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Lipton Cup, Won By Local Boat In 1907, Is Returned To Town Hall



The Lipton Cup in its new spot in Town Hall and George F. Miller Jr., president of the Cape Cod Pilgrim Memorial Association and operator of the Pilgrim Monument Museum.

The Lipton Cup was returned to the Town Hall Monday after spending the last few years in the Pilgrim Monument Museum.

Frank Flores had brought the issue up before the Selectmen two weeks ago. He had pointed out that the sign on the stone in front of Town Hall said that the cup was inside the Town Hall building. He had found that it wasn't.

The cup was traditionally given to the first place finisher in the fishermen's schooner race. In the last race in 1907 the *Rose Dorothea* won the cup for Provincetown with another Provincetown boat, the *Jesse Costa*, coming in second.

The two boats outsailed by far the nearest rivals from Gloucester and Boston.

Last Friday was the 87th birthday for the last surviving member of that winning crew. Manuel (Cowboy) Marshall, who was one of the 26-member crew of the *Rose Dorothea*, celebrated his birthday at the home of his daughter, Mrs. William Days of 17 Pearl Street.

Marshall looked fit and trim on his birthday and was glad to hear that the Lipton Cup was coming back into the Town Hall. He recalled a few things about the boat and the race.

Towards the end of the race, he was high up in the rigging at the masthead of the *Rose Dorothea* shifting her topsail. He heard a

loud crack from above as the topmast broke.

"It's a miracle that I wasn't thrown off or hit by a falling spar or sail which must have weighed a ton," he explained. But he quickly made fast the broken spar and torn sail in a few minutes with the help of another crewman.

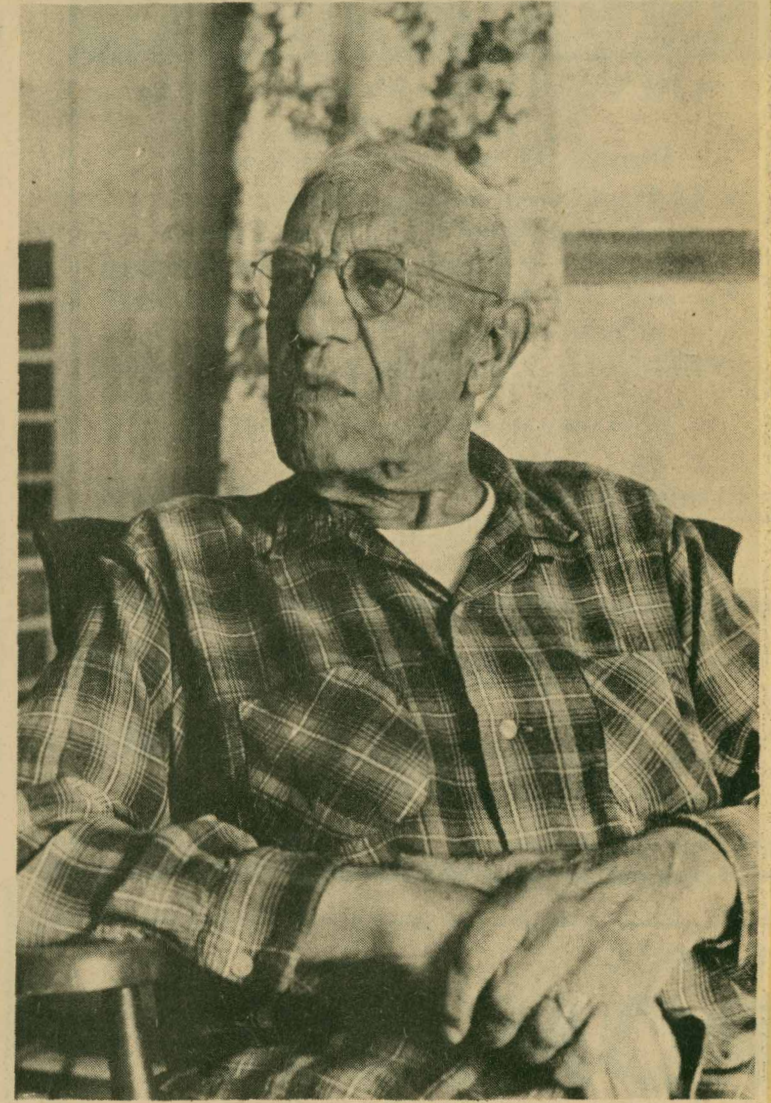
And the *Rose Dorothea* hardly lost any time. It won the \$650 first place money in what turned out to be a fairly close race with the *Jesse Costa* thanks to Marshall's fast work.

The *Rose Dorothea* belonged to skipper Marion Perry, the uncle of Selectman Marion Perry. Captain Perry had named the boat after his wife, and had built in unusually large below-decks cabins. It was his wife's influence that made him do it.

His nephew, now a Selectman, was also aboard the *Rose Dorothea* when it won the Lipton Cup on August 1, 1907.

Marion Perry pointed this out to those present at the Selectman's meeting Monday night. Then he voiced concern over the safety of the cup in Town Hall. He said that the cup was at one time valued at \$10,000 and must now be worth over \$20,000.

The cup has been called "a masterpiece in silver-gilt and enamel". It stands on an ebony pedestal with a silver shield on which is inscribed, "Presented by Sir Thomas Lipton, Bart, K.C.V.O., Boston Old Home Week, 1907."



Manuel (Cowboy) Marshall, the last surviving member of the crew of the *Rose Dorothea*, at his home on Pearl Street last Friday on his 87th birthday.