

DID YOU KNOW?

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CANADA'S CUP

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Courtesy Yachting Magazine

After a lapse of 20 years, Royal Canadian Y.C. has issued a challenge to Rochester Y.C. for the historic Canada's Cup, the series to be sailed in 1954 in Eight Meter yachts. By the terms of the deed of gift, a challenge must be received 16 months previous to the series, and the challenger shall have the right, within certain limits, to designate the type of yacht that shall be sailed. This trophy was last in competition in 1934 when Rooney Castle, RYC skipper of Eight Meter, "Conewago" defended it against Tom Wade and "Invader II" of RCYC.

The trophy was presented by the city of Toledo and won originally by the yacht "Canada" of RCYC sailing against "Vencedor" of Lincoln Park Y.C., Chicago, in 1896. It has been in the possession of the Rochester Y.C. since 1903. After the race in 1896 "Canada's" owners presented the cup as a perpetual trophy to the YRU of the Great Lakes. In 1899, "Genesee", built for RYC but sailing under Chicago Y.C. colors, took the cup from "Beaver" of RCYC. In 1901, AEmilius Jarvis, sailing "Invader", reclaimed the cup for RCYC, only to lose it in 1903 to Addison Hannan and "Irondequoit", bringing the cup for the first time to RYC.

In 1905 and 1907 respectively the cup was challenged for by "Temeraire", skipper E.K.M. Wedd, and "Adele", skipper AEmilius Jarvis, but successfully defended both times by Lorry Mabbett sailing "Iroquois", and Addison Hannan in "Seneca". For 23 years there were no races for Canada's Cup; then in 1930 RCYC sent "Quest", and Norman Gooderham to RYC to try to wrest the cup away from Bill Barrows and "Thisbe", but were unsuccessful. In 1932 "Invader II" with Walter Windeyer as skipper, made a bid for the cup hoping to repeat "Invader I" history but lost to Rooney Castle and "Conewago", who again two years later retained the cup against "Invader II" and Tom Wade. Will a new generation battle it out next year for the cup, or will Tom Wade and Rooney Castle, both active racing skippers today, pit their skills and experience against each other once again?

Iskareen R.Y.C. sailed by Howard K. Litgord; Venture RCYC skippered by Dave Howard.

We Lost the Cup!

From the Historical Committee

LASER FLEET - CANANDAIGUA YOUTH REGATTA

The Rochester Yacht Club can be duly proud of the impressive competitive spirit shown by our Laser sailors who took part in the Canandaigua Yacht Club's Laser Youth Regatta on August 19th and 20th.

High winds prompted some juniors to "double" to keep their boats upright, while others persisted in challenging the heavy air and rain for the nine grueling races "to do it on their own". There were 37 boats on the starting line, 24 of which were in the Junior Division. Our seven sailors proved themselves very capable, despite the "heavy gust lurking behind the jibe mark" that nailed just about everyone.

Jane Faust and Joe Passero (who's Laser was ill), doubled up in Jane's Laser and proved themselves to be a winning combination. Sailing extremely well together, they ended the series with 6 awards for individual races; a trophy for 2nd overall in the Junior Division; and placed 8th overall in all divisions. Two days of excellent sailing by two fine young sailors.

Ian Scott, sailing in his first major regatta, did an outstanding job receiving 6 individual race awards, out of a possible 8; the 5th place overall trophy for Junior Division and placed 13th overall in all divisions. Not bad with a 10-year old sail and cracked centerboard.

With competition from N.Y.S. Champion, Neil Rohrer, and other outstanding area sailors, Lori Bianco didn't let the high winds and big names bother her as she sailed by many of them to win the "Pat Rohrer McVey Trophy" for outstanding woman sailor. In addition, she received awards for 2 individual races; placed 11th overall in all divisions; and 7th overall in the Senior Division.

Greg DelMonte, also in his 1st major regatta, was running 5th overall in the fourth race when his tiller snapped, sending him into one of the finest death rolls ever seen in competition. He nevertheless was a big winner, receiving awards for 5 individual races and was 7th overall in the Junior Division and 15th overall in all divisions.

Petite Jennie Lent, sailing a borrowed Laser that insisted upon filling with water, battled wind and boat for two days to take a 12th place award for the Senior Division. In the bruise and abrasion department, she was a clear winner.

Steve Lent sailed consistent races, moving his Laser well before a snapped hiking strap proved him a good swimmer but out of further competition. Still a winner, however, receiving an award for 10th place in the Senior Division.

Perhaps most importantly, R.Y.C.'s young men and women displayed the sportsmanship, good manners and friendliness that is our Club's tradition. They are all winners.

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DO YOU HAVE A PICTURE OF YOUR YACHT?

Many have said they enjoy seeing photographs of member's yachts next to the circular stairway in the Clubhouse. We would like to hang a picture of YOUR yacht in that spot.

If you have a picture, at least 11" X 14" in a minimum 14" X 17" frame, of professional quality, please telephone Walt Chappelle at (586-3926) and let him know.

If you do not have a picture, you probably have wanted one. Crisp fall days, with deep-blue skies, are the best time for yacht pictures. Call Walt and make arrangements for a picture of your yacht as soon as possible.

We need backlog of pictures to hang throughout the Winter and next Spring.

Walt Chappelle

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