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London: Regatta on the Serpentine 13th August 1957

Huge crowds lined the Serpentine for London's own Regatta - the "News of the World" Open Sprint Championship. And with top crews racing four abreast for the first time in this country, the occasion made rowing history.

The canoeing events brought a strong international challenge - and the Final of the Men's Junior-Senior Kayak Fours made a fascinating spectacle.

The winning crew came from the Birmingham Canoe Club - which was ~~found~~ formed by Hungarian refugees - earlier this year.

As in few other ~~Unlike most~~ Regattas - the women made a solid contribution - instead of just cheering on the tow-path.

This was one of the heats of the Women's Coastal Fours.

The Central Electricity Authority (Southern Division) "A" crew won the heat - and then generated enough energy to triumph in the Final.

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The Thames Cup Eights brought great rowing rivals into the picture - battling through three heats to the Final.

And with this unique travel SHOT - our cameraman managed to keep Two crews from the Thames Rowing Club, Crowland and London - well in the picture...

The heat was won by Crowland - the working-man's crew from the River Lea - who symbolise the spirit of the Serpentine Regatta...