

# CITY SAILORS RETAIN CUPS IN LYRA TEST

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Toronto — Another Lake Yacht Racing Association regatta is history, and two of its choicest trophies made a needless trip from Rochester Yacht Club over here to the racing scene.

Which is to say that Newt and Ken Castle retained the Lake Ontario R. boat championship, and have to cart the cup all the way home again, and ditto for Johnny Odenbach in his 6-meter witch, the Circe.

Those are the facts, but the trimmings are downright fancy, nothing like the monotonous trappings of the first two races. To begin with, Mother Nature, bored with dishing out two days of mild, sunny, steady sailing weather, lifted the curtain on an irascible so'wester that slammed the big boat fleet of 31 yachts down to their lee rails in weather work.

First let's take Odenbach. We might as well, none of the other sixes want to see him again. Much to the amazement of the race committee, John's Circe was in second spot—first time in the regatta—when the sixes boiled down to the home mark on the first round of the 9-mile triangle. Mist of Youngstown, with Bill Roberts Jr. at the tiller, was in the lead—and that was just enough to irk Odenbach & Co. From trailing by a good 10 boat lengths at the round, Circe sliced ahead on the second triangle to finish with a lead of more than 4 minutes over the rest of the fleet.

## Six Straight Firsts

All of which gives Circe six straight first places, three last year to win the President's Cup and three this year to defend it.

Next, let's take the Castles, for the same reason. Wonder of wonders, Shadow finish #1 second. That's right, second! No one could believe the canny Castles and their sleek silver lost by straight sailing. So a post-race checkup revealed that on the first weather leg, well ahead of the fleet as usual, Shadow snapped a weather backstay, nearly lost her mast, and ripped a foot-long gash in the mainsail before jury repairs could be made out in the lake.

Even with the jury rig, Shadow did what she had to do to retain her cup—finish right behind H. L. Howard's Diana from National Yacht Club, which had taken two seconds in previous races.

Just another weather item, in case any Rochester area folk get the idea that it wasn't rugged yesterday off the host Queen City Yacht Club: Waves 5 and 6 feet from trough to crest snapped the steel anchor chain of the race committee's 35-ton steel schooner, leaving 75 feet of chain and a big hook on the bottom of Ontario. Race Committee Chief Bud Gorsline from RYC finished the entire big boat fleet while Skipper Herb Nicholls neatly juggled the Sea Queen under power.

In the medium cruising division, which ended in a wholesale point tie the second day, Ed Rosenberg's yawl Azura II, tillered by Rooney Castle, couldn't save her time although beautifully handled in the hard going, and had to be content with third in the series. Winner, and in first place yesterday, was K. D. Detweiler's Daphn from the Royal Canadian Yacht Club; second in total points and third yesterday, Col. L. F. Grant's Tramp Royal from Kingston Yacht Club, Azura took fourth today behind Stormalong, sailed by RCYC's J. A. Wardrop.

In the schooner division, F. Ritter Shumway's Skookum, fast and happy in the heavy going, hit the finish line first with all canvas flying, but once again couldn't save her time over the Royal Hamilton Yacht Club's Seneca, and took second for the day and second for the series behind the Hamiltonian.

Over on the smaller triangle, where still another 50 boats raced in smaller classes, Dr. John McIntosh of Algonquin Yacht Club's Irondequoit Bay Fleet added a good third to previous 5th and 6th, but in final point standings trailed the apparent winner, Bob Griggs' Jo-Bo from Fairhaven Yacht Club, who had a steady 2nd, 3rd and 4th.

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**HALF HITCHES:** Again the 8-meters provided the prettiest and closest duel. Bill Gooderham's Quest taking the finish gun and the Gooderham trophy by a bare boat's length over E. Engholm's Norseman, also from RCYC. . . . John Heinrich's big yawl Blue Seas enjoyed the heavy going in the medium cruiser division, finishing fifth on corrected time, but almost a minute ahead of Azura in actual time. . . . Unable to begin those ticklish handicap calculations on the pitching committee boat, Gorsline's gun and clock men began a real race against time once they were ashore. . . . At 8 p. m., one hour before time for banquet and awards, they were on the home stretch of determining winners, sorting flags and trophies. . . . The Freeman Cup race, long distance Lake Ontario classic, should take the starting gun at 11 a. m. today. . . . Anywhere from 50 to 70 boats may tackle the thrash across the lake, rounding a buoy off the Port of Rochester, and then to Prescut Isle where they will be finished and judged by Gorsline, who will go down 100 miles of Canadian shore line by power boat after starting the fleet. . . . But Coast Guard reports last night called for dirty weather with up to 35 miles in gusts today which may postpone the Freeman 24 hours.