

## SPORTS OF ALL SORTS

At various times during the last decade here have been rumors that the Rochester Yacht Club and the Royal Canadian Yacht Club would resume relations in the Canada's Cup races. Most of these stories have been wild ones with but little foundation and Rochester yachtsmen have become rather disgusted with the annual story that the Canadians were to challenge for the largest fresh water sailing trophy.

Each year when Rochester yachtsmen attend the regattas around Lake Ontario the subject is brought up and, for a time this summer, it seemed as though some definite announcement would be forthcoming regarding the Canada's Cup races in the future. Newspapers refrained at that time from taking up the issue because it was believed that it was another hoax, but now it all comes out that such negotiations and plans were really started.

These plans, however, never have matured and it is probable that they will not for at least two or three years to come.

The greatest drawback of all seems to be the lack of enthusiasm on the American side of the water, for the Canadians apparently, are willing to resume these relations again. Save for two or three, possibly four, real sailors at the Rochester Yacht Club, the rest of the members are unwilling to take over the sailing of the race. It means the construction of a new P boat in Rochester, and such a boat would cost between \$30,000 and \$40,000 to construct.

It is a lot of money for a club like the Rochester one to expend for such a boat at this time, especially when the organization has just got back on its feet after a disastrous five or six years when the World war was on. The new clubhouse cost around \$25,000 to construct and the members feel that the new expenditures would drive out a number of members of the club—members who have just joined the club recently on the invitation of their friends.

But these two dauntless sailors who have kept the Rochester club in existence during the last few years, Bill Barrows and Leslie Block, are eager for a cup competition again; they believe that the races would prove a boon, not only to the Rochester Yacht Club, but to the Canadians as well. They have worked hard in an effort to build up the sailing game in Rochester and their efforts have just started to make themselves felt.

Barrows is a real yachtsman—not the rocking-chair fleet kind. He purchased a new boat from New York waters here recently, Discovery, by name, and when the craft was brought to Rochester he had the engine taken out of it, saying, "If I can't be a real sailor, I don't want to be one at all."

How different things would be if a number of others at the yacht club would take the same attitude toward sailing as Barrows does!

A real yachtsman! That is the way he can be styled.

Some of the members of the club scoffed at Barrows when he took the engine out of the boat, saying that he would need it at times when there was no wind blowing. But Barrows was adamant, he wanted a sailing boat and he got it, even at the cost of sacrificing an engine that probably was worth \$3,000 or \$4,000.

There are still a few of the old-timers who cling to the sailboat, but the majority of the members at the yacht club cling to the rocking-chair fleet or the powerboats.

Leslie Block, who has taken part in a number of important discussions in regard to Lake Ontario sailing, and who is a member of the Board of Governors of the Lake Yacht Sailing Association, believes, however, that the time will come when most of the powerboats will have passed away, save only for quick trips, and that the members will return to the sailing game again.

Then, he says, it is probable that followers of the sailing game will see the return of the Canada's Cup races. But not before, he adds.