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# Freeman Race Zigs To Port Dalhousie

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**COURSE**—Lake Yacht Racing Association chiefs chart Freeman Cup Race route at meeting here yesterday. Sorsoleil, from Royal Canadian Yacht Club, Toronto, is president of association; Lunt, Royal Hamilton YC, is vicepresident; Castle, Rochester Yacht Club, secretary-treasurer, and Gorsline is chairman of association's race committee.

A LINE of dozens of white sails (and a few colored ones) will stretch south across Lake Ontario from Toronto to Port Dalhousie, Ont., and then in an outward curve east to Rochester the last Sunday in July.

This is the 1953 Freeman Cup Race route, never before sailed in this race, chosen here yesterday at a Lake Yacht Racing Association meeting at Rochester Yacht Club. The race will bring sailing yachts from all over Lake Ontario to the RYC at Summerville for the big LYRA Regatta July 29-31. It has been some 17 years since the regatta has been held here.

It had been decided earlier that this year's Freeman Cup Race, one of the long distance fixtures of Lake Ontario sailing, should be from Toronto to Rochester. But a direct route is too short for the race, the deed of gift for the Freeman Cup specifying that it shall be at least 100 miles. So the course was laid out yesterday with the 30-mile zig down to a fixed mark off the piers at Port Dalhousie, which is about 10 miles west of the Niagara River mouth. From there the chart says it's 89 miles to Rochester close along shore. But to get past 30-Mile Light and Braddocks the boats may have to travel a good many miles more than the estimated 120 total.

The fleet will start in four sections, the smaller craft getting away at 10 a. m., next largest at noon, next at 1 p. m. and the largest boats at 2 p. m. This should bring most of the five or six dozen craft into the Genesee River within a period of a few hours that Monday if the winds are fair.

THE LYRA'S two top 6-Meter Class crews will represent the association in the semi-finals of the North American Sailing Championship, yesterday's meeting voted. They will compete with two crews each from the St. Lawrence Valley Yacht Racing Association and the Central New York Yacht Racing Association.

THE LYRA representatives decided the 6-Meter sailors would be the logical choice this year since the championships at Larchmont beginning Sept. 22 will be sailed in International One-Design craft. The Sixes more nearly approximate these in design than other local sailing boats.

As a result of yesterday's action the Central New York and St. Lawrence Valley associations will be contacted with the view of getting them to agree to sail the semi-finals in 6-Meters. If this is agreeable, the eliminations to pick the one crew to go to the championships probably will be sailed in Toronto, where there are enough 6-Meter boats to accommodate the six crews.

The LYRA's two crews will be the class winner and runnerup in the three-day course sailing at the LYRA regatta here.

Last year a Lightning crew from the Central New York group qualified to represent the area, the semi-finals being sailed in Lightnings, and the championships in small keel boats at Mystic, Conn., with the Lakes crew losing out in a disappointing drifting series.

MEANWHILE JUNIOR sailors, those 18 and under, will compete at the July regatta here for the right to represent the LYRA in the semi-finals for the North American Junior Sailing Championships. These championships will be held this year on Lake Erie, first time on fresh water. They will be sailed in Lightnings for the Sears Trophy.

The LYRA junior crews to sail against the St. Lawrence Valley and Central New York for the right to race in the finals will be chosen in the regatta races here for the Thermis Trophy. Karl Smithers of the Buffalo Canoe Club, himself a former international Lightning Class champion, presided over yesterday's special section meeting dealing with the juniors.

LYRA HALF-HITCHES—Rooney Castle is going to make sure his favorite 6-Meters have a worthy trophy to sail for at the regatta. He yesterday offered, and the association accepted a new cup for the 6-Meter champion in the three-day course racing. . . . Genesee Yacht Club was elected an associate member of the association. There now are 15 members clubs and 34 associate member clubs.

The Royal Canadian Yacht Club through David E. Howard invited all other member clubs to participate in the RCYC's Round-the-World-Race Saturday, June 27. It's open to all classes on a handicap basis. It really isn't around the world, being only from Toronto to Oakville, Niagara River and back to Toronto. Heretofore it's been strictly a club race. . . . And the Royal Hamilton YC, through Cliff Lunt, invited lake sailors to its open regatta July 4-5.

Power boats of the 6th District, U. S. Power Squadrons, and the Canadian Power squadrons have been invited to compete in the regatta here. A special Gold Cup predicted log competition will be run off for the motor cruisers. . . . This year's Great Lakes R-Class crew championship races for the Richardson Cup, won last year by Rochester's Ken Castle-skippered crew, will be sailed Aug. 18, 19; 20 at Chicago's Belmont Harbor Yacht Club. . . . And the Great Lakes 8-Meter crew championships for the Barthel Trophy will be raced at the Royal Canadian Yacht Club at Toronto Sept. 1, 2, 3.

Royal Bay Gem's Late Spurt