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Prince Philip will sail Coweslip and Bluebottle at Cowes

Evening Standard Reporter

COWES, Friday. — Four hundred yachts, most of them small craft, will be gathered for the week's racing at Cowes when Prince Philip arrives on Monday.

His home for the week will be a modest 70ft. motor yacht, the Fairwood, which is now at Gosport.

From Fairwood Prince Philip, in heavy kilkins, will take his place in one of the two Royal yachts entered for the racing, the Dragon class Bluebottle or the even smaller Flying Fifteen, Coweslip.

Both are entered for races in the Royal London Yacht Club regatta which opens Cowes Week on Monday.

'Splendid helmsman'

Uffa Fox, famous boat designer, is expected to "crew" with Prince Philip in Coweslip.

Prince Philip, sailing Coweslip, will spend most of his time sitting almost over the

side of the boat within a few inches of the sea.

"He loves it and is a splendid helmsman," Uffa Fox told me.

Fourteen races have been arranged for Monday by the Royal London Yacht Club, and Mr Max Aitken, Commodore of the Club, will be among the competitors. He will sail his 65ft Lumberjack

Mac and Red

The owner of Fairwood, Mr. Samuel Jeffery, will be in the yacht during Prince Philip's visit. His wife and 20-year-old son, Roy, will live ashore.

Also in the Fairwood will be the regular crew of two. Cook Steward McQueen ("Mac"), from Northern Ireland, and Deckhand Redman ("Red"), who served for more than 20 years in the Navy.

Prince Philip will use the "owner's cabin" aft which has a private bathroom attached.

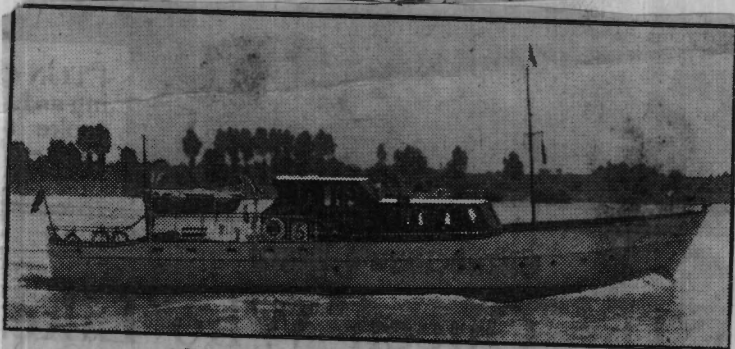
Yachts from the United States, France, Belgium, Sweden and Holland will be in the huge Cowes fleet.

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The Duke's Week at Cowes :



The motor yacht Fairwood

THE Duke of Edinburgh will be at Cowes this year from Aug. 2 to Aug. 8. I understand that he has chartered a 68-ton motor yacht, the Fairwood, and that he will live on board, concentrating on the racing rather than the social side of Cowes. The Fairwood is owned by Mr. S. J. Jeffery.

The Duke will also be able to use the Fairwood as a parent craft for his two racing boats, Bluebottle and Coweslip. These make a remarkable contrast to the Royal craft of the old days at Cowes. King Edward and King George V raced in the big class in Britannia, a cutter of 227 tons, with a crew of some 25 hands.

Bluebottle is shown in Lloyd's Register as four tons, and carries a racing complement of three. Coweslip is even smaller, with only a foresheet hand besides the helmsman. In either of these, in a fresh breeze, the Duke and his crew are fairly certain of getting a wetting.

As the Queen is unlikely to visit Cowes this year, the traditional guard-ship will not be there. But the destroyer Obdurate will be in attendance.

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