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At Folkestone, twenty two competitors for the annual Cross-Channel Swimming Race paraded before the Mayor and the organiser, Mr Butlin. But only eight started from Cap Gris Nez: the others couldn't land because of rough seas.

~~Missing conditions~~ but Jack McClelland of Belfast battled on for eleven hours.

Gallant sixty year-old Ned Barnie^{OF SCOTLAND} swam for nine hours.

One of the three women, Diana Cleverley of New Zealand, was rated fourth on performance - because no one finished.

Our flying cameraman, scanning the wind-swept Channel, found America's Tom Park in the lead: but rough seas caused his retirement, five miles from home.

It was a tough assignment, too, for the Press and Newsreel Cameramen, who spent twenty-four hours covering the race in stormy seas.

But the reporters gladly surrendered the headlines to that gallant band of swimmers..

Back at Folkestone, our cameramen called it everything but a race. They went all out to get their pictures, they certainly returned all-in.

But at nearby Hythe, the spirit of carnival sailed peacefully along the still waters of the Royal Military Canal, led by the Mayor, and civic dignitaries of the Cinque Ports.

Sheltered from Channel storms, the colourful floats drifted along in the unique Hythe Venetian Fete which, this year, was opened by Mr Peter Twiss - holder of the world airspeed record.

By night, the Canal took on the sparkle of a romantic Venetian lagoon. The occasion also celebrated the 150th anniversary of the Canal's construction by General Twiss - a namesake of the famous Test pilot.

~~And~~ Besides raising funds for local charities, the Fete brought a reminder that Troy, (like the 1956 Channel Swim), had a stormy passage.

(BARNIE)