

THE SCOOTER RACES

Extra Fine Sport on the Bay
this Week

'Ice Pick,' Sailed by Henry Hoyer of
Blue Point Wins Scooter Club Trophy
C. W. Ruland, Jr.'s Keep-it-Dark Was
Second - Exciting Incidents

After many disappointing sudden changes the weather settled down sufficiently this week to give the scooterers a real chance at their sport, and the bay has been lively enough for several days, the big event being the race for the Patchogue Scooter club trophy on Wednesday afternoon, which was won by Henry Hoyer, of Blue Point, in his 'Ice Pick.' He covered the course of about 15 miles in 25 minutes.

This is the second time that Mr. Hoyer has won the trophy, or at least it is the second time that he has won the race, and gives him the honor of holding the cup again until the next race, he having had it since he won the race in February, 1907. Previously to that it was held by William J. Still, who won it in the first race in 1905.

There were several exciting incidents. In rounding the turn nearest the dock on the second lap Mr. Hoyer was thrown from his boat and while he rolled over and over on the ice the scooter spun three times around. Mr. Hoyer climbed aboard and went ahead again as if nothing had happened. The 'Keep-it-Dark,' of C. W. Ruland, Jr., made second place in the race, being about two minutes behind the leader, and Fred Smith, of Blue Point, in the 'Cairnunk,' was third. The race was witnessed by many people. Commodore Fred Thurber has called another race for tomorrow at 2 p. m. The ice is now a foot thick and averages very smooth.

On Sunday, when the fine weather conditions began, the bay was fully crowded with scooters, many of them carrying heavy loads of pleasure riders. Numerous skaters were also on hand, besides hundreds of people who simply looked on, and the scene was a lively one. The first event of the week was a scrub race on Tuesday afternoon won by William F. Butler, with E. O. Ryder second and Fred Thurber third. Many tales are heard of fast time being made in informal tests. On Wednesday afternoon Captain Baker, together with his wife, sister, Mrs. John Thurber, and John Perritt, made the distance of 12 miles from Point O' Woods to Patchogue dock in just 15 minutes.

Last Saturday afternoon two races were run off at Blue Point, the club pennant race being won by Fred Smith, with Henry Hoyer second and Fred Thurber third. The second race, for a prize, was won by Henry Hoyer, with Fred Smith second and R. M. Sharp third.