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SOUTHERN SEINERS.

List of the Fleet of Early Mackerel Catchers.

WILL NUMBER ABOUT 70 SAIL.

Will Be Larger Than for Several Seasons Past.

This week sees the real beginning of the fitting out of the southern mackerel seining fleet. Already two of the vessels, sch. A. M. Nicholson and sch. Arthur James, have sailed and schs. Ralph L. Hall and Lena and Maud are all ready, and the latter will probably go today, but the great bulk of the fleet will start to fit this week and the first three or four days in April will witness the departure of a large number.

The majority of the seining skippers seem to have made up their minds not to start early this season, and this accounts for the general lateness in fitting of the great majority.

As near as can be ascertained, the early fleet, that is, those who will go in time to market their catches at New York, will be the largest for several years and will number in the vicinity of 70 sail. By the time the fish are up off No Man's Landand the fleet running to Newport, this number will be increased, and by Cape Shore time it would not be surprising if the fleet numbered 100 sail.

As far as can be ascertained the following vessels will comprise the early fleet of southern mackerel seiners from this port:

Sch. Priscilla Smith, Capt. William J. Corkum
Sch. Cynthia, Capt. Geoffery Thomas.
Sch. Claudia, Capt. John Madson.
Sch. Lucania, Capt. Martin L. Welch.
Sch. Mary E. Harty, Capt. Reuben Cameron.
Sch. Grayling, Capt. Anson Leeman.
Sch. Harvard, Capt. Roy Kimball.
Sch. Constellation, Capt. Thaddeus Morgan.
Sch. Avalon, Capt. Charles Maguire.
Sch. Lottie G. Merchant, Capt. Christopher Carrigan.
Sch. Lewis H. Giles, Capt. John Grady.
Sch. Marguerite Haskins, Capt. Ralph Webber.
Sch. S. F. Maker.
Sch. Dauntless, Capt. S. Campbell Peart.
Sch. Ralph L. Hall, Capt. Frank R. Hall.
Sch. Harry A. Nickerson, Capt. Augustus G. Hall.
Sch. Corsair, Capt. George G. Hamor.
Sch. Helen G. Wells, Capt. Firth.
Sch. William H. Cross, Capt. Solomon A. Rowe.
Sch. Pinta.
Sch. Monarch, Capt. Thomas Downey.
Sch. Slade Gorton, Capt. George E. Heckman.
Sch. Alert, Capt. John F. Vantier.
Sch. Conqueror, Capt. Robertson Griffin.
Sch. Diana, Capt. James McLean.
Sch. Romance, Capt. William Corkum.
Sch. Patrician, Capt. C. Wesley Farmer.
Sch. Speculator, Capt. Rufus McKay.
Sch. Lena and Maud, Capt. Fred E. Carritt.
Sch. Victor, Capt. John W. McFarland.
Sch. Veda M. McKown, Capt. Benj. A. Spurling.
Sch. Monitor, Capt. Joseph J. Lyle.
Sch. Norma, Capt. Benj. McGray.
Sch. Norumbega, Capt. John A. McKinnon.
Sch. Saladin, Capt. Flar McKown.
Sch. Nourmahal, Capt. Albert McDonald.
Sch. Ingomar, Capt. Wallace Parsons.
Sch. A. M. Nicholson, Capt. Solomon Jacobs.
Sch. Vera, Capt. Maurice Whalen.
Sch. Rob Roy, Capt. Gourley Anderson.
Sch. Hattie M. Graham, Capt. Jerry Cook.
Sch. Kentucky.
New vessel, Capt Elroy Prior.
Sch. Electric Flash, Capt. Samuel Kent.
Sch. Arthur James, Capt. Archibald Devine.
Sch. Mary F. Curtis, Capt. Henry A. Curtis.
Sch. Arcadia, Capt. Obadiah Nickerson.
Sch. Orinoco, Capt. C. Clarence Malone.

From Boston.

Sch. Francis J. O'Hara, Jr., Capt. John Hickey.
Sch. Metamora, Capt. John Robbins.
Sch. Nellie Dixon, Capt. James Ellis.
Sch. Rebecca, Capt. Frank Perry.
Sch. Fanny E. Prescott, Capt. Lewis Carritt.
Sch. Muriel, Capt. Jason Daley.
Sch. Shenandoah, Capt. James C. Gannon.
Sch. Elizabeth Silsbee, Capt. Eben T. Lewis.
Sch. Mattakeesett, Capt John O'Brien.
Sch. Lizzie M. Stanley, Capt. Joshua W. Stanley.
Sch. Edna Wallace Hopper, Capt. Almon D. Mallock.

From Boothbay Harbor.

Sch. Natalie B. Nickerson, Capt. John S. Seavey.
New vessel, Capt. G. Melvin McClain.

From Chatham.

Sch. Thomas J. Carroll, Capt. Cahoon.

Beside these, Capt. Alex. McCloud will go in some vessel, and there will probably be one early seiner from Portland, one from New London and one from New York.

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ALMOST TOTAL FAILURE.

Has Been Northern Pacific Winter Cod Fishery.

Extremely Bad Weather Interfered with Fishing.

Advices from San Francisco, Cal., to the New York Fishing Gazette state as follows: The three-masted sch. Stanley, belonging to the Union Fish Company, arrived March 10 from Pirate Cove, Alaska, bringing 63,000 cod fish as the total catch of all the company's eastern stations. This is something less than 50 per cent. of the catch anticipated. She reports the worst winter within the experience of any of our people up there. Fish were scarce all over that country and the weather was so bad that it was almost impossible to get out to the fishing grounds. She was blown on to the beach in the harbor, where she lay for a number of days, but was later floated without injury.

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The small sch. Pirate, belonging to the [illegible] pany, and used in trading between [illegible] ent stations, was a total loss, with [illegible] The Stanley reports sch. Fortuna [illegible] thing like 1400 fish, which is abou[illegible] cent. of a catch; sch. John F. Miller ab[illegible] same. The latter was prepared to put up shore fishing station, but the lumber when landed on the beach went adrift and was all, or nearly all, lost. Sch. Marian has arrived with about 25,000 or 30,000 codfish, being about 20 per cent. of what would be a fair catch. Sch. Glen arrived after having been ashore twice during the winter and being more or less strained and battered up, bringing about 3000 fish, which is about 10 per cent. of the anticipated catch of the schooner.

These same advices say that this gives a shortage of about 75 per cent. on the anticipated winter catch, but stocks in first hands will be sufficient to supply all local demands with nothing to spare for outside markets. The next codfish to come will be per sch. Alpha, chartered by the Union Fish Company, due in about 50 days. The dangers and anxieties and the risks both physical and financial attending winter fishing in the North Pacific would seem to warrant a great deal better margin of profit than dealers have ever been able to obtain.

Alfred Greenebaum, of the Alaska Codfish Company, speaks as follows concerning the present situation in the Pacific codfish market: "The recent arrival of three vessels from the codfishing stations in Alaska bring the discouraging result of a complete failure of the winter catch. For this there are two causes ascribed. One is that the severity of the weather made it unsafe for winter fishing most of the time and the other is the unusual scarcity of codfish.

"Sch. Glen was the first to arrive after a cruise of six months, and her share consisted of about five tons of codfish. Sch. Stanley was the next vessel to arrive with a catch of about 120 tons, which is said to be the catch of six months fishing from about 60 dories. The last arrival was sch. Marion which had on board 21,000 codfish. The similar trip made by this vessel in 1905 resulted in a catch of 160,000 codfish.

This winds up the winter fishing in the Pacific waters, and it is probably the poorest showing ever made in winter fishing. The spring and summer codfishers are almost ready to proceed to sea. There will be a very large fleet out of this port this year. As, however, there are very likely to be some changes to take place an accurate report as to the number will be impossible until they have put out to sea."

Sch. Mary Ann, fishing out of Seattle, Wash., was lost in Unga Harbor with about 20,000 codfish.

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REMARKABLE INCREASE.

Fresh Halibut Fishery Shows Marked Gains.

Catch of First Three Months of 1905 Almost Trebled.

Along about the first of the present year, the TIMES published an article regarding better outlook for the Atlantic halibut fishery, stating that in the opinion of the leading halibuting skippers the prospects of good fishing in this line were better than for many years and that on this account, the fleet would be largely increased.

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How well these statements were grounded on facts is shown by the great increase in the fleet and also the remarkable increase in the catch for the first three months of this year as compared with the corresponding three months of last year.

Despite the bad weather, good and even big trips have been the rule and the fleet have been able to keep run of the movements of the fish by reason of vessels now being able to spread about and try the different spots, and when they came to port, to meet other halibuters and exchange news.

For the three months, January, February and March, of this year, 7,000,000 pounds of fresh halibut were landed at this port against 2,500,000 pounds for the same months last year. If the halibut landed at Boston was added to this total for the present year, the comparison would present a still wider difference and show a still larger increase.

It is true that more vessels have been engaged than last year, but this is just what the skippers claim makes them able to keep run of the fish and get better trips. Let us hope that they will keep it up.

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DOGFISH LEGISLATION.

Full Text of Bill Introduced in Congress Last Week.

Ex-Representative Edwin C. McIntire received yesterday a copy of the dogfish bill which was introduced in the house by Congressman Greene last week, the full test of which is of undoubted interest in this locality. An abstract of the bill was published in the TIMES last week, and the measure complete is as follows:

A Bill

To reduce the ravages of the dogfish and to create a market for such fish.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled.

That the Bureau of Fisheries be and is hereby authorized and directed to conduct investigations and experiments having for their object the mitigation of the damage done the fishing industry on the coasts of the United States by the dogfish.

Sect. 2. That the procedure under the foregoing section shall consist, first, in determining the most effective methods of reducing the number of dogfish and capturing them in wholesale quantities; second, in demonstrating the economic value of dogfish as a source of fertilizer, oil, leather, and the most suitable methods of utilizing them for such purposes; third, in testing the usefulness of the dogfish as food when used fresh or prepared by salting, smoking and canning, and in developing the domestic and foreign markets for such preparations; and, fourth, in such other inquiries, investigations and experiments as the commissioner of fisheries may deem desirable for the purposes of keeping the dogfish in check; of providing a ready and profitable market for the dogfish now incidentally caught; of inducing fishermen to engage in the dogfishery, and of converting a now worthless and destructive animal into a valuable commodity.

Sect. 3. That the sum of $25,000, or as much thereof as may be necessary, be and the same is hereby appropriated for enabling the bureau of fisheries to carry out the foregoing provisions.

Sect. 4. That as soon as practical after the passage of this act the commissioner of fisheries shall cause the necessary investigations and experiments to begin and to be actively prosecuted, and that he shall, on conclusion thereof, make a full report to congress.

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MACKEREL ARE SIGHTED.

Capt. Jacobs Saw Schools off Cape Hatteras.

IT WAS TOO ROUGH TO FISH.

Sch. A. M. Nicholson at Fortress Monroe for Harbor.

Mackerel have been sighted and Captian Solomon Jacobs is the man who saw them.

A special to the TIMES from its regular correspondent at Fortress Monroe, Va., states that sch. A. M. Nicholson, Capt. Jacobs, arrived there Saturday afternoon for harbor. Capt. Jacobs reported seeing mackerel schooling off Hatteras, but that it was too rough to put the seineboat out and try to set.

On Saturday a heavy northeast snow storm occurred off the coast there, and beside the Nicholson, a big fleet of bluefishermen came in for harbor, anchoring in Hampton Roads.

Macherel vessels fishing in southern waters can ship their catch from the large packing house of William Baulch at Fortress Monroe. Mr. Baulch is agent for all the Fulton Market firms and has every facility for handling the shipments with despatch, with special fast freight rates. At Mr. Baulch's, the fishermen will find the Daily TIMES on file, and all vessels will be reported from his station.

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DAILY TIMES FISH BUREAU.

To-day's Arrivals and Receipts.

Sch. Selma, Georges, 35,000 lbs. fresh fish.
Sch. Fannie E. Prescott, via Boston, 40,000 lbs. fresh fish.
Sch. Ellen C. Burke, via Boston.
Sch. Margaret Dillon, shore.
Sch. Ellen C. Burke, via Boston.
Sch. Kernwood, shore.
Sch. Flora J. Sears, shore.
Sch. Annie and Jennie, shore.
Sch. Maud F. Silva, shore.
Sch. Ida S. Brooks, shore.
Sch. Pythian, shore.
Sch. Priscilla, shore.

Today's Fish Market.

These prices are based on the last known sales.

Salt handline Georges codfish, $4.50 per cwt. for large, $3.50 for medium.

Salt trawl Georges codfish, $4.50 for large, 3.50 for medium.

Salt hake, $1.00.

Salt haddock, $1.50.

Salt cusk, $2.25.

Salt trawl bank codfish, $3.50 for large, $3.00 for medium.

Newfoundland frozen herring for bait, $3.00 per cwt.

Shore frozen herring, for bait, $2.50 per cwt.

Splitting prices of fresh fish: Large Eastern cod, $1.75; medium do., $1.25; large Western cod, $2.12 1-2; medium do., $1.50; haddock, 85 cts.; cusk, $1.25; hake, 80 cts.; pollock, 65 cts.

Fresh halibut, 8 cts. per lb. for white and 5 cts. for gray.

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Boston.

Sch. Manomet, 10,000 haddock, 3000 cod.
Sch. Gertrude, 50,000 haddock, 10,000 cod.
Sch. Viola, 4000 haddock, 1000 cod.
Sch. Mooanam, 60,000 haddock, 14,000 cod.
Sch. Mary A. Gleason, 10,000 haddock.
Sch. Mary A. Whalen, 65,000 haddock, 20,000 cod.
Sch. Hope, 14,000 haddock, 1000 cod, 1000 hake.
Sch. Mary E. Cooney, 20,000 haddock, 2000 cod.
Sch. Estelle S. Nunan, 2000 haddock, 3000 cod.
Sch. Mary Edith, 11,000 haddock, 500 cod, 500 cusk.
Sloop Beulah Maud, 2000 cod.
Sch. Galatea, 5000 haddock.
Steamer Isabel, 3300 cod.
Sch. Teresa and Alice, 16,000 haddock, 1500 cod.
Sloop Crescent, 1500 cod.
Sch. Rose Dorothea, 4000 haddock, 2000 cod.
Sch. George E. Lane, Jr., 1500 haddock, 21,000 cod.
Sch. Louisa R. Silva, 14,000 haddock, 1500 cod.
Sch. Tartar, 9000 haddock, 3000 cod.
Sch. Olivia Sears, 1000 cod.
Sch. Rapidan, 4000 haddock, 1000 cod.
Sch. Etta Mildred, 6000 haddock, 1300 cod.
Sch. James S. Steele, 6000 hake.
Sch. Rose Cabral, 12,000 haddock.
Sloop Reliance, 1500 cod.
Sloop On Time, 1500 cod.
Haddock, 85 cts. to $2.30; large cod, $2 75 to $3.25; market cod, $2; hake, $3 to $6.

Fishing Fleet Movements.

Sch. Ellen C. Burke of Boston is at this port to fit for haddocking under command of Capt. Harding Paul.

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DULL AT T WHARF.

Several Big Trips There and Almost No Demand.

Several of the Vessels Bringing Their Fares Here.

It is dull music at T wharf, Boston, this morning as far as off shore fish are concerned. There are several extra fine trips there, but there is no market for them. A few haddock are being taken out at a dollar a hundred weight, but there was no demand at all for the codfish. A few shore boats there got out their live haddock at a better figure, but codfish were "dead ones" all around.

Sch. Frances P. Mesquita had a big fare, about half cod, but did not start a fish and sailed early for this port to sell her trip to split. A little way from the dock she met sch. Muriel and passed her the news, and the latter craft jibed over and also started for here. It is understood that the latter craft has been to the eastward and so probably has a fare of fresh cod. Sch. Lucania was gettting out a few haddock at a dollar, but will have to bring the bulk of her fish here.

At at 8 o'clock the big fares of schs. Onato, Ellen F. Gleason and Francis J. O'Hara, Jr., were unsold and had not been started on, and they too will probably join the procession to this port, where their fish will split. All these vessels have been out but a short time, and consequently have new fish.

The fares of these haddockers show that, as the TIMES stated yesterday, the long-looked-for school of codfish has struck on Georges.