



The R boat *Lady Van* of Vancouver made a clean sweep of the six races in her class, sailed by Harry Wylie.

THE PACIFIC International Yachting Association Regatta opened this year with a twenty-mile race for the cruising boats from Echo Bay on Sucia Island. With low-cast clouds and a strong breeze blowing, the fleet beat out of Echo Bay and started down between the San Juan Islands to Bellingham. First place changed hands several times as shifts in wind were encountered, and the race was finally finished in a spinnaker run to the finish line. *Red Jacket* was the first boat to cross followed by the *W'e're Here*, but *Angelica* took first place on corrected time and Roy Corbett's *Mahero* was second, with *Red Jacket* third.

THE NORTHWEST'S REGATTA AT BELLINGHAM

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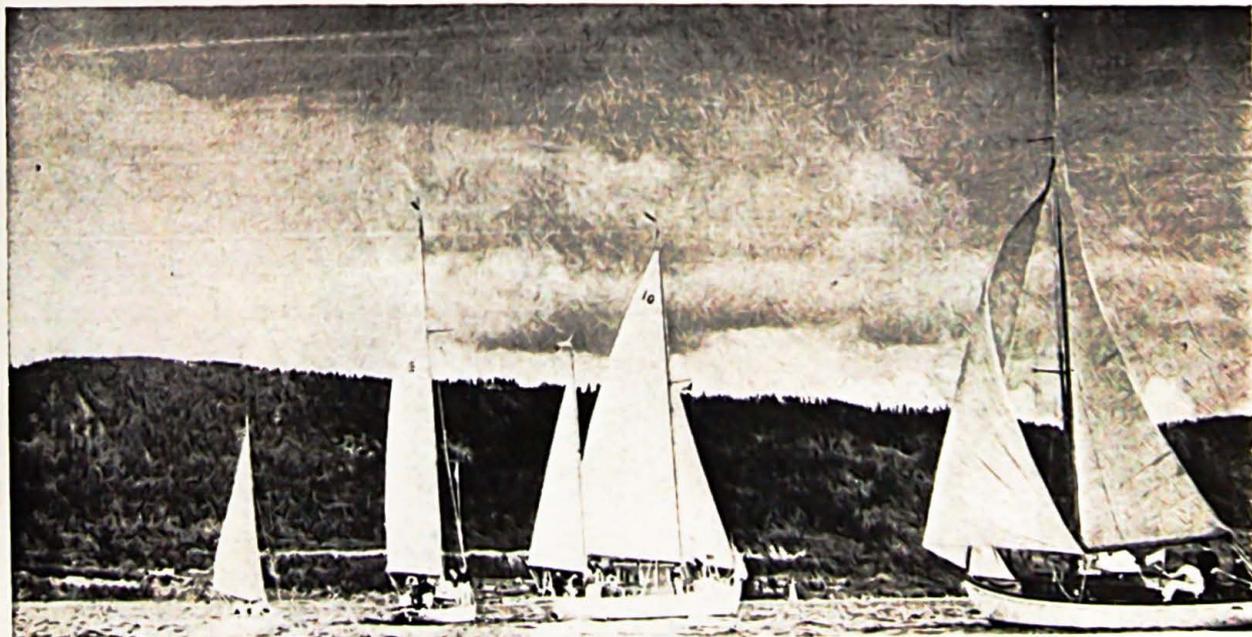
Varied Weather, a Beautiful Setting and a Large Fleet Combine to Produce Interesting Competition

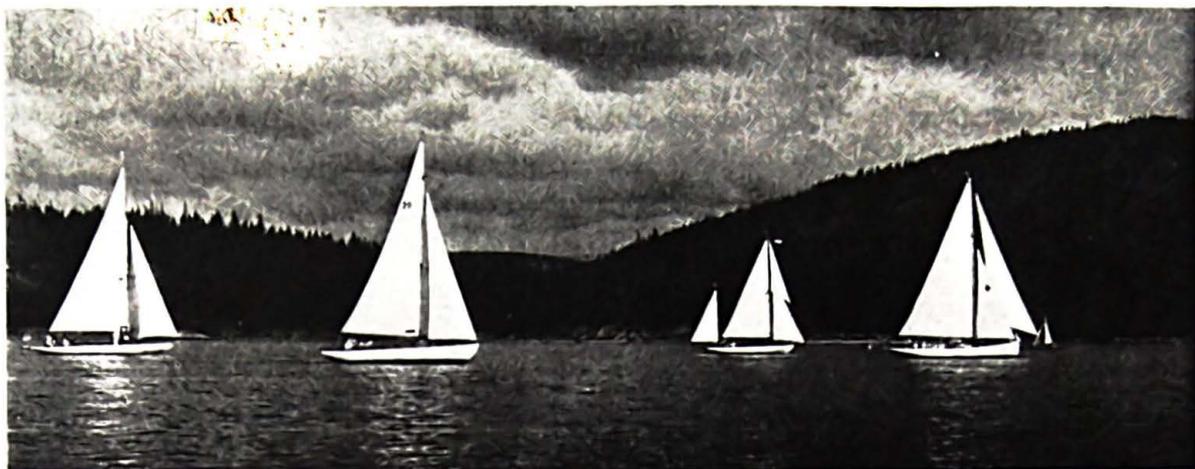
Class B was won by the *Kiletan* of Seattle with *Cresset* and *Maratea* of Vancouver taking second and third places. Mark Mayer took first place in the special sloop class with the *W'e're Here* with *Tola* second. Third place was taken by Harold Jones' *Spirit*, an ex-nine meter.

On the same day the R class had its first race for the Sir Thomas Lipton trophy, won by *Lady Van* with Harry Wylie at the helm. He had a lead of over eleven minutes on the *Lady Pat* sailed by Manson Backus of Seattle, with *Riouna* of Vancouver third and *Sir Tom* fourth.

Monday morning broke forth in a sweat with the water dropping in large and numerous pellets. A strong breeze was blowing and increasing. A ten o'clock start was scheduled for the R class and as these boats got ready for the second race of the series, their respective crews put in reefs. The start was made in a wind which was approaching thirty miles an hour, although the sea wasn't too bad. *Sir Tom* lost her mast soon after the start and retired for the series. It was the second time the *Tom* had broken a mast in two years. *Lady Van* again got the jump and led the *Riouna* around a twelve-mile windward-leeward course to finish a minute ahead of the *Riouna* for the closest finish of the series. The *Lady Pat* trailed behind for a third place.

When four boats try to round a mark at once, somebody is bound to find himself in a bad spot. In this case it is the little fellow at the left. The other boats are, in order, C. B. Warren's *Loletta*, Roy Corbett's *Mahero* and the *Kiletan*, all of Seattle Yacht Club.





A start of Class B, with the Urry brothers' *Cresset* from Vancouver out ahead, followed closely by Tom Ramsey's *Armida*, the winner, *Watauga* and *Loletta*.

Thirteen Stars started a few minutes after the R's and before they all crossed the starting line things began to happen. *Guiding Star* sailed by C. S. McIntyre snapped a stick, and the *Windor* of Vancouver blew out its main. Spreaders broke and rigging pulled so that only five boats managed to get to the first mark. Bud Day was leading the fleet with *Taseko*, and *Alcor* was close behind, followed by Bob Day in the *Nomano*. *Nina* was a bad last after missing the start. Before the second mark was rounded a Coast Guard took out after the fleet and called the race for the Stars off. The anemometer on board the Committee boat Ingham registered thirty-five miles when the Committee decided to call the race.

In the afternoon the breeze continued with thirty-mile force, and many of the cruising boats sailed out into Bellingham Bay with reefed mains. The *Angelica*, sailing with a reefed main and staysail took a first place in Class A, although *Red Jacket* finished ahead of her. *Red Jacket* took second place, with Roy Corbett's *Mahero* finishing third.

While the Seattle boats managed to get places in Class A, it remained for the Vancouver fleet to finish first, third and fourth with second place taken by *Kilestan* of Seattle. Tom Ramsay placed first in the *Armida*, with *Maratea* and *Cresset*, third and fourth.

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Here is one of those unavoidable situations that sometimes create topics of conversation at regattas. The Stars were sailing a triangular course and their first buoy was on the course of the "Big Stickers" windward-leeward course. Westward Ho, the yawl, is entirely within her rights in forcing *Nina*, No. 1552, to bear away.



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Koru of Seattle was first in Class C, followed by *Ivy* of Everett, and *Hi-Ho* of Vancouver finishing third. The special sloop class contained a miscellaneous assortment with *Hanko* and *Oslo* of Seattle, both six meters and *Tola* and *We're Here*, Ben Seaborn's one-designs. Also sailing in the special class were *Lady Alice* of Seattle, along with *Alexandra* and *Spirit II* of Vancouver. On corrected time, *Hanko* took first place, with *Tola* second and *We're Here* third.

The Spencer class is made up of five one-design sloops of Canadian design, with turtle decks. Its first race was won by Otis Lamson's *Vinta* of Seattle. Although she is not a Spencer class boat, that group was the only one in which he could race so it was decided that he race scratch with the rest of the fleet. The *Lady Luck* of Vancouver was second and *Clarita* third.

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After rainy, squally weather the first day of the regatta, it was certainly pleasant to see the clouds begin to dissipate and the sun come shining through once more. The R class again raced in the morning and again *Lady Van* took the race without any difficulty. *Riowna* of Vancouver, a heavy weather boat, was second and *Lady Pat* of Seattle, which was a consistent winner in Vancouver races in past years when sailed by Doug Maitland, was third and last.

The Stars also raced in the morning with another race scheduled for the afternoon. At the start of the Star class, Bob Day

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flukey changes of the wind. Dances were held every night.

At the trophy presentation the last night, prizes were about evenly divided between the Canadian boats and those from this side of the line. There was one new perpetual trophy this year which was given to the Star fleet by Captain James Griffiths of Seattle. This trophy was won for the first time by the *Nina* of Tacoma and registered at the Seattle Yacht Club, after winning three first places. *Alcor* took second place in the Star series, and C. S. MacIntyre managed to get another second the last race to put him third in the series.

By winning six races, the *Lady Van* won both the Lipton Cup and the Isherwood Trophy for another year.