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# Ahoy! Rochester Race? You Bet! Aug. 23

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THE 5th Rochester Race around Lake Ontario definitely will be held this Summer. And the start will be off Rochester at 3 p. m. Saturday, Aug. 23.

This was the word coming yesterday from Bill Calkins, chairman of the Rochester Race Committee for the Rochester Yacht Club. The announcement killed reports that the race might be put off a year. It is true that discussions have been held as to the advisability of making the comparatively young Lake Ontario sailing classic a once-every-two-years affair. And it's possible that sometime in the future that will be done.

But the committee felt, according to Calkins, that the race still is too young, with only four years behind it, to skip a year and still maintain the big interest in it. What is more, it was felt that this year of all years, the 75th anniversary year for the Rochester Yacht Club, it should be sailed as the big event of the season.

From all reports now the race will see a new champion crowned, because it's doubtful if the winner of last year's rugged swing around the lake will be back to defend the trophy. Wendell Anderson of Detroit had promised to bring Escapade, his 72-foot yawl which came home first last August, here for this year's race but word from New York is that Escapade has been sold.

Anderson will sail her in the Newport-Bermuda Race which gets under way June 21, but then is expected to turn her over to her new owners. However, Fred Temple of Toledo, winner of the 1st Rochester Race, hopes to bring his Flying Cloud to the lake for this year's go, which will follow the same course as last year—from Rochester to Hamilton, at the western end of the lake, then back the length of the big body of water and around Stony Island at the eastern end, and back to Rochester.

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**IF BASEBALL** players have to go South to get in trim for the Summer season, why not yacht racers? It sounded pretty logical to Dr. John MacIntosh, champ of Newport YC's big Lightning fleet. So it was a little more than coincidence which found him skipping a boat in the Lightning Mid-Winter Championships at St. Petersburg, Fla.

MacIntosh has been back home a month now, champing at the anchor line till he can get his Blue Jacket II back on Irondequoit Bay's waters. Meanwhile he has been getting plenty of pleasure just recalling those races on Tampa Bay in a good, stiff 25-mile-per-hour breeze.

The Newporter was sailing a borrowed boat, with Clarence Auten, one of his regular Summer crew members, and Reg Farnham, also of Rochester. Their finishes were mighty consistent, the good doctor reports. With 49 craft in the regatta, the MacIntosh entry got a 33d, a 30th and a 32d in the three of the five races he finished.

It was just before the start of the fourth race, however, when MacIntosh really attracted the most attention. Somehow, he says, they went into an unanticipated jibe and being still Winter-bound in their coordination, were slightly slow in getting to the high side of the boat. As a result the start of the race was held up slightly while the three Rochesterians were fished from the sun-kissed bay waters and their boat hauled off the course. But they weren't the only ones to capsize that day, Doc hastens to add. At least one other craft also upset.

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**FOR SEVERAL** years now, the Genesee Yacht Club has been cooperating with the YMCA-YWCA in their jointly-sponsored Y-Educational program in teaching a course on sailing at the Spring session. They'll do the same this year, so if there's anyone around who wants to learn to sail, he or she can sign up anytime between now and May 6 at either YM or YW.

There'll be six lectures, at 7:30 p. m. each Tuesday starting on the 6th and lasting through June 10. Sessions this year will be in the Central YMCA.

Instructors will be Ray Field and Bob Paige of Genesee Yacht Club, teaching the types of boats, theory of sailing, rules of navigation, types of gear, and marlinspike seamanship, which means how to tie knots, splice lines, etc., with George Ford of Rochester Yacht Club to lecture on racing. Ford, who introduced the International 14-foot racing dinghy to this country from England, now races the yawl Venture III, one of the fastest big cruising boats on Lake Ontario.

Following the final lecture, the class will be taken either on June 15 or 22 to Genesee Yacht Club for actual sailing on the Genesee River and Lake Ontario.

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**HALF-HITCHES**—Algonquin Yacht Club's Comet fleet definitely has decided to lease Glen Edith for the season and run its races from there. And of course the Algonquin Comets will participate in all the class regattas in the area. . . .

Reg Adams, a mainstay of the Algonquin Lightning fleet, remaining boats of which are expected to join Newport's growing Lightning aggregation, probably won't get in much sailing this season from all reports. He's building a house, quite a project in itself. . . . And of course Lloyd (Bud) Bach is in the Army now, which rather interrupts his skippering of Ungawa, John Watkins' former boat. . . .

**If your friends don't think there are a lot of motor boats operating on the country's waterways, just tell them that the U. S. Coast Guard says there now are 463,978 numbered motorboats—inboarders 16 feet or longer — putt-putting around on federal waters. This is 2,443 more than a year ago. . . . Oh yes, and it's pointed out that there are 350,000 more inboard runabouts and cruisers in use on non-federal streams and lakes. . . . Of course this doesn't include at all the thousands of sailboats and little outboarders. Why, there were 2½ million outboard motorboats alone in use throughout the country the past year!**

Rochester's Star Class sailors will be interested in knowing that eliminations to pick U. S. representative in the Star Class for the Olympics at Helsinki this Summer will be sailed on Great South Bay, Long Island, beginning May 25. The International Star Class Yachting Association will run the races and Hilary Smart of Darien, Conn., 1948 Olympic winner, is expected to be one of the main threats. . . .

A postcard all the way from Cairo, Egypt, where the wandering half of Ahoy! notes that "Oddly enough this is exactly the scene from the window of my room." Unsurprising to us, the scene shows a Nile-full of sailboats. . . . Newport Yacht Club has called a general meeting for 3 p. m. today.