



THE ABOVE STUDY IN STARTLED INFORMALITY is the product of a hint we dropped last week—the hint that we might accept outside photos if they tickled our taste. The scene is the speaker's table at the awards dinner concluding the famous Rochester Race. From the left, Rochester Yacht Club Vicecommodore Sam Townsend, who has just spilled ashes on his trousers while arising; Clark Swart, representing the crew of the race-winning yawl Escapade, and at the right RYC Commodore F. Ritter Shumway, looking as though his face was arising from one of the handsome trophies. The taker of the picture was Barry Wilson, the elongated ex-D and C reporter and ex-Navy officer who now lives on Long Island and makes a hobby of scribbling such affairs as the Rochester Race for Motor Boating Magazine. Wilson explained that the picture actually is a photographic misfire; he thumbed the flash button too fast; just as the principals were arising for the award presentation. Misfire or not, it may be the only truly informal shot in existence of that excellent navigator and polished and eloquent speaker—Commodore Shumway.

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OLD ROCHESTER CANOE CLUB takes the nautical spotlight today in the waning yachting season, playing host on Irondequoit Bay to an invitation Thistle Class regatta.

RCC Thistle owners Chuck Angle, David Allyn and Marsden Tuthill will collide for the first time this year with the class of the Thistle-handlers from this area. Among them, Buffalo Y.C. will have at least one entry; Conesus Y.C. will produce three, Ed Hanna, George Weider and Harry Essley; and Canandaigua Yacht Club's pioneering Thistle division will send four or possibly more boats, handled by Bud LeBoutillier, Erwin McGuire, Don Lyon and Ted Fitch.

The Canoe Club hopes to squeeze in three races in the single day, the first scheduled for 11 a. m.

The regatta marks the formal return of the Canoe Club to inter-fleet competition. Allyn, Angle, Tuthill & Co., nucleus of the club's Thistle movement, expect it to grow to a husky fleet by next season. To this end they have opened the club's membership to any in the area interested in Thistles. Incidentally, the trend to Thistles means that some of RCC's assorted fleet of Larks and K-boats probably will go on the block for a very reasonable price—both designs excellent for trainers.

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THIRTY-NINE BOATING enthusiasts showed up for the initial meeting of the new Piloting class of the Rochester Power Squadron at Harkness Hall, U. of R. River Campus, Tuesday night. But the rolls still are open, Delancey Bentley, squadron first lieutenant and chairman of the elementary piloting course, said last night and additional students are expected for the second session this Tuesday night.

Subject for this week will be Manners and Customs, and the instructors will be Judson Scott and Bill Woodbury. The class meets promptly at 7:30 p. m. and will run for 12 weeks. Successful completion of the course qualifies men in the course for membership in the Power Squadron, with women—and there usually are quite a number of them—getting certificates that permit them to take advanced squadron courses. Oh yes, you don't have to own a boat to take this course.