

## Avanti, Walter Rothschild's New Auxiliary Yawl

Avanti, launched last month from the Herreshoff yards, at Bristol, Rhode Island, is one of the first of the new yachts of the year to go into commission. She is from designs by Sparkman & Stephens, Inc., New York, and is owned by Walter N. Rothschild. She will be one of the dozen odd Sparkman & Stephens-designed yachts which will be starters in the ocean race to Gibson Island next month.

The owner is not a racing man, however, and his new boat was not designed with proficiency in racing a requirement. Avanti is just a good, sound, normal type of cruising yacht, a little heavier than the average and with a slightly smaller sail plan than

could be carried. It so happens that she will rate well under the cruising rule, as there is nothing to be lost by it, and her sail plan favors her under the Lippencott rule which will be in force for the Gibson Island.

Avanti measures 55 feet 8 $\frac{3}{8}$  inches overall, by 40 feet waterline, by 12 feet 5 $\frac{3}{8}$  inches beam, by 7 feet 8 $\frac{7}{8}$  inches draft. She carries 1,300 square feet of working sail in the efficient yawl rig which has become so popular. She has a Gray 6-71 auxiliary with vee drive. She is built of the finest possible materials throughout and her equipment will be in keeping. Among other items, she will have a Bludworth radio direction finder.

