

Bernice Defeats Alloede In First Fisher Cup Trophy Race

Alloede Loses First Fisher Trophy Race To Bernice, R.C.Y.C.

Defender Leads Rochester Yacht Club's Class P Across Finish Line 1 Minute and 43 Seconds in Advance of Alloede Which Led Until Last Quarter of Race—Little To Choose.

(By Staff Correspondent)

Toronto, Sept. 9.—Determined to offset the defeat of yesterday, Commodore Mabbett will put the Alloede to its greatest test today against the Bernice.

Sailing one of the hardest fought races Toronto harbor has ever seen, Bernice, defender of the Fisher Cup, defeated Alloede yesterday by one minute and 43 seconds. The race, especially the first round, was replete with brilliant sailing, Mabbett of Rochester having the best of the duelling, outwitting Gooderham at the start and the first mark. A brisk 18-mile breeze was blowing at the start, but lightened before the first round was over.

The two big "Pe's" were at the line early trying out the fresh breeze. Both laid to their rails and they stayed far apart until the preparatory gun at 10:25. Then Gooderham shot Bernice over after Alloede and took a weather position. The course was announced as windward and leeward with the first leg a run. Mabbett wisely let Gooderham hold the weather berth until just before the start when he jibed Alloede about, shot across Bernice's stern as she crossed the line and spread Alloede's big mainsail over the Canadian's wind, forming a perfect blanket. Bernice's half broken out spinnaker hung lifeless and her mainsail slatted empty in the slight roll as Alloede slipped by into the lead.

Advantage Short Lived.

Alloede's advantage was short lived, however, for Bernice, once her wind was clear, slowly came through. Mabbett swung his boom to port while Bernice had hers to starboard. The Canadian stepped out to a considerable lead, some 10 lengths in the first mile, but once outside the influence of the bay on the wind, Mabbett slowly came up and Gooderham jibed over.

At 11:01 o'clock the breeze started to drop gradually at this time and shifted, fairing for Mabbett. Both boats dropped their spinnakers.

Alloede gradually gained until 100 yards from the mark she established an overlap and two lengths from the line Gooderham eased off

and went across Alloede's stern in a desperate effort to keep from giving way. Mabbett moved with him and the two boats, not four feet of water between them, battled for the right to pass the mark first. Mabbett won. So far the Rochester skipper outguessed the Canadian ace three times. The times at the mark were:

Alloede—11:14:20.

Bernice—11:14:40.

Mabbett put Alloede off on a starboard tack in the slam for the line. Bernice followed and came through to weather, Gooderham easing his sheets as he came about the buoy and letting her increased momentum shoot her through. She soon opened a slight lead but Alloede closed it up and was starting to pass under Gooderham's lee when Bernice came about on the other tack. Alloede followed and it was evident that she was pointing considerably higher than the Canadian.

What a battle the race was! The spectators were cheering at each move like fight fans and the two boats were not ten seconds apart after six miles of furious going.

As the boats neared the mark Bernice was slightly ahead.

The times were:

Bernice—1:13:10.

Alloede—1:14:36.

The shift in breeze that favored Bernice at the close of the first round changed the course to two reaches, the first, close hauled, and the second, home to the line with started sheets.

Alloede set out after Bernice but the slippery Canadian increased her lead to one minute and 44 seconds at the outer turn. The leg was uneventful, both boats resorting to straight sailing.

The time at the turn was:

Bernice, 1:55:10.

Alloede, 1:56:54.

In the run home, Mabbett put Alloede way to weather, hoping for a shift that would give him a fairing, but the breeze looked steady and Gooderham held his course and finished one minute and 42 seconds ahead, Alloede gaining one second on the leg.

The finish times were:

Bernice, 2:40:43.

Alloede, 2:42:26.