

ROCHESTER SAILORS DEFY RACING UNION

Report that Lake Yacht Racing Body will Try to Force Renewal of Canada's Cup Classic at Chicago Meeting Draws Fire.

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Regardless of the action of the Yacht Racing Union at its annual meeting in Chicago today relative to the renewal of the historic Canada Cup competition, there will be no race this year for the trophy held in a safety deposit vault in this city for the Rochester Yacht Club since the memorable victory in 1903.

Commodore Harry C. Stevenson of the Rochester Yacht Club is authority for the above statement. In making this statement he only reiterated the stand taken by the club at its annual meeting last month, when the proposition of the Royal Canadian Yacht Club for a renewal of the classic under a modification of the deed of gift that would permit boats of the "R" type to compete for the trophy was turned down for the present.

Oldest Great Lakes Trophy.

Canada's Cup is by far the oldest and most famous of Great Lakes racing trophies. The Chicago Yacht Club has been very active of late and is understood to be behind the move to get the Yacht Racing Union to order a renewal of the classic.

The Chicago sailors recently added to their trophy case the Richardson Trophy, emblematic of superiority in "R" boat racing, and then began to cast longing eyes toward the historic Canada Cup. By the deed of gift, this trophy is for competition between boats of special type, considerably larger than the "R" boats. According to Commodore Stevenson, the deed of gift cannot be changed without the consent of the present custodians, the Rochester Yacht Club. The Rochester Yacht Club is not a member of the Yacht Racing Union.

No Defender Obtainable.

Were it possible to place the trophy in competition under a modified deed of gift, it is highly unlikely that the Royal Canadian Yacht Club, for years the keenest rival of Rochester Yacht Club sailors, would have asked the local yachtsmen to consent to a change of the provisions of that deed.

Commodore Stevenson declared last night that it would be utterly impossible for the Rochester sailors to obtain a defender for the trophy this year, there being no

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"R" boats in the fleet at the present time. He said, however, that at least two would be added to the fleet this year, and that in another year, the local sailors would be in a position to harken to challenges for the coveted trophy from Chicago, Toronto or any other place. The local yachtsmen are the only ones to win the cup from the Canadians.

Commodore Stevenson denied that the cup had been retired from competition through a dispute over rules. It cost a barrel of money to build a boat such as the Seneca, which was sailed to victory by Skipper Addison G. Hannan, and following a series of defeats, the Canadians apparently did not feel willing to spend thousands of dollars for another challenger and hence have not sought to regain the cup until they proposed a change in the deed of gift this year.

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