumni Bowl

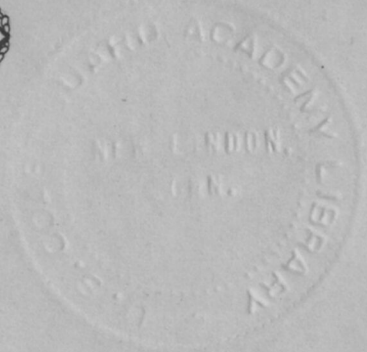
by

Rear Admiral James Pine to Captain Wm. M. Page

R.S. Gershkoff, Captain William M. Page, A.J. Tatman, C. M. Mayes

Admiral Pine.

JACOB'S ROCK



Cadet 4/c

^{Richard Walter}
R.W. Michaels

State of Pennsylvania

December 17, 1953

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Local

History

Of the many small islands found in and near the mouth of the Thames River, few have ever been noted as having any historical significance. But there are some that have become well known in some way, to the area of New London, as markers for excellent fishing grounds or landmarks common to many Coast Guard and Navy officers. Many of these islands are important, but one in particular has recently been developed into an excellent boat house. This island is known as Jacob's Rock.

Five prominent "rocks" or islands as they are sometimes called, are Powder Rock, Goose Rock, White Rock, the Isle of Rocks, and Jacob's Rock. ^{I/} The Isle of Rocks, according to local history, disappeared sometime during the middle of the nineteenth century. White, Goose and Powder Rocks have been valued at a "nominal \$500 each", for some years, according to City Assesor Norman H. Miller of New London, even though they have been considered valuable real estate by the town for the last two hundred years.

Mrs. Francis Manwaring Caulkins, local historian of New London, gave some attention to these islands. She mentioned in one of her talks that one islet in the Thames River just below Fort Trumball ^E was very early known as Nicholas' Cod, most probably from William Nichols, an early settler of this area. At a later period, this islet was called Powder Island.

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With the aid of City Clerk H.L. McGuire, it was found that this islet is most likely the spot that shelters Mr. Frank Maria's present landing.^{2/}

On March 13, 1745, Joseph Harris deeded this islet to Jeremiah Chapman for a price of thirty pounds. He netted a tidy profit as his accounts show that Harris received the deed on March 30, 1744 for the price of sixteen pounds and seventeen shillings.^{3/}

The islet changed hands in 1852, then being called Powder Island. It was purchased by Perkins and Smith, ship agents of New London at the time, for fifty dollars.

Richard B. Well, writing for the New London Day, cited the Hempstead Diary for authority, and stated that this island was used as a burial ground for small pox victims of the locale during an epidemic between 1760 and 1770, the victims being mostly sailors.

Unfortunately, Jacob's Rock has very little historical background. This rock, located about mid-stream and opposite the Coast Guard Academy, was originally owned by an early New England farmer and fisherman by the name of Jacob Waterhouse, who resided here during the early 1600's. This rock was a land mark used to establish the boundaries of his farm land.

2/-- The New London Day, July 23rd, 1953

3/-- The New London Day, July 28th, 1953

Construction
of
Jacob's Rock

For many years, the rock acted as a kind of rendezvous for amateur fishermen. In the early part of the year 1941, the state of Connecticut deeded the rock to the Coast Guard Academy because of the prospective development of the Academy in which the rock figured^{4/}. During this year, the government appropriated a total of \$520,000 for the improvement of the Academy grounds. Of this, a sum of \$208,000 was to be used for water front improvement at the Academy, including a storage shed, a causeway, and a boathouse. Included also was a sum of \$208,000 for the extension of the barracks and the addition of a wing to the library.

Captain James Pine, Superintendent of the Academy, stated at this time, in March of 1941, that the plans for the causeway and boathouse were in the preliminary stages. He also stated that a large light would be so located on the Rock so as to guide river navigation. Plans for the boathouse would include storage space for the fleet of dinghies along with the Star class sails.

The government contract for the construction of the storage shed, causeway, and boat house was won by a local construction company, Mondelci and Benvenuti, of New London. This company began its work in the beginning of August, 1942. They first constructed the causeway, leading from the shore out to the rock. This heavy-duty causeway was so constructed as to enable

4/-- The New London Day, October 3rd, 1942

trucks and automobiles to drive out to the rock itself. The causeway was completed at the termination of September, 1942.

The next step was to level off the rock itself. The rock was completely unfit for the placement of a boat house on it. This was due to the fact that the rock had a large peak to its north end, making too much of a slant for stable construction. 5/ The construction company, on December 4th, 1942, placed dynamite charges in the rock, literally blasting off its top or crown. This was done by drilling horizontally a foot above the water line. Over 500 pounds of explosive were used in this operation, removing from 1500 to 2500 tons of rock. This loosened rock was used as fill-in along the causeway, giving it added strength.

At the time of this operation, Mondelci and Benvenuti were also excavating rock and earth in the front of the recently constructed hospital. Along with this excavation, they had begun the construction of the temporary barracks:

6/ On November 2nd, 1942, the city council of New London voted to deed to the Coast Guard Academy the city's reparation rights to a small strip of land on the bank of the Thames River near what is now known as Riverside Park. The Academy planned to build a finger pier south of the Academy wharf.

5/-- The New London Day, December 4th, 1942

6/-- The New London Day, November 3rd, 1942

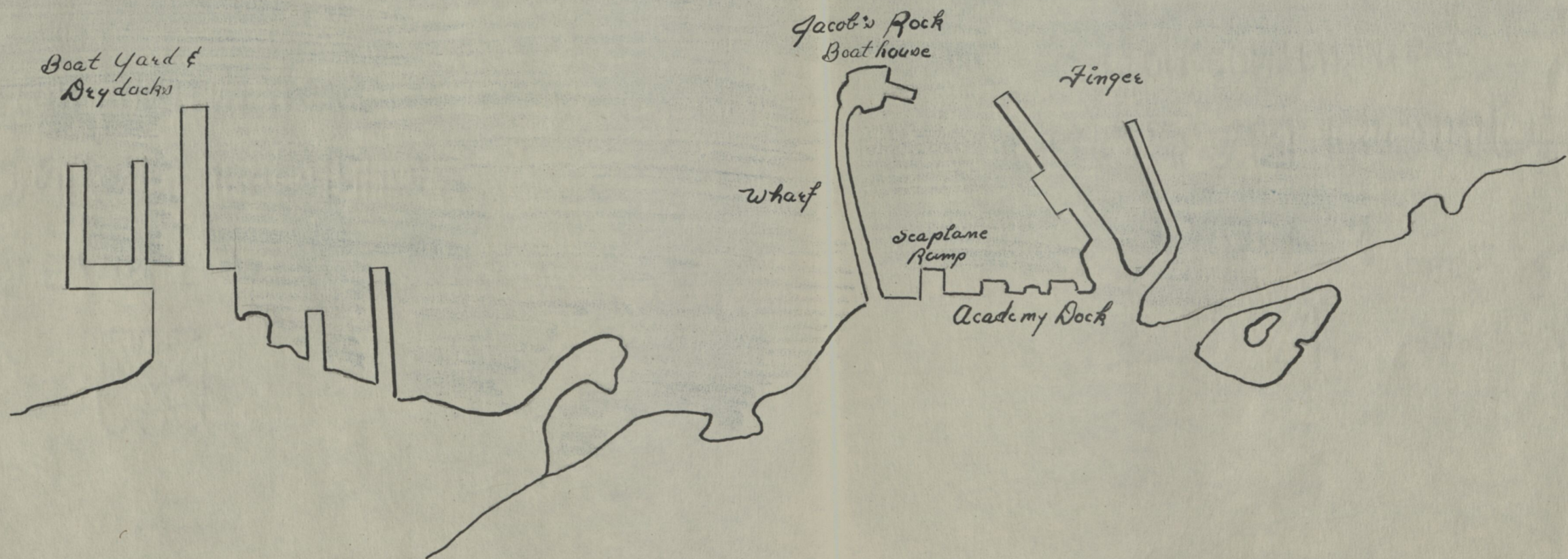
This pier would extend about 200 feet into the Thames River and be connected to the wharf itself. This pier is presently used to moor the U.S.C.G.C. Eagle.

Jacob's Rock boat house was completed sometime during 1943. The exact date, however, has not been recorded because 7/ the boat house was in use before actual completion. The official opening was at 3 P.M. on May 6th, 1943. Among those present were Rear Admiral James Pine, Chaplain A.E. Stone, Mr. Erwin H. Schell of M.I.T. and Mr. H. Stanton Smith of Brown.

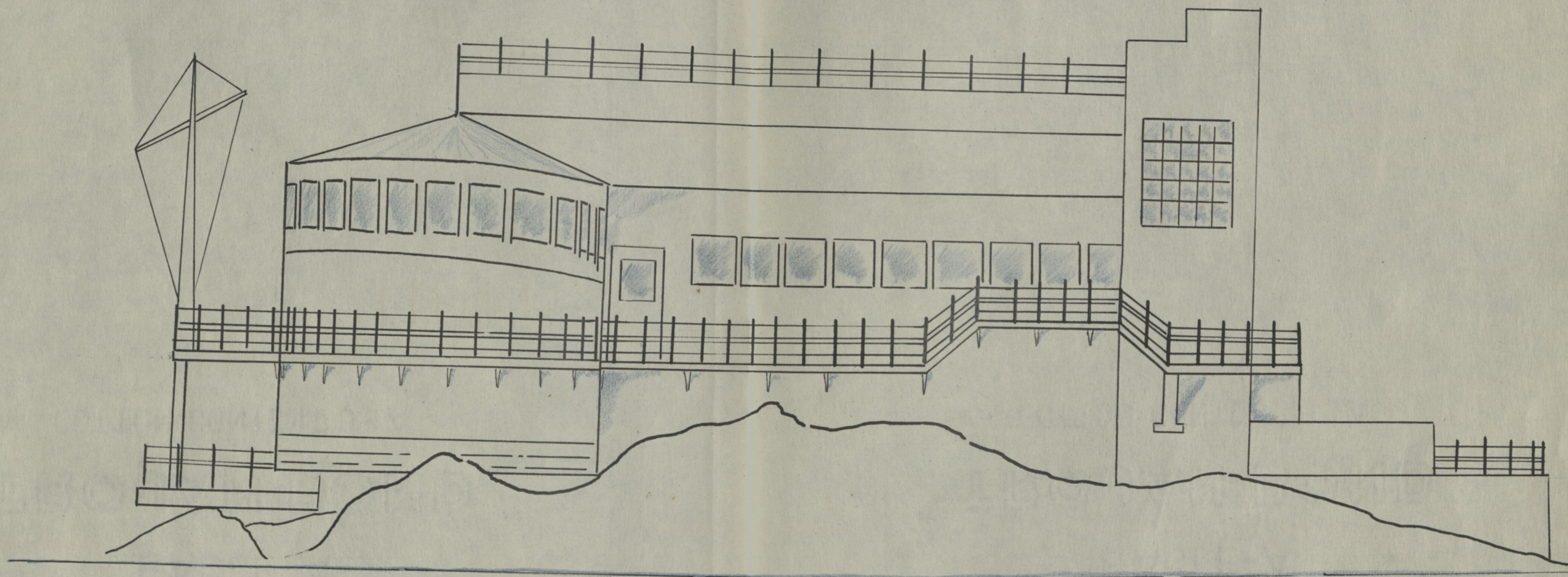
7/-- Jacob's Rock records

Jacob's Rock and shore

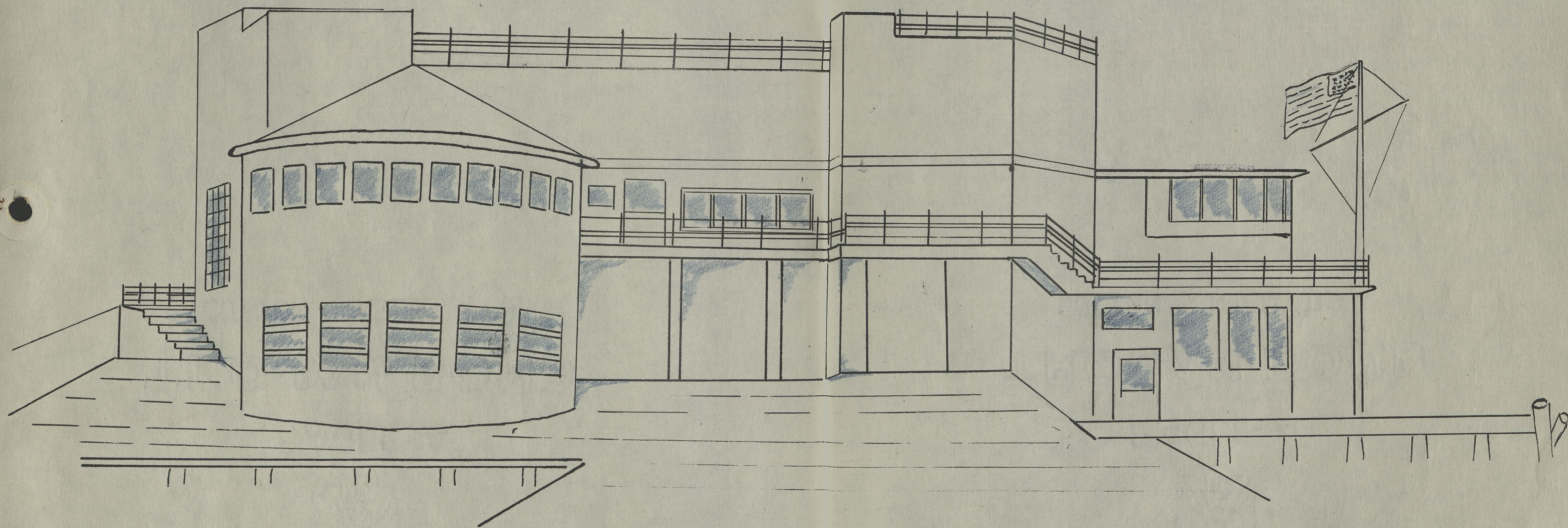
Thames River



Jacob's Rock ~ River side ~ construction drawing



Jacob's Rock ~ Shore side ~ construction drawing









Spoils of

Battle





1944 WINNERS

BOSTON DINGHY CLUB CHALLENGE CUP

I. C. Y. R. A. OPEN REGATTA

Samuel T. Brown - C. Mitchell Daniel - Arthur A. Fontaine - James W. Bolding
Skipper Skipper



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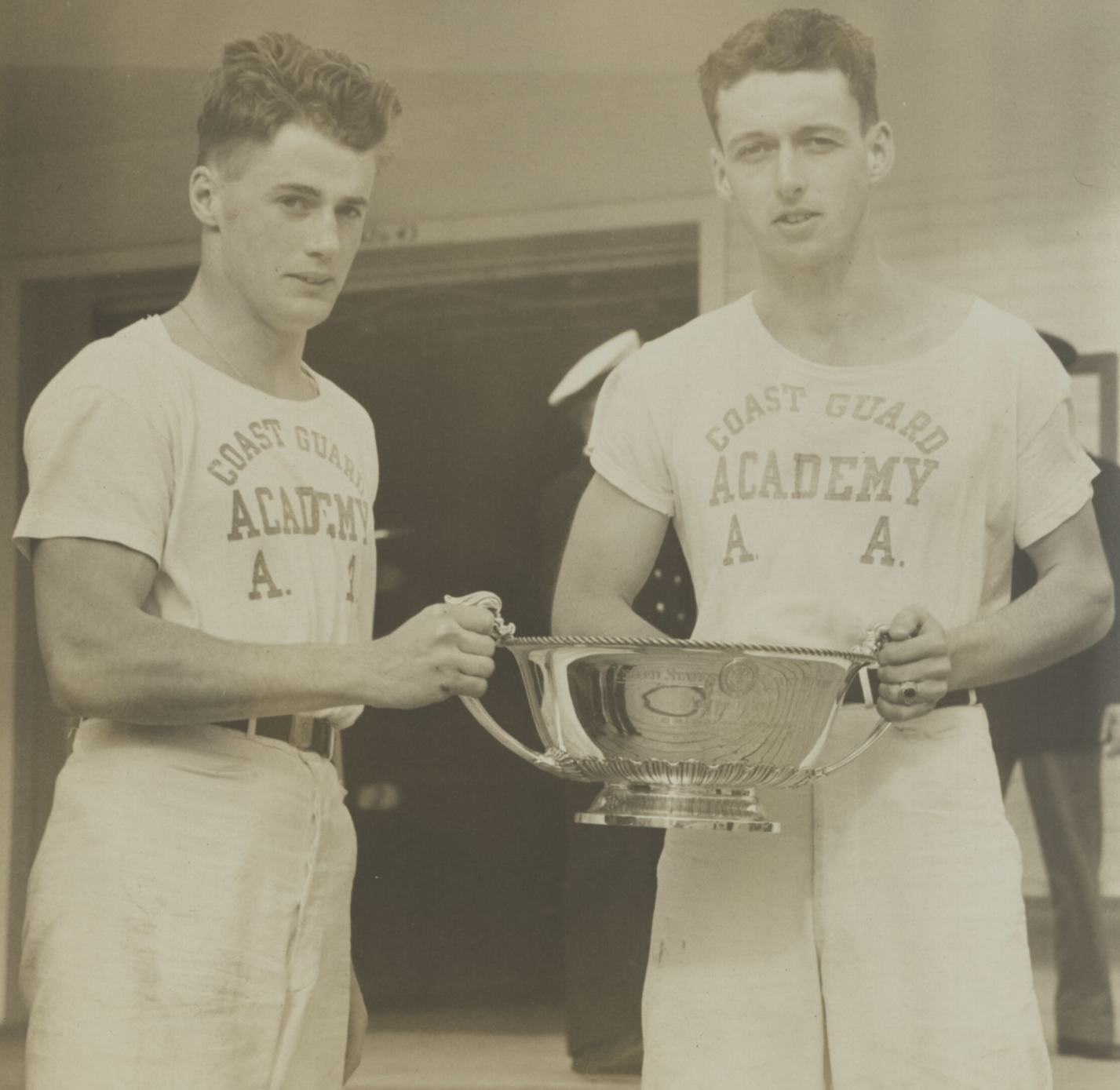


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LUCIAN SHARPE MEMORIAL TROPHY

BROWN SPRING REGATTA

C. Mitchell Daniel - L. Whitman Goddu - James W. Bolding - Arthur A. Fontaine
Skipper High-Point Skipper



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Charles Mitchell Daniel



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May 7, 1944

By *Inter-Collegiate*
Commodore George D. O'Day, Harvard, President of ~~the I.C.Y.R.A.~~
To
Cadet-Commodore C. Mitchell Daniel of winning Coast Guard team.



Presentation
of
BOSTON DINGHY CLUB CHALLENGE CUP
1944

By
Commodore George D. O'Day, Harvard, President of Inter-Collegiate Y. R. A.
To
Cadet-Commodore C. Mitchell Daniel of winning Coast Guard Academy team



SAILING TEAM-1943-1944

I.C.Y.R.A. NATIONAL AND NEW ENGLAND DINGHY CHAMPIONS

BACK - LT. FOWLE (ASST. COACH) - WARREN - WAGNER (MGR.) - BROWN - TATMAN - ROY - LT. CMDR. WOOD (COACH)

FRONT - DANIEL (COMMODORE) - FONTAINE - HILDEBRANDT - GODDU - BOLDING

TROPHIES - MORSS TROPHY (NATIONAL) - SHARPE TROPHY (BROWN-SPRING) - BOSTON DINGHY CLUB CUP - DANMARK TROPHY - COAST GUARD BOWL (NEW ENGLAND)



CHARLES MITCHELL DANIEL

COMMODORE 1943-1944

I. C. Y. R. A. DINGHY CHAIRMAN 1944



COAST GUARD
ACADEMY
A. A.

PHILIP MERRILL HILDEBRANDT

COMMODORE 1944 - 1945

I. C. Y. R. A. STAR CLASS CHAIRMAN 1945



Presentation
of
George Owen Trophy
for
I.C.Y.R.A. EASTERN DINGHY CHAMPIONSHIP
April 28, 1946
by
Professor Emeritus George Owen of M.I.T, Honorary Chairman
to
Cadets A.J.Tatman and William M. Page

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Mr. "Ben" ~ present caretaker
of Jacob's Rock