

LAKE ONTARIO NEWS

By Lee Shore

► In one of the most closely contested races on Lake Ontario in many a year, Royal Canadian's Reg Dixon sailed his mahogany-hulled 6 Meter *Circe* to victory against Tom Breymer and Bob Mullett's *Meteor*, of Youngstown Y.C., and Jerry Castle's *Stork*, of Rochester Y.C. In the first day's race *Circe* broke a spreader but managed to finish second, with *Stork* the winner. The second race was sailed in a heavy breeze with *Circe*, the winner, *Stork*, second and *Meteor* forced to withdraw due to a breakdown. Thus at the start of the last race it was a duel to the death between *Stork* and *Circe* all the way around the 18-mile triangular course with never more than seconds difference at any mark, and with both boats pulling themselves out of a couple of tough spots.

On the run home a jibe was necessary just before the final mark and when *Circe's* spinnaker became fouled you could actually hear the large gallery of spectators holding their breath. Fast work on the part of the light canvas men saved the day for *Circe* and she crossed the line just 18 seconds ahead of *Stork*. It was one of the most dramatic and well sailed races, by both skippers, ever sailed in these parts according to oldsters who have seen many boat races. *Circe's* victory meant that the Silas George Cup returns to R.C.Y.C. after an absence of 13 years. Silas George, of Watertown, N.Y., presented this cup in 1907 and it was originally sailed for in the R Class but in 1935 was redecided to 6 Meter sailing.

► Port Credit Y.C. was host to one of the largest L.S.S.A. regattas ever held when close to 100 boats from seven yacht clubs sailed in the three-day series the first weekend in July.



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The Port Credit Y.C., host to the recent L.S.S.A. regatta