

NEW YORK A. C. REGATTA.

Large Crowd Sees Races Rowed on Travers Island Course.

The annual rowing regatta of the New York Athletic Club oarsmen, which was held at Travers Island yesterday afternoon, brought out a large crowd of spectators and furnished a series of close and interesting races. The banks near the boathouse as well as the verandas of the house were lined with people, and with the Travers Island Creek alive with launches and a few yachts, the picturesque scene presented was similar to that of many larger regattas.

The eight-oared senior race attracted, as usual, the greatest interest. But few looked for as close a struggle as the three-quarter-mile event proved to be from start to finish. At the pistol shot Tracy's and Higgins's octets jumped to the lead of the other starters. For nearly half the distance of the race these two crews fought it out on even terms. The race then began to look like Higgins's combination as victors, when Barney, at bow, caught a crab, giving the rival eight over half a length lead. This they kept until the others at the finish made a fine spurt, which, however, only succeeded in reducing the lead Tracy's octet had to a quarter of a length.

Another event on the programme which brought the spectators to their feet was the four-oared races, some of the heats proving to be of nearly as much interest as the final. Among the oarsmen that figured in these were Frank Hooper, who a few years ago rowed at bow in the Cornell Varsity eight, and J. A. McKenna, who during his academic career rowed in the Cornell and Harvard squads.

In the final heat the crew of B. W. King captured the lead at the start, increasing it to a length of open water at the finish. The time of this race, 2 minutes 46.5 seconds, was but four seconds slower than the time made by the senior eights.

Durando Miller was expected to start in the singles, but owing to sickness he did not appear. In his absence C. Kusche walked off with the event, with three and a half lengths of open water to the good.

As a special event, a fancy diving contest was run in after the four-oared races. In this F. Mullen, the ex-City College diver, was scratch, but was beaten out by Eugene Kelly, who had a handicap of ten points. Mullen's front dive from the 32-foot height was about the best exhibition given, though Kelly got in some good work in his back and jack diving.

The summaries:

Senior Singles Race, Handicap.—Won by C. Kusche, (scratch); R. Krape, (scratch,) second; B. W. King, (25 seconds,) third; L. Stone, (5 seconds,) fourth. Time—4:42.

Senior Pair-Oared Gig Race.—First Heat—Won by crew composed of J. Clark, bow; W. L. Brown, stroke; W. T. Higgins, coxswain. Crew composed of J. P. McKenna, bow; T. Brady, stroke; L. Legian, coxswain, second. Time—3:58 4-5.

Second Heat—Won by crew composed of F. Hooper, bow; C. Quinn, stroke; R. Krape, coxswain. Crew composed of J. C. McKenna, bow, G. Walsh, stroke; T. Barney, coxswain, second. Time—4:01.

Final—Won by crew composed of F. Hooper, bow; C. Quinn, stroke; R. Krape, coxswain. Crew composed of J. Clark, bow; W. L. Brown, stroke; W. T. Higgins, coxswain, second. Time—3:58.

Four-Oared Race.—First Heat—Won by crew composed of J. Clark, bow; F. Hooper, 2; W. L. Brown, 3; C. Quinn, stroke. Crew composed of J. Tracy, bow; Barney, 2; J. P. McKenna, 3; G. Walsh, stroke, second. Time—3:01.

Second Heat—Won by crew composed of B. W. King, bow; G. Gibbons, 2; R. A. Wetzler, 3; J. A. McKenna, stroke. Crew composed of R. Krape, bow; T. G. Brady, 2; J. Steen, 3; C. Kusche, stroke, second. Time—3:53.

Final Heat—Won by crew composed of B. W. King, bow; G. Gibbons, 2; R. A. Wetzler, 3; J. A. McKenna, stroke. Crew composed of J. Clark, bow; F. Hooper, 2; W. L. Brown, 3; C. Quinn, stroke, second. Crew composed of J. Tracy, bow; J. P. McKenna, 2; C. Barney, 3; G. Walsh, stroke, third. Time—2:46 1-5.

Fancy Diving Contest, Handicap.—Won by Eugene Kelly, (10 points,) with 22½ points; F. Mullen, (scratch,) 30 points, second; Joe Ruddy, (10 points,) with 17 points, third.

Eight-Oared Race.—Won by crew composed of C. Kusche, bow; L. Spaulding, 2; W. Brown, 3; L. Stone, 4; L. Gibbons, 5; K. Johnson, 6; G. Steen, 7; R. Thomas, stroke; J. Tracy, coxswain. Crew composed of C. Barney, bow; C. Quinn, 2; R. Krape, 3; R. Wetzler, 4; J. A. Miller, 5; J. Brady, 6; G. Miller, 7; G. Walsh, stroke; W. T. Higgins, coxswain, second. Crew composed of S. Carr, bow; E. Kelly, 2; G. Wheeler, 3; J. A. McKenna, 4; C. Brangs, 5; J. Clarke, 6; F. Hooper, 7; J. P. McKenna, stroke; L. Spaulding, coxswain, third. Time—2:42 1-5.

MOTOR BOATS COLLIDE.

Lyda M. Smashes Into Irena in Waterway League Regatta.

The first motor boat races for cups offered by the Waterway League were held yesterday over a triangular course on the Hudson River off the Colonial Yacht Club, at 140th Street. Sixteen boats were entered, and divided into two classes—one for cabin and open boats and one for speed boats. The cabin and open boats raced over a sixteen-mile course and the speed boats over a twenty-mile course.

Class A boats were divided into three divisions, to facilitate starting, and thirteen boats started.

Some excitement was caused on the third round when the speed boat Elf tried to squeeze in between the Lyda M. and the Irena, and in the attempt the Elf fouled the stakeboat and broke her propeller. To avoid running down the Elf, Capt. Holland of the Lyda M. steered out and struck the Irena on the starboard side forward. The Irena was rather badly smashed up, but continued the race.

The Class A boats also raced for the last leg of the Mahnken Trophy, which was offered by the Colonial Yacht Club for the most consistent showing in three races.

The cruiser Pyxie, owned by Commodore C. S. Welch and steered by Mrs. Welch, blew out a gasket on the third round and had to be towed into the club-house.

The Venus, owned by F. Kleinle, dropped out in the third round.

Capt. H. N. Betts's Virginia won the Mahnken Trophy. He beat Capt. N. Salmonsky's Helen by a very small margin.

Summary:

CLASS A—FIRST DIVISION.
Course, 16 miles. Start, 3:25.

Yacht and Owner.	Time.	Elapsed Time.	Corr'd Time.
Retta D., C. Dalton.....	2:12:03	1:36:31	
Sylvemorx, W. H. Israel.....	2:11:10	1:46:31	
Dreadnought, J. W. Bacon....	2:29:20	1:57:07	
Scotland, C. F. Stone.....	2:17:38	2:08:38	

SECOND DIVISION.
Start, 3:30.

Lydia M., C. P. Holland.....	1:54:52	1:53:4
Pyxie, C. S. Welch.....	Broke down.	
Helen, U. Salmonsky.....	2:00:58	1:58:1
Elmo II., F. D. Giles.....	1:53:55	1:43:4
Marvel, R. J. Wright.....	1:54:53	1:54:5

THIRD DIVISION.
Start, 3:37.

Virginia, H. N. Betts.....	1:53:08	1:53:3
Venus, F. Kleinle.....	Withdrawn.	
Irena, — Peterson.....	Withdrawn.	

First, Lydia M.; second, Retta D.

CLASS B.
Course, 20 miles. Start, 3:45.

Little Sister, J. Van Damburg...	2:26:5
Ourselves, F. H. Grofing.....	2:29:1
Elf, H. W. Patterson.....	Withdrawn.

Belle Harbor Yacht Club Races.

The Jamaica Bay Race of the Belle Harbor Yacht Club for the championship cup of the Waterway League of Greater New York and Long Island, for sail boats, will be held on next Saturday. Entries of boats accompanied by measurement certificate will be received by the Regatta Committee at the clubhouse up to 3 o'clock on the day of the race. The privileges of the club's grounds will be extended to all members and friends of the Waterway League of Greater New York. There will be a musical entertainment at 3 P. M. and dancing at 8 P. M.