

# Ahoy! Outboarders Set 27 Regattas!

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WITH the opening of the outboard motorboat racing season now less than a month away, the skooting little craft already have started bouncing noisily over Irondequoit Bay waters off Bay View in weekend tuneups. You can hear them roaring up and down offshore if you venture anywhere near the bay today.

The outboarders know that if they are going to get in any practice they'll have to do it the next three Saturdays and Sundays after today. Because the American Power Boat Association's Region 2 (that's all of New York State) racing schedule lists no less than 37 regattas this season, which is five more sanctioned meets than last year.

And when you count the weekends from May 25 when the first races will be run at Mt. Kisco on the Hudson until the finale at Canajoharie on Sept. 14, you will see that in order to get in 37 meets they not only have to throw in a few holidays but do quite a bit of doubling and even tripling up on some Sundays. For instance on some weekends the schedule provides a regatta in both the western or central part of the state and another in the eastern part.

Rochester Power Boat and Racing Club, which through the cooperation of John Mathies of the Bay View Hotel makes its headquarters there, will be host to four regattas at that spot on the west side of Irondequoit Bay this Summer. Only charge for spectators, incidentally, is for parking, which is the club's sole way of paying expenses.

First Rochester date is June 15, for A, B and D-class stock runabouts and A, B and D-Class stock hydroplanes. Next one here will be July 13 for the same classes. July 27 is listed for Conesus Lake, but probably will be moved to Irondequoit Bay. Big regatta here, of course, will be the Divisional Championships for stock utility runabouts and hydroplanes on Labor Day weekend.

Here is the complete schedule of racing dates for 1952 given out by Don Guerin, the Main St. E. boating entrepreneur and chairman of Region 2, with the aid of Leon Mosher of Brockport, secretary-treasurer of the region for the APBA:

May 25—Mt. Kisco; May 30—New Hamburg and Liverpool (Onondaga Lake).

June 1—Glen Cove, L. I. and Saugerties; June 8—Cross Lake (near Syracuse) and at Canajoharie; **June 15—ROCHESTER (Bay View)**; June 22—Rome (Delta Lake); June 29—Troy and at Liverpool.

July 4—Ogdensburg (St. Lawrence River); July 5—Sandy Ponds (St. Lawrence); July 6—Cranberry Lake (in Adirondacks) and at Kingston (Hudson River); **July 13—ROCHESTER (Bay View)** and at Hudson; July 20—Cross Lake and at Coxsackie; **July 27—Conesus Lake (probably will be transferred to ROCHESTER)**, also at Huntington Harbor and at Saugerties.

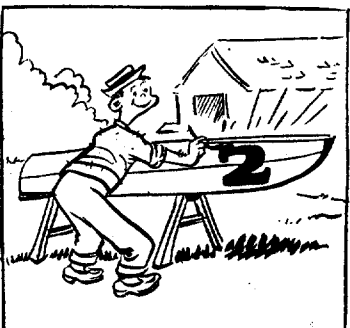
Aug. 3—Kenka Lake and at Marlborough (Hudson River); **Aug. 10—STOCK RUNABOUT AND STOCK HYDRO REGIONAL CHAMPIONSHIPS** at Hudson; **Aug. 17—ALBANY to NEW YORK MARATHON** and also at Cross Lake; Aug. 24—Rome; Aug. 30—Liverpool; Aug. 31—Liverpool and at Ogdensburg, and **DIVISIONAL CHAMPIONSHIPS at ROCHESTER**.

Sept. 1—**DIVISIONAL CHAMPIONSHIPS at ROCHESTER** if weather postpones them from Aug. 31, otherwise a closed course event; Sept. 7—Cranberry Lake and at Hudson; Sept. 14—Sandy Ponds and at Canajoharie.

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**ROCHESTER** should have a pretty good bunch of entries in most of the outboard regattas, concentrating of course on the ones nearest home. Because, of the 96 active members of the Racing Club, some 32 are racing drivers (the others serve as mechanics and aid in other ways in keeping the boats in trim.) Between them they have about 60 boats, some of the drivers owning one, others two and a few even three craft. Bob Wahl (sailor Herb's son), club president, himself has three boats.

Just to show how hot the Region 2 racers are, 9 of the 10 high point winners in the whole United States last year were from New York State. And who was at the very top? A Holley High School boy, Jim Robinson! Because of that, Jim will be able to paint a big Number 2 on his boats this year (he could paint a Number 1 on them except that he's a professional and Number 1 is reserved for the high point-winning amateur. Anyone who ever has accepted cash prizes at regattas automatically is classed thereafter as a professional in this sport.)



Robinson, who is 17, drove a B-Class stock utility last year and this year also will drive an A-Class boat. B-Class takes in a speed up around 51 or 52 miles

per hour, with the A-Class a little slower.

Rochester's member of the All-American outboard racing team picked this year in Yachting Magazine, 15-year-old Allyn Guerin (he's Don's boy) of Webster High School's junior class, will race in three classes this season. In addition to JU (that's for those under 16) and AU classes, Allyn will move up into Class A hydroplanes. These little jobs skip along at about 50 mph.

Three of the top-notch local drivers are planning on getting into the really fast competition with the new season. They are Pete Mosher and Cliff Ruggles of Brockport and Bill Hargraves of Rochester. All will drive D-Class hydros—and those things just touch the high spots on the water, getting up to 70 mph.

Wes Hammond of Leicester, York Central School industrial arts teacher and the nation's top-scoring amateur stock outboard racing driver last year, probably won't be racing this year, according to latest information. Hammond scored 3,600 points last year, racing in Class A, and would have been assigned Number 1 for his boat this year.

And of course the club will continue to miss Pat Ryan of Geneva, whose tragic death in an automobile accident on his way to the national championships at Knoxville, Tenn. last Summer cast a pall of gloom over the whole regatta. First regatta in this section, however, that at Liverpool on May 30, will feature a Pat Ryan Memorial Race, and there will be a special collection for the benefit of Mrs. Ryan. Ryan was a member of the Syracuse Outboard Club in which he was a high point winner for two years.

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**FRANK C. ERNST**, new District 6 commander of the U. S. Power Squadrons, came down from Buffalo the other noon on his first official visit to Rochester Squadron since his recent election at the district meeting here. He was accompanied by Warren B. Hunt, new district secretary-treasurer, and they were luncheon guests of the local squadron's executive committee.

Installation of William W. Woodbury as new commander of Rochester Power Squadron is being held up by raising and remodeling of the Rochester Yacht Club. The squadron still is hoping the club will be ready for the installation ceremonies sometime next month. Other officers to be installed will be Herbert P. Wahl, lieutenant commander; Albert L. Hartsig, first lieutenant, and Harold L. Field, continuing as secretary-treasurer.

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**CONESUS LAKE** Yacht Club's Comet sailors will meet Friday evening at the home of Bill Meyer, 68 McKinster St. to elect officers and discuss their Summer's racing schedule. Main decision is to be on a proposal for two official races on Sundays.

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