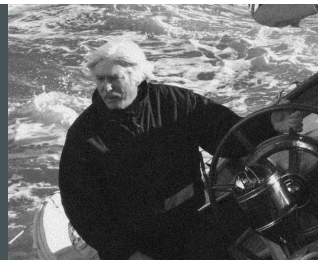


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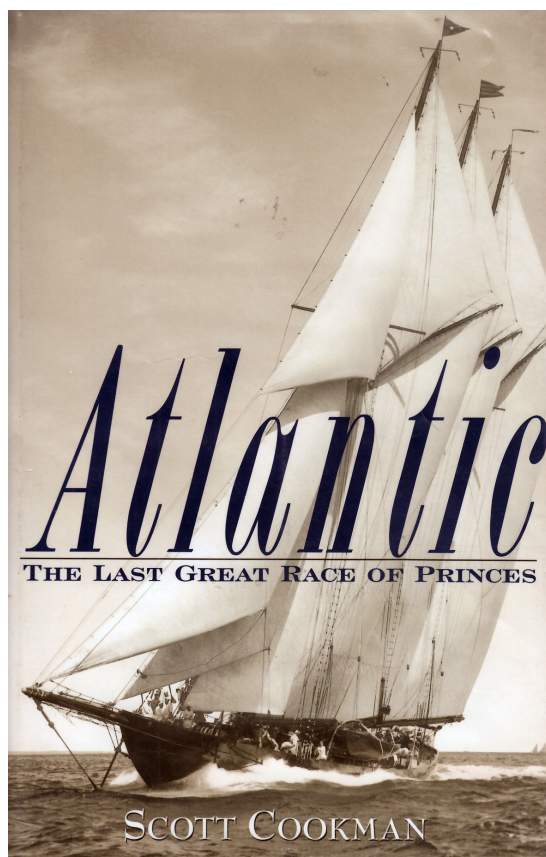
Tom's Book of the month recommendation August 2021

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This book is required reading for all who love the sea. In it, Scott Cookman describes the events and history of the 1905 Transatlantic Race in mid-winter with swashbuckling gusto and scholarly accuracy.

Although not the first such event, it set the standards. Earlier competitions had come and gone – sometimes with shocking loss of life at unseasonal times – but it was 1905 that produced the weather, the yacht and the man.



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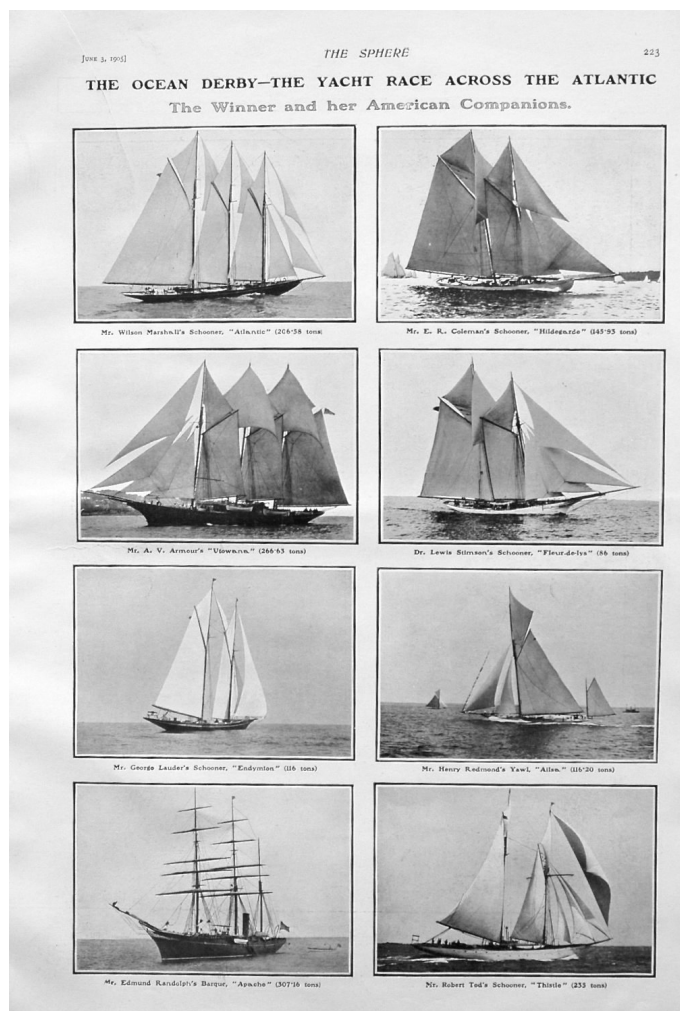


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The Winner and her American companions



The schooner *Atlantic* and her captain Charlie Barr will be remembered long after the boat's owner is forgotten. They made the passage from Sandy Hook to The Lizard in 12 days 4 hours at an average of 10.32 knots, a record that stood unchallenged until very recently. But there was a lot more to this race than Barr. It set a precedent by obliging owners to be on board rather than leaving the actual race to their paid crews and 'hired gun' skippers.

Originally promoted by Sir Thomas Lipton, it was hijacked by Kaiser Wilhelm of Germany in search of prestige on the high seas. To Kaiser Bill's frustration, the top German entry *Hamburg* came in second, but eleven yachts started and finished. These included the 'tiny' 108ft Burgess-designed schooner *Fleur de Lys*, owned by the aristocratic New York surgeon, Lewis A Stimson, and crewed by fishermen from Gloucester, Mass. Together with his guests and notably his daughter Candice, Stimson took far more part in the sailing than most of the gentlemen. Scott Cookman's writing brings it all to life so vividly that the reader feels actively involved with the race.

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