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Nayada, Toronto Entrant, Champion of Great Lakes in "R" Boat Class, Is 4 Minutes Behind Winner
—Boats Get Off Course Because of Rain Storm—Shift of Wind Bothers Rogue.

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Toronto, Ont., July 29.—Kathea, Watertown entry for the George cup, won the first of the series of R boat races here yesterday afternoon, beating the Rogue of Rochester by 2 minutes and 26 seconds in a breeze that, after the first leg, was much to the Rogue's liking.

Nayada, the Royal Canadian Yacht Club entry, champion R boat of the Great Lakes, finished third, more than four minutes behind the Kathea, and nearly two minutes behind the Rogue.

Rogue finished the first round of the nine-mile triangular course 1 minute and 17 seconds ahead of Kathea, after Peck Farley, skipper of the Rochester boat, had exhibited as fine a piece of seamanship as is likely to be seen during the races. It looked then like the Rogue's race, but on the second leg of the second round she had trouble with her light canvas, dropped her lead to the Kathea and never again gained command.

Farley was away to an excellent start, but either because the first buoy was improperly set or because all three skippers miscalculated, all of the boats, including the judges' boat, were away off the course. A heavy rain made it impossible to pick up the buoy from any great distance.

When the mistake was discovered, Farley was way to leeward with the Rogue and he lost more than a minute on the leg. On the second leg, however, a close-hauled reach, he gained rapidly on the Nayada, passing the champion half-way to the buoy and pulled up some 10 seconds on the flying Kathea.

Rounding the second buoy nearly a minute behind Kathea and freshening wind, Rogue began to assert herself. Both leaders took

a hitch to windward and then both were about on the port tack. The Rogue was footing faster than the Kathea and Farley was pushing her further into the wind.

Kathea was about first and crossed the stern of the Rogue, the Rochester boat having made up the lead that the Kathea had on her before the leg was half over. She continued to gain for the rest of the first round and it looked like an easy victory.

Nayada was by this time out of it. The wind was freshening more and more to suit the Rogue and the sun came out. On the first leg of the second round, a reach for balooners, Kathea picked up, but not dangerously.

A shift in the wind made the second leg another run, and here it was that the Rogue ran into difficulties. The Kathea had her canvas drawing minutes before the Rogue's began to flutter in the breeze. By the time the Rochester boat had settled down to running, the Kathea had passed and had a nice lead which she continued to lengthen during the final stage.

The race gives Kathea three points on the cup, the Rogue two and the Nayada one. It is apparent that the series is between the Rogue and the Kathea unless the wind is very stiff. Nayada did increasingly well as the wind stiffened today but was never a factor after the first leg.

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Toronto, July 29.—One defeat by the Kathea of Watertown has not dampened the hopes of Peck Farley and the crew of the Rogue a particle, and with the hope of a fairly brisk breeze signaled from the flags floating over the city, the Rochester boys expect to turn the tables today and put themselves within striking distance of the championship George Cup.

Nayada, Toronto entry and champion of the Great Lakes, is out of the running unless the wind blows ea young gale, in which case she will make both American boat step.

Rogue had the race for a good part of the way yesterday and the crew is not a bit afraid of the Kathea's performance in any wind. A slow handling of light canvas yesterday was partly responsible for her loss of the race, but the race was sailed under conditions that would have tested the skill of any crew, a heavy soaking rain to seart with and a shifting wind that blew anywhere from 6 to 18 miles an hour.

The sun is out today and the wind is beginning to blow up. The course will be to windward and return.

Kathea is the ruling favorite in view of her performance yesterday, but the Rogue is well liked by the Toronto sportsmen.