

BURNHAM REGATTA: YACHTSMEN GALORE

Burnham Regatta had the best weather of the season.

The light breeze allowed a good spread of canvas in the handicap for cruisers of the 19-27-foot class. The winner, Major Crane's Tai Feng. Positively alive with sails/was one description of the anchorage. Entries for the week's events total^{ed} more than 250, biggest in the club's history. While some were bringing their ~~craft~~ ^{boats} out, yachtsmen in the club were pushing the boat out - in salt water style and quantity.

Meanwhile 13 Dragon Class yachts were in position for the start. Among them was Blue Bottle, owned by the Queen and the Duke of Edinbrough, bravely challenging local yachtsmen who know every trick of the tidal river. This was racing to gladden the heart of the true sea lover - no engines, the machine age forgotten. The course, 13-miles. Rounding the marker buoy it was still an open race, though Blue Bottle now had a change of landing the prize for her Royal owners.

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And sure enough it was Blue Bottle first over the line. Another Royal racing victory.

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