

Scoter Contest on the Great South Bay.

~~Conditions for the scoter contest to~~ be sailed off Patchogue, L. I., Saturday, February 7, 1903, for two silk pennants offered by the Brooklyn Daily Eagle:

The committee of arrangements met at Roo's Hotel last Monday and completed the preliminary details and imposed the following conditions:

1. There shall be no restriction as to the size of boat or sail, captain or crew.

2. The race shall be triangular, two (2) miles to each leg, around a barrel at each point of the two outer angles, and shall be sailed over three (3) times.

3. The starting line shall be off a point near the Mascot dock, and the course shall be set by the committee, on the day of the race, according to the direction of the wind then prevailing. Due notice will be given all contestants of the course selected before the starting signal.

4. The starting signal will be fired at 11.00 o'clock a. m., preceded by a preliminary signal of two guns five minutes before the starting signal.

5. All boats must start from the starting line together, and the first across the same line on the third round shall be declared the winner; the boat next following to receive second prize.

6. The boats must be started by a standing start. Contestants will draw for position at the starting line.

7. All boats to be eligible for first and second prize must sail the entire course.

8. Any contrivance designed for the improved speed of the scoter will be allowed, but no rudder can be used.

9. No contestant shall pole his boat in any part of the race.

10. The "rules of the road" governing sailing in open water shall govern this contest.

11. All appeals or protests must be made at finish of the race and decided at once by the judges.

12. Each boat must have its number securely placed so that it can be plainly seen by the scorer at each turn and by the judges at the finish line. (Numbers will be furnished by the committee in charge.)

13. Any scoter, owned along the shores of the Great South Bay or on Long Island is eligible for the contest.

14. There will be no entry fee.

15. Entries must be forwarded to J. Fred Flugrath at Patchogue by February 2d, at which date they will close.

16. In case there is no ice or a storm on the date above noted then the race shall be run off on the first fair condition day of the week following, notice of which will be given with all possible dispatch.

It is anticipated to have some exciting racing on the 7th of February, and all who can should see the race.

The committee set the date a little earlier in order to be better prepared for good ice.

The committee of arrangements include Gilbert H. Seaman, captain Moriches life saving station, chairman; Frank Rorke, captain, Blue Point life saving station; William T. Collins, Sayville; Horace N. Raynor, East Moriches; George Goddard, captain Lone Hill life saving station; Clarence W. Roland, Patchogue; Henry Kreamer, captain Bellport life saving station; William Kreamer, Bellport; J. Fred Flugrath, Secretary, Patchogue.