

the St. Lawrence. From Stony, the fleet charts the third and final leg of the race back home to Rochester.

Near News Blackout

There was more or less a news blackout for shoreside members of the host RYC last night. They had hoped for close radio checks on the racers via the Coast Guard buoy tender Maple from Oswego. But the Maple did not reach Rochester until late last night, leaving the job of watchdog for the scattered fleet to the 83-foot C. G. cutter from Sacket's Harbor under Chief Howard Gavitt.

Judging from the way the yachts handled themselves for the first hour after the start, and if the wind held in direction and velocity, experts last night figured that the three big brutes of the fleet would be the first to turn the Hamilton mark. They are Escapade, the title-loaded defending champ, a 72-foot Detroit yawl; Red Head, Gil Pingree's 60-foot yawl from Grosse Point, Mich., and Venture 3rd, George Ford's 52-foot yawl, race winner two years ago, which carries most of the hopes of the home club to regain the trophy.

5 Others Still in Race

The five others still carrying canvas when last heard from are Stormy Petrel, 51-foot Olcott yawl; Heron, Royal Canadian Y. C. schooner; White Squall, Eric Moore's cutter from the home club; Lady Linden, Arthur M. R. Hughes' cutter also from RYC, and Desire, Kodak engineer Bob Bridges' yawl, rounding out the home fleet.

Whitecaps pared the spectator fleet down to some 25 craft, but lakeside piers were well-filled with spectators when Race Chairman William S. Calkins and Operations Chief A. H. (Bud) Gorsline fired the starting gun from the schooner Southwind.

Those skippers, crewmen and spectators not too busy handling sail or simply clinging to their tossing craft, then and there got their first and only chance to chuckle—for when proud Escapade hoisted her mizzen sail, there stitched to it in big block letters was the le-

"We Like Ike."