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Alloy! Regatta-Time & Then Some!

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HAVE you been wondering when such and such a regatta is going to take place this Summer? Well, here are the main ones:

- June 7—Albany to New York outboard marathon down Hudson River.
- June 21—Outboard regatta, Bayview, Irondequoit Bay.
- June 27—Royal Canadian Yacht Club "Round-the-World Race," Toronto.
- July 1, 2, 3—International George Cup races for 6-Meters, Rochester Yacht Club, Lake Ontario.
- July 3, 4, 5—Lake Shore Lightning Squadron regatta, Newport Yacht Club, Irondequoit Bay.
- July 4, 5—Snipe races for Briody trophy (Lake Ontario championships) and for Retzhaupt trophy (Lake Ontario and Erie title), at Olcott.
- July 4, 5—Royal Hamilton Yacht Club open regatta at Hamilton, Ont.
- July 11—6-Meters, four-boat team races, Youngstown Yacht Club.
- July 12—6-Meters race from Youngstown (mouth of Niagara River) to Toronto.
- July 18, 19—6-Meters' Alarm Trophy races at Toronto for Lake Ontario championship.
- July 24, 25, 26, 27—Central New York Yacht Racing Association championship regatta, Canandaigua Yacht Club, Canandaigua Lake.
- July 25, 26—State Snipe championships at Chautauqua Lake.
- July 26—Regional (state) outboard championships, Bayview, Irondequoit Bay.
- July 26—Start of Freeman Cup race from Toronto to Rochester via Port Dalhousie, Ont.
- July 29, 30, 31—LYRA (Lake Yacht Racing Association) regatta at Rochester Yacht Club, Lake Ontario.
- Aug. 1—Divisional (Northeastern) outboard championships, Albany.
- Aug. 8, 9—Northern New York Lakes Region Comet championship at Ithaca, Cayuga Lake.
- Aug. 9, 10—Thistles' Niagara Frontier District championship at Seneca Yacht Club, Geneva.
- Aug. 15, 16—Snipe junior championships at Olcott.
- Aug. 15, 16—Lightning district eliminations regatta, Newport Yacht Club, Irondequoit Bay.
- Aug. 18, 19, 20—Richardson races for R-class crew championship of Great Lakes, Belmont Harbor YC, Chicago.
- Aug. 22, 23—Comets, Canandaigua Bowl Regatta, Conesus Yacht Club, Conesus Lake.
- Aug. 22—Start of 6th annual Rochester Race around Lake Ontario from Rochester Yacht Club.
- Aug. 24-28—Thistle national championships at Racine, Wis.
- Aug. 24-27—Lewis Point Lightning invitation regatta.
- Aug. 29-31—Outboard national championships, Onondaga Lake, Syracuse.
- Sept. 1-3—Barthel trophy races for 8-meter crew championship, Toronto.
- Sept. 10-12—Lightning international championships, Buffalo Canoe Club.
- Sept. 10-13—Comets national championships, Seneca Yacht Club, Seneca Lake.
- Sept. 19, 20—Snipes' Weed-Mayer trophy races for 2 boat and 5-boat teams for Lake Ontario Championship.
- Sept. 22—North American Sailing Championships open at Larchmont.

"**AHOY** . . . the world's longest race on fresh water. The Rochester Race . . . Starts August 22, 1953 for the 6th successive year off the Port of Rochester, N. Y." reads the slick folder announcing Lake Ontario's famous handicap cruising race conducted by the Rochester Yacht Club.

Just reading the folder makes us want to hurry and sign up on some boat, makes us forget our vow during that rough first night of the First Rochester Race when flares were arching up in the blackness all over the eastern end of Lake Ontario, that if we ever got back we'd never leave the cozy dry land again.

"The fame of the Rochester Race is spreading far and wide as the race to test men and gear!" reads the announcement. Those words, "to test men and gear" were Earl Snyder's when he was helping promote that first race back in '48. And it's still that kind of a race.

"For five successive years, the 377-mile triangular Rochester Race has been a challenge to yachts large and small from all over the Great Lakes and the East Coast," the blue and white folder continues. "Now once again, 'Gentle, yet oh so tough' Lake Ontario offers its gamble! Will it be a year for the small boats? . . . will it be a white-capped blow for the heavy weather hulls? . . . One thing sure, there'll be a leg for all points of sail. Every year has been exciting . . . wonderful . . . and above all joyful, for we sure have a lot of fun at Rochester!" Wish we'd written that.

But honestly, we don't see how sailors from all over, reading about the Rochester Race as thus described, can help flocking here to participate. Entries close Aug. 11, skippers, so you'd better hurry. Two months can go by pretty quickly.

ROCHESTER CANOE CLUB comes up with a novel idea for a Challenge Cup. The suggestion is that a challenger can contest the holder of the cup on any reasonable terms he can figure out. For instance, for instances the RCC's new Jib Sheet, if Dave Allyn holds the cup from a previous race against Ed Kesel in a Thistle, Stew Tabor can challenge him to race in K boats. Then if Tabor wins he might be challenged by Tim Allyn to a race in 6-foot prams. The possibilities are limited only to the concoctions that can be figured out. Such as a race with an all-girl crew, (swell idea, eh, boys?), a race from the beach (no sails up), and on and on. It should be a lot of fun.

"**BOATS TODAY**" is the name of a 106-page book of detailed designs and descriptions of 101 boats of all types, power and sail, by leading naval architects, just released by the Universal Motor Company of Oshkosh, Wis. There are plans for some 31 sloops alone (including a Doghouse cabin cruising sloop), a couple of cutters, 10 ketches, four yawls, etc., besides a raft of motor cruisers. It makes you want to build them all, just to thumb through the pages. President Ralph Klieforth says he believes this is the first time anyone in the boating industry has charged a dollar for a so-called piece of literature, but the demand has been so heavy they couldn't begin to supply the book otherwise. Anyone can write directly to him in care of the motor company and get a copy.

NEWPORT YACHT CLUB'S Snipe fleet has 15 boats listed to start the season this weekend with prospects there'll be more later. Among the new Snipers are Dr. Andre Rodenburg who acquired Miss Hannah from Al Fields; Dick Keenan who is working on his Dreams II to get her in shape; and the only girl skipper in the fleet at present, Gale Chase who bought Snuffys from Chuck Madigan. Gale? A pretty name for a sailor gal and very appropriate, in some of that bay weather, too.