

London: To get a new angle on hydroplane racing, our cameraman went aloft ^{at the Wilkesden Regatta} in a helicopter to film the massed start final of the "B" Class National Championships, ~~during the Wilkesden Regatta~~, on the Welsh Harp.

~~an event for 550 u.v. models~~, the tiny outboards skimmed round the circuit - making such a din that onlookers couldn't really complain about the helicopter.

In a hydroplane, you've got to keep going and hope for the best. Throw in the sponge and you'll come up soaking.

The winning craft was **TOPS** - ~~THE WINNER OF THE~~ No. 157, ~~the~~ - a boat owned by Mr Charles Bottoms. So when ^{your} ~~the~~ boat is the "tops" it's time for a champion to celebrate. "Bottoms up - old man!"

Now to Windsor Great Park, where Lord Burghley, President of the Amateur Athletic Association, started a great-hearted company on a Marathon 26-mile journey to Chiswick Park - in the National Championships.

Leaving the famous Castle behind ~~the~~ - the race became a ~~duel~~ ^{duel} until after ~~half-way~~ ^{half-way} between ~~Mr. Stan Cox~~ ^{Mr. Stan Cox} and ~~Jim Peters~~ ^{Jim Peters}, the champion, and his friend and rival, ~~Stan Cox (No 149) - AND JIM PETERS (No 1)~~.

~~Both~~ Both men will represent England in the forthcoming Empire Games.

But Jim Peters (who has won the race for the last three years) ~~slowly~~ ^{ENTERED} ~~reached~~ the Stadium nearly five minutes ahead of his rival. ^{HE} ~~Up to the tape~~ and ~~he~~ ^{over} had covered ~~the~~ 26 miles ~~in~~ in the

amazing time of 2 hours, 17 minutes 39 seconds, beating his own world record by over a minute. **AND AGAIN WINNING THE TROPHY!**

~~A fourth Trophy~~ ^{WELL DONE, JIM!} ~~was~~ ^{WELL DONE, JIM!} ~~for~~ ^{WELL DONE, JIM!} ~~Jim Peters~~ - a worthy skipper of Britain's Empire Games team.