

# THE SCOOTER RACE

WINTER REGATTA HERE SATURDAY A SUCCESS.

Skate Sailing Contest a Novel Feature--A Fine Day, High Wind and Fast Time.

About one thousand shivering people who tried to be brave and sporty thronged the shore and the ice in front of the club house of the South Bay Yacht Club last Saturday afternoon and witnessed the first winter regatta held under the auspices of the club.

The day was ideal for the races. There was a sharp 30 miles an hour west wind that sent scooters and skaters skimming before it.

The scene on the ice was a novel one and dozens of photographers were busy getting pictures. The course for the scooters was triangular six miles around, and sailed over three times, a total of eighteen miles, but a skate sailing flag a mile nearer the starting point fooled the scooters and they rounded it so that the first leg was only one mile and the total course fifteen.

The craft were divided into two classes. Class 1 including boats over fifteen feet; those 15 foot and under being rated in Class 2.

Five of the six entries started in Class 1. The new scooter of J. F. Cousins, Jr., of Brooklyn, sailed by Newton Moger, of Patchogue, led throughout and won in 20 minutes and 11 seconds. Herman Hawkins of Bayport was second. So close were the first two boats that it looked as though they would crash together in rounding the finishing mark. Charles Brekenbridge, of Bayport, was third, about 3 seconds behind.

Of the twenty-one entries in the smaller class scooters but seven competed. On actual time, this class beat the larger craft. The boats started five minutes after Class 1 and finished with the others. Arthur White of Blue Point, was the winner, his time being 22 minutes and 30 seconds. Ira Otis of Patchogue was second.

The wind was so strong that the scooters had to carry a heavy crew for ballast and in consequence had a hard time in rounding the marks. Some had their runners taken off. Others spun around like tops and some came to a dead stop.

William M. Rose of Rye Bay appears to be the champion skater in these parts. He took the 6 mile triangular race in 9 minutes and 31 seconds and the 4 mile straightaway in 2 minutes and 5 seconds. John G. Tyndall of Southampton was second in both races, being less than 30 seconds behind each time. Thomas Crook, of Patchogue, was third in each event.

Henry Newton and Clarence W. Danes of Sayville won in the order named in the boys race of two miles. Tony Davito, of Patchogue was third.

The representative of a moving picture concern in New York was present and got some good pictures. They were shown at Kelf's this week.

H. S. Conklin took a lot of pictures of the scooter race and Skate Sailing Contest and has them for sale.