

RYC's Stork Retains George Cup With Easy Victory in 3d Race

By PAUL TANNER
Rochester Yacht Club's 6-meter Stork, skippered by Jerry Castle, yesterday convincingly won the third and final race of the 1953 International George Cup series on Lake Ontario here.

The victory completed successful defense of the 40-year-old trophy, won last year at Toronto, against the challenge of the best of three other yacht clubs on the lake, two of them Canadian, chose to send here this year.

With the field cut to three by the dismasting Friday of the pre-series favorite, the Royal Canadian Yacht Club's Buzzy II, yesterday's race over a windward-leeward course was a breeze from start to finish as Stork led all the way.

Solenta of Toronto's National Yacht Club was second for the third time in a row and Youngtown YC's Little Sister again was well back in last place.

3 Minutes, 10 Seconds
Castle's winning margin was 3 minutes, 10 seconds for the 18 miles, with Little Sister another 4 minutes, 22 seconds, astern of Solenta.

Firing of the finish gun a mile off the Genesee River piers at 2:37 p. m. was the signal for a clamor of whistles and sirens from the good fleet of spectator craft.

It was Stork's second win after an opening third on Jozzy II's victory. The latter lost the second when a spradder let go when it looked as if she had the race won.

It was a sunny, mild morning as the boats sailed out the river for yesterday's finale. Originally set for 10 a. m., the start was postponed 55 minutes by A. H. (Bud) Corsino's race committee aboard the RYC launch Esperanza, while they waited for the breeze to freshen on the comparatively shallow lake.

Starting Gun at 10:55 A. M.
The RYC club boat with Race Committee Don McChesney in charge, then was sent 4 1/2 miles to the northeast to set the mark and the starting gun was fired at 10:55 a. m.

All three boats went across the starboard tack, with Stork 1/2 seconds late but to weather. Little Sister, with Fred Obersteiner of Buffalo at the tiller, elected to split tacks with the other two boats.

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CHEERFUL—Crew of Rochester Yacht Club's Stork grins happily after successfully defending George Cup in International race. From left: Jerry Boucher, Pete Tierney, Pete McGregor, Jerry Castle, the skipper; Dick Castle.

After Trying for 6 Years
RAF Crew Tabs 2 Victories; Britain Regains Henley Cup

Henley-on-Thames, England — (AP)—After trying for six years, a British rowing eight yesterday recovered from America one of the most famous trophies of international rowing—the Thames Challenge Cup.

It was recaptured by a snappy crew of the Royal Air Force which defeated the sturdy 180-pound Princeton University crew on the historic one-mile, 550-yard course here.

The boys from Princeton put up a rugged fight on Thames water, which was smooth as a pavement. But they couldn't quite match the RAF power.

The 24-year-old Negro, who moved from Windsor to Edmonton where he has been a smash success, flattened the burly ex-GI from Lewiston, Utah, with a short right to the jaw.

Although Layne hasn't been going too good of late, he has recorded victories over two former world champions, Jersey Joe Walcott and Ernie Charles.

Layne was guaranteed \$10,000 or 30 per cent of the gate, which may hit around the \$50,000 mark when the final counting is done.

The contract called for a return but within 60 days in Salt Lake City. No date has been set yet for the return.

Until he adopted Edmonton as his home base, Walls fought elsewhere with just fair success. His record was 12-7 with 11 knockout victories. He has been stopped three times.

Other races on the card were won by Johnny Church, Rochester; Ray and Russ Zemke, both of Buffalo; Johnny Borden Lanester; and Ken Fisher, Hamburg.

Races will be scheduled every Sunday at the Akron oval during the remainder of the summer.

Summaries: First Heat—Won by Johnny Borden (Lancaster); 2d, Gene Blair (Buffalo); 3d, Johnny Church (Rochester); Second Heat—Won by Ken Fisher (Hamburg); 2d, Red Sneider (Lockport); Elmer Murr (Rochester); 3d, Russ Zemke (Buffalo); 4th, Tom Redman (Medina); 5th, Bob Beck (Buffalo); 6th, Ray Zemke (Buffalo); 7th, Redman; 8th, Fisher; Second Semifinal—Won by Ray Zemke (Buffalo); 2d, Redman; 3d, Blair; 4th, Wank Ewert—Won by Sneider; 5th, Church; 6th, Don Debit (Akron).

Clobbering Breaks Up Group of Serenaders
Ogden, Utah (AP)—Backed by a hot guitar and three oboes, Ernest A. Wheeler parked himself on the front lawn of his apartment house and began serenading fellow tenants.

Wheeler, who said he didn't think his singing was that bad, complained he had been clobbered with a gun butt.

No, demurred the tenant. It was a piece of hose. Puzzled Police Chief Maurice Schoof said he was turning the problem over to the county attorney.

Ahoy! George Cup Races? His Boats Won 12!

By PAUL TANNER
"LOOK sharp for overlaps—and things like that," the weathered and white-haired but still sturdy old gentleman with the well-worn blue yachting cap warned his fellow judges on the committee boat Esperanza.

The old gentleman had a twinkle in his voice, of course, because the three sleek racing sloops running down on the finish line in yesterday's final George Cup race were minutes apart and there hadn't been an opportunity for a foul all day.

Probably nobody on the black Royal Canadian Yacht launch was enjoying the occasion quite so much as this particular gentleman. Because George Owen, long-time naval architect of Boston, watching the 1953 renewal of the George Cup classic on Lake Ontario here in an official capacity, could recall seeing the very first George Cup race on the lake back in 1907.

It originally was for R-class boats," Owen said yesterday. "And that first year the yacht Crescent of Waterdown, designed by Charlie Moore, won the cup for the first time at a regatta in Chautauque Bay. But the next year—"

It was the next year, 1908, that George Owen really became vitally interested in the George Cup race results. Because it was then that George Owen-designed R-boats began winning in the International series. The Kathleen from Kingston was his first winner.

Then followed in succession Symba from Toronto, Vivian II from Toronto, Mirvana from Toronto for at least four years in a row. Strayper II from Hamilton, where Owen had lived for four years and become interested in Lake Ontario sailing, he designed them all.

Finally the R-boats moved west and the George Cup was changed to 6-Meter Class sloops. George Owen sort of dropped out of the annual competition then. But his record showed that in the first 13 years of the series, boats designed by him had won an even dozen times. And with the races now numbering 25 in the 46 years of the cup, that 12 winners still gives him a pretty good average.

George Owen was listed as being from the Corinthian Yacht Club at Marblehead. "I haven't been a member there for 15 years," he confessed, pointing to the Royal Canadian Yacht Club insignia on his cap. "I'm Number 18 on the RYC rolls." "But it wouldn't look good to have too many on this committee from the RYC, would it?" put in RYC Commodore Tom Wade.

How old is George Owen? "Eighty-three—next May," he answered with a hop in his voice. "Say, isn't that a beautiful little boat," pointing inshore to a tiny cat-rigged, fibre-glass dinghy sailing like a tiny plaything among the big sailing yachts.

George Owen, who has designed dozens of sailing craft in his life, which has included 26 years as an instructor in naval architecture at Massachusetts Institute of Technology, is as proud as can be of his latest design—these 12-foot MIT-class Intercollegiate sailing dinghies.

"I should have a flag to wave," said George Owen, gazing excitedly across the water at the little boat. "Get me a flag to wave."

"THAT 'RETIRED' Royal Canadian sailor Jim Hyland, who has substituted a camera for a 6-meter tiller as his sailing equipment these beautiful days, solemnly announced as the Esperanza passed the two Canadian naval craft tied alongside the U. S. Navy Reserve dock on the way out to yesterday's race.

"Elizabeth II phoned me this morning and I assured her that the Americans had not used chain shot to dismast Buzzy II (the RYC entry which lost her mast in the high winds as the boats were getting ready to start in the third race, later postponed until yesterday). "I'm glad to hear it," Her Majesty answered," continued Hyland. "But I've sent a couple of gun-boats anyway!"

"This you shouldn't have done that," I told the Queen, "for after all, this is the U. S. 4th of July."

HIGH WINDS and seas rolling down Lake Ontario from the west washed out the Rochester Yacht Club cruising division's Fourth of July weekend race to Presque Isle. The summer's sailors just didn't relish taking a beating all the way across the lake.

A sample of what they passed up was experienced by three small sailing cruisers that started out from Rochester shortly after midnight Friday morning. The three labored to a point about 15 miles off Braddock Pt. by 4 a. m. when the wind really hit a breeze. It must have been blowing at 50 miles an hour in the gusts, the way it was sweeping the crests off the waves, those aboard reported later.

There was Earl Guttentberg's 26-foot Mathews auxiliary sloop Nor Star from the RYC, with Ted Turner and Bob Edgerton as crew; Art Krisko's Vega, with Earl Boardway and Don Krisko aboard; and Alani Goldstein's Tuttle-class auxiliary Blue Heron. Goldstein was accompanied by Bud Shulman. All were towing dinghies, but only Vega had hers when she got back in port about 9 a. m.

"Our dinghy spun around in the water just like a casting plug," Guttentberg said. "I finally had to cut it loose." Blue Heron lost hers, also, and Vega's wrenched free but luckily it was recovered.

The gale blew out Vega's mainsail, however, and split Blue Heron's jib. It wasn't hard for the three skippers to decide that it would be the better part of valor to come about and head back home. They all arrived around 9 a. m., but Blue Heron, minus her jib, couldn't quite make it into the river. The Coast Guard went out and towed it in. Port looked pretty nice.

IRONDEQUOIT BAY never has seen more excitement than it experienced yesterday afternoon off the Rochester Canoe Club. The occasion was a special "balloon race" staged as a 4th of July specialty for the entire RCC fleet.

All the boats were lined up in a row and then dozens of colored balloons were released to weather. The idea was for the skippers and their crews in the boats to snare as many balloons as they could as the latter were blown down the bay toward them. Well, Ray Dudley and his crew won the event, piling no less than 24 balloons into their cockpit. But that wasn't the highlight. It was—

The splash Commodore Doré Phillips made in tumbling out of his K-99 while maneuvering so his wife, Marge, could grab a nearby balloon. The Mrs. turned around to hand it to Doré, only to find him overboard, hanging onto the malpaisnet. The dripping Commodore was given a special prize for his feat.

We are happy to report that Dr. John McIntosh's hurried turning over of the tiller and departure from his Blue Jacket II to Crewman Bob Ulman midway on the next-to-last leg of Friday's opening Lake Shore Lightning Squadron race was not in vain. The good doc was taken ashore in the club launch and drove straight to a hospital in answer to a patient's phoned summons. It was a girl.

The race committee of Herb Mylacraine of Newport, Nelson Bruce of Cohasset YC, and Sal Berza of Genesee YC had to make a special exception to the rules in McIntosh's case, incidentally. The rules say a boat must finish a race with the same crew personnel with which it starts. The committee thought Friday emergency warranted an exception being made.

There was no interruption of yesterday's race, but one is looming in today's, according to the McIntosh calendar.

City Cricket Club, St. Catharines To Meet Today
The Rochester Cricket Club will meet the West St. Catharines Park club on the Genesee Valley Park Meadows at 2 p. m. today. Players are asked to report at 1:30 p. m. The Canadian team is a summer in the Hamilton District League.

BLOOD BY PROXY
Lincoln, Neb.—Mrs. Dorothy Robinson contributed to the Red Cross blood drive even though she was unable to give blood because of an anemic condition and previous attacks of tuberculosis and rheumatic fever. She ran an advertisement in a Lincoln paper offering \$5 to anyone who would substitute for her in donating blood. More than a dozen persons responded.

Sammy Urzetta Heats 9 Rochesterians Vie In State Amateur G
ROCHESTER'S entries in New York State Golf Association's Amateur Championship will leave today and tomorrow for Ulster.
The tournament, scheduled for Yahnundash Country Club, starts Wednesday, with a practice round slated for Tuesday. Competing from Rochester are Sammy Urzetta, Bobby Hill, Herbie Altman, Mike Zambito, Bill Pulstifer, Bobby Davies, Tony Durante, Bill Santor and Jack Snell.
Urzetta, former National Amateur champion, was exempt from qualifying.

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