

COWES WEEK HAS SUNNY START.

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World's finest regatta makes brilliant opening in moderate breezes.

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GV Pen mass yachts assembled on very calm water. Nearer V. Ditto. SV Ditto. CU Uffa Fox coming aboard Max Aitken's yacht 'Lumberjack' CU Uffa Fox looking up. SV Men aboard Max Aitken's yacht putting up sail. SV Preparing to get underway, GV. Yachts lined up for start. CU Gun fires. GV Yachts on move. SV Ditto. LV One yacht astern. Extreme LV Yachts. GV Yachts race round mark buoy. SV People watching from shore. CU Starter's bellows at yacht club for Sunday. SV Starter using Bellows. GV. Boats with Spinkers underway. SV Large boat with double spinker out. SV Yacht underway pen up to sail. GV Yachts astern with spinkers out. SV Yacht. SCU Yacht. GV. Yachts astern.

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The Duke To Race His Yachts At Cowes

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MANY ENTRIES

"Star" Reporter

FOR the first time since 1935 this year's Cowes Regatta Week, from August 1 to 10, will be attended by a member of the Royal Family throughout the festival.

The news that the Duke of Edinburgh will be present for the week and will take an active part in the racing has given the occasion an added interest.

Since George V and Queen Mary paid their last visit in the royal yacht, Victoria and Albert in 1935 and King George raced the Britannia, Royalty has at most paid only fleeting visits to the festival.

The Duke of Edinburgh's interest in yachting may well herald a fuller revival of Royal patronage.

The Duke's Plans

Yachtsmen of Cowes are hoping that with the new Royal Yacht coming into commission the Queen as well as the Duke will attend future events.

The Duke will live on board the 68-ton motor yacht Fairwood, while he is at Cowes and will concentrate on the racing side of the regatta.

He will race the Dragon yacht Bluebottle—a wedding present to himself and the Queen from the Island Sailing Club—and the Flying Fifteen class Coweslip, a personal gift from the people of Cowes.

Last year he won a second prize with Coweslip and a third with Bluebottle in the only two races in which he competed.

Aquatic Sports

Clubs holding their regattas during this year's Week are the Royal Yacht Squadron, the Royal Southampton Yacht Club, the Royal Thames—who are transferring their regatta to Cowes for the first time—the Royal London, the Royal Southern (Southampton), the Royal Corinthian and the Island Sailing Club.

The customary Cowes Town Regatta will take place on August 7 with its rowing and sailing races, its greasy pole and other aquatic sports and its fireworks display in the evening.

Principal races will be those for the Britannia Challenge Cup presented to the Royal Yachting Association by George VI in 1951 on August 4 and the New York Yacht Club Challenge Cup, presented to the Royal Yachting Association in 1951.

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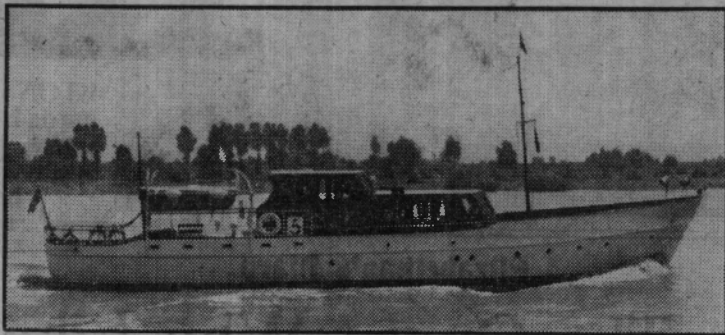
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The Duke's Week at Cowes :
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THE Duke of Edinburgh will be at Cowes this year from Aug. 2 to Aug. 8. I understand that he has chartered a 68-ton motor yacht, the Fairwood, and that he will live on board, concentrating on the racing rather than the social side of Cowes. The Fairwood is owned by Mr. S. J. Jeffery.

The Duke will also be able to use the Fairwood as a parent craft for his two racing boats, Bluebottle and Coweslip. These make a remarkable contrast to the Royal craft of the old days at Cowes. King Edward and King George V raced in the big class in Britannia, a cutter of 221 tons, with a crew of some 25 hands.

Bluebottle is shown in Lloyd's Register as four tons, and carries a racing complement of three. Coweslip is even smaller, with only a foresheet hand besides the helmsman. In either of these, a fresh breeze, the Duke will sail fairly well.



The motor yacht Fairwood

The Duke of Edinburgh will be at Cowes for the regatta from August 2 to 8.

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