

To everyone except the matelot on duty, the Naval Dockyard is full of fun on Bank Holiday. The pretty girls find that sharing the bo'sun's chair is harmless fun - and not a slippery slope...

Highlight of Navy Week, at Portsmouth, was a display by the midget sub. "Sprat" While a helicopter ~~taking off~~ ^{TRANSFERRING AN IMAGINARY} secret agent added a real note of adventure...

Across the Solent, the yacht "Britannia" (anchored in the famous Roads) was a happy augury for another Royal Cowes ~~Regatta~~ Week. And as the miniature cannon sounded the opening note for another symphony of sail - the international entry from six countries (including the United States) ensured the success of this great yachting festival.

Another thrilling international yachting-event was the Irish Dinghy-Racing Championships - staged in Cork Harbour...

Racing in specially-moulded plywood ~~yachts~~ ^{craft} - the French competitors showed a weighty appreciation of the laws of gravity. But they evidently decided that what goes up must come down.

In the Bayonne Region of South-West France "Cowes Week" is not so peaceful. There, instead of skimming along on a gentle breeze, the ~~snortax~~ amateur matadors are fanned (and often tossed along) by the angry snorting of six ~~snorters~~ ^{opponents} - let loose for this special festival.

One ~~snort~~ ^{of them} actually got the cameraman in focus - so he lost three teeth... But our yachtsmen are losing their faith in gravity...

Back in Britain, cart-horses hit the headlines - parading for their own Derby...

And with every-one carrying too much weight in the wrong places - the Bookies' boards look like a fat-stock sale. Still it's better than four bob on the tote. (2)

This was the big event at the Handcross Horse Show, Sussex. But here, too, it seems that ~~form~~ ^{form} counts. It was a runaway triumph for ~~golden~~ Golden Boy - so rider Sally Dungey won the Lester Piggott Challenge Cup.