

# Heron Finally Made It

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If you want to take a slow boat to China, you couldn't find a slower boat around than the Heron, 51-foot schooner owned by Harry Greb of Kitchener, Ont.

But the boat is highly dependable. It will get you where you're going, albeit it will take some time and lots of patience.

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**THE HERON** completed today a race which supposedly had ended on Tuesday—the 377-mile Rochester Race. "Take my word for it, that race IS the longest fresh-water race in the world," smiled Greb when he arrived in Rochester this morning at 5:55.

Greb and his crew including navigator Bob Allen returned here exactly 134 hours and 55 minutes after the start of the race last Saturday afternoon. That sets a new record for longest sailing time in the five-year-old classic. She averaged 2.8 miles per hour. (Not quite as fast as that jet plane which-crossed the ocean the other day).

"We got in a lot of time for swimming," said Greb, "and we had a great time." Weather conditions incurred some damage to the yacht during the first six hours of the voyage, but after that it was smooth sailing.

It's a mighty good thing the Heron arrived when she did. For her food supplies had run out. As a token of something (he wasn't quite sure what), Greb presented the last slice of bread he had to Earl Esty, captain of the fleet. Esty had stayed up all night at the Rochester Yacht Club awaiting the Heron's arrival.

Greb jokingly said that they had thought of putting their navigator, Allen, on a spit, thrusting an apple in his mouth and making a tasty meal of him, but admitted it wouldn't be necessary now.

A plane had sighted the yacht yesterday off Oswego after the schooner, which dropped out of the Rochester Race on Sunday, was unreported for 48 hours.

The Canadian schooner will probably get some sort of nautical booby prize for her record-breaking performance. The race was won by Escapade of Detroit, which covered the triangular Lake Ontario course in 61 hours and 4 minutes.