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# Stork Leads All Way in George Cup Defense; Canada's Crippled Circe 2d by 52 Seconds

By CLIFF CARPENTER

The high-flying Stork from Rochester Yacht Club showed her tail feathers to two other of Lake Ontario's finest 6-Meter racing yachts yesterday afternoon, sailing to a whopping 4-minute-plus victory in the opening race of her defense of the international Silas George Cup.

Canada's challenger, Circe, from the Royal Canadian Yacht Club, limped home in second place with a shattered spreader on the mast, nosing out Youngstown Yacht Club's Meteor by 52 seconds at the finish.

Stork, with Jerry Castle skippering his first cup race in 6-meters, never was headed on the 18-mile whitecap-flecked course, twice around a 9-mile triangle. Another single race today and one tomorrow will decide whether RYC keeps the half-century-old trophy of fresh water yachting wars.

George Cup Chairman A. H. (Bud) Gorsline's race committee, operating from Roland Roberts' power cruiser, motored a good two miles out into the lake off the Port of Rochester in order to give the three racers a course that would open with a buck into the wind.

### Literal Cracking Breeze

It was a cracking southwest offshore breeze, hitting 25 miles in the gusts—and cracking is what it did to the port middle spreader of the Canadian challenger, handled by Reg Dixon.

Castle and Stork hit the starting line perfectly with the gun, but only a few yards better than Circe. The two of them boiling along together, pinched Tom Braymeier's Meteor off to the wrong side of the starting mark buoy, and the Youngstown skipper was forced to come about and start again, losing a good half dozen boat's lengths.

The race was pretty well told on the first 3-mile leg of the course. Circe attempted once to split tacks; Stork covered her smartly. It was on this leg that Circe's crew spotted the fast-weakening spreader which guys the towering mast. Dixon's crew set up a temporary backstay, a delicate job while the boat was still racing; and rounding the first mark, Circe's bow was almost literally scraping Stork's stern. All this time Meteor, as third boat, was following standard procedure of splitting with the two leading boats in hope of slipping into first place by sailing her own race.

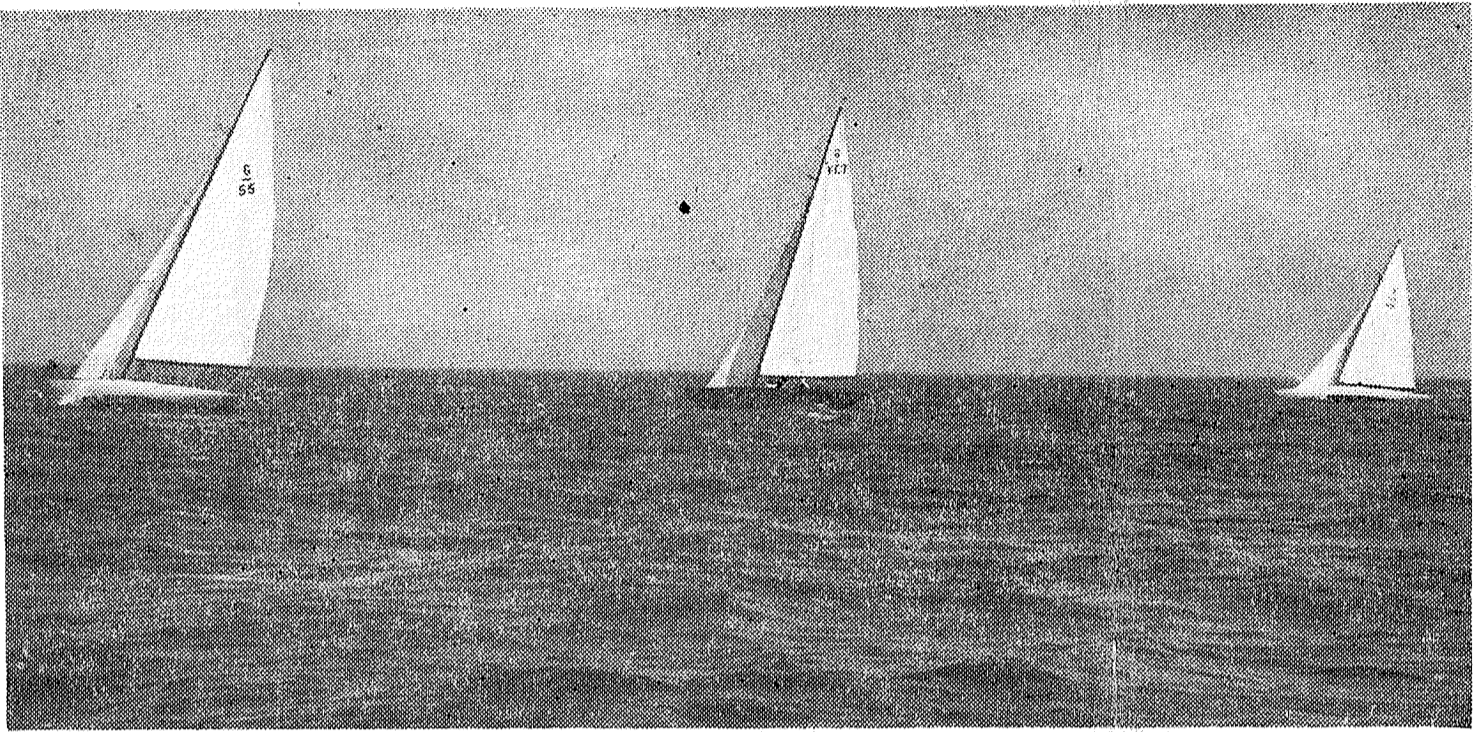
### Canadians Risk Mast

On the next two legs of the triangle, both reachers, Stork winged out a lead in the kind of sailing she enjoys. At the end of the first 9-mile round of the triangle, the elapsed times of the racers were: Stork, 1:13:03; Circe, 1:14:40; Meteor, 1:17:08.

On the first leg of the second round of the triangle, another tack to weather. Circe's crippled spreader smashed and the big mast hooked dangerously. The Canadian captain tacked onto a port tack, but decided to sail it out and risk the mast. They limped around the next mark, and by keeping moving on the gentler sailing of the next two legs managed to edge out the onrushing Meteor. Elapsed finish times: Stork, 2:23:04; Circe, 2:27:31; Meteor, 2:28:23.

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**HALF-HITCHES:** Among the spectator fleet, the cruising sloop Si-Si, handled by Jerry Castle's dad, Rooney, who held the George Cup for RYC in the same Stork last season . . . and in the cheering section on Si-Si, Jerry's wife, Fran, despite a bandaged foot, result of an argument with a nail . . . Today's and tomorrow's races are timed to start at 11 a. m. . . Despite the mishap to Circe, observers still see chances for a tight series, pointing to Circe's excellent showing on the first leg of the race, and to the fact that Meteor sports brand new canvas which might have worked itself into somewhat better shape in yesterday's blow. . . Canada's Dixon went a-hunting for Rochester's Johnny Odenbach last night, Johnny being former owner of Circe, to see if the latter had a sure cure for Circe's spreader troubles. . . Aboard the race committee boat serving as judges with Gorsline were Herb Hill and Walt Heussler of Buffalo Canoe Club, Judge Lewis Gilbert of Sodus Bay YC, and Fleet Capt. Jack Mason of RYC.



JUST BEFORE THE GUN: Jockeying for a start in yesterday's opening race of the International George Cup series off the Port of Rochester are from left, Stork, the RYC defender and

winner of the opener; Circe of the Royal Canadian Yacht Club, and the Meteor, of Youngstown Y. C., second challenger. Photo by F. Powers, Democrat and Chronicle chief photographer.

## Canandaigua Tars Win in 2 Classes At Cayuga Regatta

Special to The Democrat and Chronicle  
Seneca Falls—Canandaigua Yacht Club sailors took first places in two of the seven classes as the annual Central New York Yacht Racing Association regatta got under way with 114 entries yesterday off Red Jacket Yacht Club on Cayuga Lake.

Charles Angle's Follow Me led the Thistles to the finish line, and Bud Miner's new Winsome Sal won the first race in the Lightning Class. Miner's clubmate, Bill Place of Pittsford, brought his Miss Place home in the runnerup spot, ahead of Gene Carpenter's Grand Turk of Lewis Point YC, which won the individual trophy at the Lake Shore Lightning Squadron regatta on Irondequoit Bay two weeks ago.

Bob Vreeland tillered his Whisper from Newport Yacht Club, Rochester, to victory in the Snipe Class, beating out Lee Short of Sodus Bay and clubmate Sam Toth of Newport. Fred Young of Conesus YC topped the Comets and B. L. Barcliff of Keuka sailed his Star to a win.

The wind was strong and puffy, knocking at least a dozen craft out of the races. Five boats capsized and three lost their masts. The races will continue today and tomorrow.

- Results yesterday:**
- C. Scows**—1st, Bryce Burroughs; 2nd, F. E. Shearman; 3rd, W. C. Burroughs, all of Chautauque.
  - Stars**—1st, B. L. Barcliff, Keuka; 2nd, W. T. Sampson Smith, Cooperstown; 3rd, Louis Hager, Cooperstown.
  - Thistles**—1st, C. E. Angle, Canandaigua; 2nd, E. G. Wilson Jr., Seneca, Geneva; 3rd, D. C. Beverage, Sandy Beach.
  - Lightnings**—1st, Bud Miner, Canandaigua; 2nd, Bill Place, Canandaigua YC; 3rd, F. W. Carpenter, Lewis Point; 4th, John McIntosh, Newport; 6th, Ernie Hamilton, Algonquin; 8th, Bernie Zoppoth, Conesus; 11th, E. A. Geier, Algonquin.
  - K. Class**—1st, Murray Wright; 2nd, J. A. Ober; 3rd, John Copeley, all of Watkins Glen.
  - Comets**—1st, Fred Young, Conesus; 2nd, Norm Freeman, Ithaca; 3rd, Ward Wilson, Ithaca; 4th, Alan Brown, Conesus.
  - Snipes**—1st, Bob Vreeland, Newport; 2nd, Les Short, Sodus Bay; 3rd, Sam Toth, Newport; 4th, Wally Roworth, Nine Mile Point.

## Commander Ross, Sportsman, Dies After Long Illness

Montreal — (AP) — Cmdr. J. Ross, prominent Montreal thropist, sportsman and busir died Wednesday at his Jar after a long illness, it yesterday. Commander 75, was buried at sea his home at Monte  
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## 8 Top Pacers Entered In Geers Test Tonight

Hamburg—The banner race of Buffalo Raceway's nine-year span, the Geers 100th Anniversary Pace, the richest historically and financially in Western New York, will be presented tonight as a tribute to the late Ed (Pop) Geers, harness racing's immortal driver who campaigned 23 years at East Aurora during the Grand Circuit days in this area. Eight of the highest caliber pacers in this country

and Canada will go postward for the \$13,400 purse, divided between the fourth and seventh races.

In the added money feature will be five of Hamburg's own top-drawer candidates, whose feats are familiar to Buffalo Raceway fans.

They are Clever Direct, with the pole position in both dashes; Linda's Boy, driven by Leon Harner; Rudagar, owned by Byron (Coot) Webber of Rochester, and the Canadian crackerjacks, Sam Hy and Mac' gen.

The morning line favorite, Jay, owned by Sol Camp of Calif., will be driven by W tie from the sixth and 11 in the mile and 11/1 respectively. The son of Scotland, pacing sensation National Pac Raceway Jul worse than season. F on Sara lished the C to p



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## Hamburg Entries

- First: Mile Pace**—Dexter Nadrom, cine Hanover, Royal Will, Napoleon Ace Cash, Handy Flash, Bunnie Jess Gallon.
- Second: Mile Pace**—Cardin Fancy Con, Judge Bohemir over, Onyx Hal, Joe Braden Audrey Hal.
- Third: Mile Trot**—Czarita, Andrew, Abbe Bee Handy, Bunter
- Fourth: Geers 100 Purse \$13,400, Fir Direct, Linda's P Royal Blackstor Hanover, Mac**
- Fifth: Mile**—bol Louis, Victor Her Steady Ho
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