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DID YOU KNOW?

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"ROCHESTER DINGHIES INVADE EUROPE"

Three boats and eight men sailed from New York on the Manhattan, June the 17th to represent Rochester in the dinghy races in Europe. The first races were at Aalborg, Denmark. The Rochester team finished 1-2-3 in the team races against Denmark. Ed Pillsbury was high point scorer in this series, taking two firsts and a third.

From Aalborg, Denmark to Oslo, Norway. In Oslo, being guests of the Royal Norwegian Yacht Club, and inasmuch as they did not have any dinghies similar to ours, they suggested that we race a change skipper series with 3 dinghies and two of their 30-ft. Dragons. After three days of hard sailing, Bill Tarr won this series.

From Oslo, to Scotland and arrived just in time to miss the one and only Scotch drought. Of our 14 days in Scotland, it rained 13, although the Scotch called it dew. After sailing two weeks on the Clyde, a person should be in good condition to swim to the North Pole, for there can't be too much difference in the temperature of the waters. In the team races against England, we took a bad beating, but we would have taken the same beating regardless of where we sailed for their sailing was by far superior to ours.

After three days postponement, the Prince of Wales Cup was finally sailed on a day that the wind blew harder than on any of the preceding days when races were postponed. Out of 38 starters, 14 finished. The wind was measured at more than 40 miles an hour from the judge's boat. Ha-Ha did best for the Rochester boats, finishing eighth. Tartar was next, finishing twelfth. R.I.P. was forced to withdraw the first time around.

From Bonnie Scotland (?) we went to Cowes, Isle of Wight, and here we were treated to much better weather and perhaps the most unusual sailing conditions that exist anywhere in the world. The racing here consists of every class attempting to keep out of the way of the other and all racing classes, attempting to dodge liners, motor boats, battleships, and freighters. This series was won by R.I.P. after a sail-off against the Ha-Ha. Regardless of the many handicaps while sailing at Cowes, it was very interesting and we had a fine series.

Most of us returned home on the Queen Mary, arriving at New York on August the 13th.

FROM THE HISTORICAL COMMITTEE