

BAKER BOAT HEADS STARS

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Out of a strange excuse for sailing conditions on Lake Ontario off the Port of Rochester yesterday emerged a 3-boat team to represent Rochester Yacht Club in the 12th District Star Class regatta Aug. 13-16.

Nominees for the regatta—one of the best shows of the year on this side of the lake—are Cliff Baker as the Number 1 man in his Zoa II; the veteran Oc Marth in Tario, and young Marsh Tobin in Nibot III. They finished, incidentally, in that order in a disappointing sailing day yesterday that saw skipper hitch-hiking from one cat-paw to another. The redoubtable Baker trailed Marth on the first round of the windward-leeward course, but was away with the (little) wind on the final round.

6-Meters, dueling in the George Cup eliminations, looked at a new pace-setter when the race was ended—Rooney Castle's Stork.

Nylon-suited Stork along with John Odenbach's Circe, Howard Klitgord's Meteor, which took second, and Howard Rekers' Jill drifted, tacked, ran, reached all on a single leg. Coming home first round, Castle found a piece of wind all his own and reached straight for the mark while Circe and Meteor were tacking on the same leg. Stork never was headed thereafter, and now leads the series with Circe and Meteor tied for second.

Outcome of the 20-mile Skipper Chisty cruising race was in doubt last night pending adjudication of handicaps, times, and a discussion on buoys rounded. The long Christy plus the other aces kept not only some skippers but race Judge Bud Gorsline out on the lake virtually all day.

Meters, start 11:25; finishes in elapsed times: Stork, 2:37:20; Meteor, 2:39:55; Circe, 2:39:59; Jill, D. n. f.

Stars, start 11:30; finishes, elapsed times: Zoa, 1:28:15; Tario, 1:30:04; Nibot, 1:31:30.

Lightning, start 11:40; finishes, elapsed times: Blitz II (Howard Jones) 1:37:05; Water Wagon (Carl Adu) 1:38:40; Question (Barrows) 1:39:05.

Dinghies, start 11:35; finishes, elapsed times: Eddystone Light (Milke Maljgren) 1:36:25; Puff (Johnny Heinrich) 1:49:00; Hangover (John Gottschalk) 1:52:05.

A one-second (count it!) finish in the Lightning fleet highlighted festivities at Irondequoit Bay's Newport Yacht Club yesterday. Winner was Gene Senn in Flash; his victim by a split bowsprit, fleet champ Bill Straub in Cygnus.

In the Snipe scrap, Charlie Webster showed he means business by duplicating Saturday's club race victory, this time by nearly 5 minutes over his nearest competitor, John O'Brien in Li'l Esther. Afternoon Lightning and Snipe scraps were called when the breeze, never strong, fell and neither fleet finished a boat within the time limit.

Snipes; start, 11:35; finishes, elapsed time:

Biscuit (Charles Webster) 79:30; Li'l Esther (John O'Brien) 84:09; Miss Hannah II (Allen Fields) 88:00; Seaforth II (Marty Jones) 89:14; Punkin (Julius Kroeger) 91:44; Petite (Ted Johnson) 92:06; Mustang (Larry Ryan) 93:07; Firefly (Frank Dannenberg) 95:01; Interlude (Shirley End) 95:48; Cockroach (Vic Di Stefano) 98:40; Nala (Allen Dalley) 99:02; Edythe (Tony Orlen) d.n.f.

Lightnings; start, 11:25; finishes, elapsed time:

Flash (Gene Senn) 87:30; Cygnet (Bill Straub) 87:31; Zenith (Leroy Unbehaum) 88:55; Doublecross (Dick Cross) 89:05; Ship O' Coy (Erwin Coy) 90:47; Jay-Vis (Jay Donovan) d.n.f.