

# LONG LIST OF RACES IS ARRANGED FOR ROCHESTER YACHTS THIS YEAR

## Large Regatta, With Boats from All Ports on Lake, May Be Staged Here on July 4th.

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Having succeeded in raising approximately \$22,000 in their efforts to reach the \$25,000 mark for the purpose of building a new clubhouse at Summerville, the committees of the Rochester Yacht Club are desirous of seeing the project underway. They are working hard to sign up the balance of the amount needed and feel confident that the goal will be attained within the next week.

Plans and specifications submitted by Gordon and Kaelber, architects, have been accepted and the contract will be let in a few days. Piles for the foundation of the house on the northwest corner of the basin property are being delivered and the work of driving them in will be begun immediately by the club's piledriver.

Spring launchings will start tomorrow, and the entire fleet of sixty or more boats will be in the water in about ten days which will afford owners plenty of time to get their craft in shape for the opening of the yachting season on Saturday, May 27th.

The Regatta and Entertainment committees of the club, at a joint meeting a few days ago, mapped out a long program of events for the coming season. Beginning with a beefsteak dinner to be held at the lake on May 18th and winding up with a clambake some time in September, the schedule comprises enough activities to engage the attention of members throughout the summer. The opening cruise of the fleet to Sodus bay for the annual Memorial Day meet, has been planned and will extend over a period of four days.

### Will Give Ratings.

The opening gun of the season, on Saturday, May 27th, is expected to call most of the sailing yachts into action for a leisurely cruise to the bay and in the afternoon at 2 o'clock the big chase race down the lake. This kind of a contest is more or less of a novelty in this section and it is figured that by the showing made on the run down, closer and more equitable ratings can be given the power craft on the return race to Summerville which will be started Memorial Day. It is not the easiest matter in the world to determine proper classifications among power boats and the first race will probably be a hodge podge in the way of a real race, but after running time averages have been checked up, the more speedy boats may not have such a big advantage over their slower rivals.

On Sunday, May 28th, there will be water sports at the bay and a general exchange of visits between captains and crews of the fleet. On Monday, May 29th, a ball game between picked teams from power and sail craft will stir up all kinds of discord in the morning and in the afternoon a naval spectacle will be afforded those who are fortunate enough to be in the vicinity when the entire squadron gets underway for the parade around the bay.

### Expect Visiting Yachts.

In the evening a club dinner will be served at the hostelry of James Harris. Early the next morning, Memorial Day, the sailing yachts will stand out of the harbor and breeze for the line on a handicap race of thirty-two miles to Summerville. Later in the day, the power boats will again get the gun for their return revised handicap race to port.

Beginning on Sunday, June 11th, the Star class and veteran yachts will have a weekly schedule of racing, ten events in all being carded. No regatta or other fixtures has been set for July 4th, the committee having deemed it best to await developments with a view to putting on special features. It may be that the new clubhouse will be ready for dedication around that time in which case this date could be counted on for appropriate doings.

Whatever the day of the opening, all

committees are anxious to make it one to be remembered and one that will surpass all others in the history of yachting in the Flower City. Many will recall August 12th, 1905, when the Iroquois defeated the Canadian thirty-footer Temeraire in the first race for the Canada's Cup, the first yacht ever to beat the Canadians in American waters. It was almost a riot at the beach and nearly two hundred yachts of add descriptions and classes were scattered all over this part of the lake. With this scene as a precedent, the yachtsmen propose to outdo it if possible and many visiting yachts are expected to be on hand for the regatta.

### To Race Across Lake.

On Saturday, July 22d, a motor boat race across the lake to Presque Isle is scheduled. The distance is approximately fifty miles and as the slowest craft can make it in from six to seven hours, the start will probably be made early in the afternoon which will enable all to finish by daylight. This will be a handicap affair and by that time the experts should be able to rate the yachts pretty well even up.

Early in August the Lake Yacht Racing Association which is composed of all the yacht clubs on Lake Ontario, will hold its annual rendezvous and races at McDonald's Cove which is located at the eastern end of the Bay of Quinte. The exact date has not yet been learned, but as soon as this information is received, a date will be set a few days ahead for a grand squadron run of the fleet for the scene of the regatta. This includes all boats in cruising form, sail and power, and it is hoped that the Rochester Yacht Club will have one of the largest representations at the rendezvous.

### Schedule of Events.

The run will take on the form of a race over the hundred-mile route with special prizes in the different classes. Labor Day has been left open for special events, although it may be that a cruise to Sodus bay or some other port will eventually be decided upon. This will finish up the yachting fixtures for the season and rounds out a summer's program that has not been equalled in many years. Officers of the club are planning to keep the clubhouse open the year around and if their expectations are realized, there will be no end of entertainments and get-together meetings that will keep interest in yachting going in season and out. The following is the schedule:

Saturday, May 27th—Cruise of the fleet to Sodus bay. Motor boat race with handicaps, starting at 2 P. M.

Sunday, May 28th—Water sports at Sodus bay.

Monday, May 29th—Ball game between crews picked from motor boats and sail boats in the morning. Naval review of the fleet in the afternoon.

Tuesday, May 30th (Memorial Day)—Cruising race for sailboats from Sodus bay to Summerville. Handicap return race for motor boats.

Sunday, June 11th—Club race for Star boats and veteran classes.

Sunday, June 18th—Club race for Star boats and veteran classes.

Sunday, June 25th—Club race for Star boats and veteran classes.

Tuesday, July 4th—Special—Announcement to be made later.

Sunday, July 9th—Club race for Star boats and veteran classes.

Sunday, July 16th—Club race for Star boats and veteran classes.

Saturday, July 22d—Motor boat race across Lake Ontario to Presque Isle.

Sunday, July 23d—Club race for Star boats and veteran classes.

Sunday, July 30th—Club race for Star boats and veteran classes. Grand Squadron run of the fleet to McDonald's Cove in the Bay of Quinte where the annual regatta of the Lake Yacht Racing Association will be held.

Sunday, August 13th—Club race for Star boats and veteran classes.

Sunday, August 20th—Club race for Star boats and veteran classes.

Sunday, August 27th—Club race for Star boats and veteran classes.

Monday, September 2d (Labor Day)—Special—Announcement to be made later.