

ROYAL CANADIAN ACCEPTS FISHER CUP CHALLENGE

Agreement Provides for Gaff Rigged Craft, Concession by Rochester Y. C.

Formal acceptance by the Royal Canadian Yacht Club of the challenge issued by the Rochester Yacht Club for a series of races for the Fisher cup was contained in dispatches from Toronto yesterday. The races will be held September 7 and the days following over a triangular 18 mile course off Toronto. The boats named in the agreement are Class P.

The acceptance of the Rochester Club's challenge followed a meeting of the sailing committees of both clubs in Buffalo. The Rochester Club was represented by William Barrows, W. Peck Farley and Lorenzo Mabbett. Royal Canadian Yacht Club's representatives were Norman Gooderham, Thomas Wade and Edward Wedd. At this meeting it was agreed that the gaff rig should be used on both challenger and defender. The time chosen for the races is during the Canadian National Exhibition.

The stipulations of the agreement will mean a shift in rigs for the Rochester boats. At present both Rochester Class P boats, Olympian and Alloede are marconi rigged. Both of the craft have been under the lower rig at one time or another in their career and the change will necessitate only new spars, canvas and running rigging. Olympian still has her old gaff rig mast and boom and a suit of canvas.

Preparing Boats.

Rochester Yacht Club sailing committee is already considering ways and means of preparing the boats and crews for a series of trial races to select the ship to be named as challenger. Alloede's skipper, Lorenzo Mabbett has his crew at work smoothing hull and deck, and new rig spars and canvas will be ordered for Alloede shortly.

It is too early to make prediction regarding crews, the sailing committee claims, but it is safe to assume that Alloede's list is what it will be next summer. Mabbett has most of the crew that sailed with him on Iroquois when she successfully defended the Canada's cup in 1905. Who will be at Olympian's helm is unknown. She is a fast boat equal to giving Alloede a hard series of trial races and her owner Dr. P. S. Lalonde will have her in condition.

The Canadian Club will also hold elimination races to pick the defender, it is reported. The Royal Canadian fleet of Class P boats is

year. D. Y. R. A. Class P champion. Patricia sailed by Thomas Wade, Bernice with Norman Gooderham at her stick and Nutmeg with Aemilius Jarvis in command are an imposing array. Gooderham is acknowledged to be one of the best skippers on this side of the Atlantic. Jarvis and Wade and

Strange while, not as brilliant, know Class P boats from years of the hardest sort of competition.

First Since Canada's Cup.

The races will make the first match between the Rochester and Toronto Club since the Seneca of the R. Y. C. defeated the Adele of the R. C. Y. C. for the Canada's Cup. The Fisher Cup was first raced for in 1874 and after repining at Chicago and Belleville, Ont., was brought to Rochester by the old cutter Norah. The R. C. Y. C. took the cup in 1906 when the Zoraya, sailed by Aemilius Jarvis, defeated the Iroquois of Rochester.

The following comment in the Toronto Mail and Empire by Lon Marsh is worthy of note:

Rochester's concession to the use of the gaff rig is a most generous one. Both their boats, Olympian and Alloede are marconi rigged boats, and although the former has a gaff rig as well, she has been using the other and her owners wished to continue to do so. Alloede better known to us here as Wasaka II was originally planned to carry either sail plan, but she has only been seen under the marconi and she is, in the writer's opinion, the fastest Class P boat on the lake under this rig.

The foregoing particulars will show that our friends from Rochester are really giving up a good deal in their desire to race us. We have no marconi rigged P boat and we do not want one. We have no use for a 74 foot spar on a 35 foot water line. Rochester made the matter easy and possible by saying that as they were seeking the coptest, they would alter the rig.