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Gentlemen:

I was most interested to read the article on the sloop  
RESTLESS in the March edition of Mains'l Haul.

For about two years I have been compiling a list of sailing vessels built in Groton, Noank, Mystic, and Stonington, all adjacent communities lying between the Thames and Pawcatuck Rivers. Actually, there are only two townships - Groton including Noank and that part of Mystic which lies on the west side of the Mystic River, and Stonington which includes Stonington Borough or Village, that part of Mystic which lies on the east bank of the Mystic River and Pawatuck which borders the Pawcatuck River on the Connecticut side.

I have a list of between 1800 and 1900 vessels built between 1681 and 1920. In our library we have copies, either by the WPA project or by microfilm from the National Archives, of most of the original documents of vessels built in this area. The only RESTLESS listed that I have been able to find was a 48 ton sloop built here in 1859. The first enrollment we have, dated March 31, 1859, lists her as a new vessel 46' 6" x 16' 8" x 7' 6." Charles Chester signed the master carpenter's certificate and he was also master and principal owner with others of this area.

