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YACHT RACING - TORQUAY.

Crowding the shore at Torquay, in preparation for the National Championships of their class, the crews of sixty Firefly dinghies make ready for the race of the day - the Gore Cup.

Almost perfect conditions help the sixty beats to get away smoothly in one of the most spectacular massed starts of class-racing events. With little tide to worry about, and the sea slight, Torbay once again proves the perfect water for yachting events of this type.

The Sir Ralph Gore Championship Cup race consists of four rounds of a triangler course, making up a length of 12 sea-miles - and it is not long before the dinghies start to spread out along the course.

The westerly breeze is light to moderate, but some stiff puffs of wind catch the boats unaware and four dinghies are capsized. From one of the, "Tantrum", Mr. V.F. Lewis and Mr. John Andrews have to be picked up, and later, "Tantrum" is towed back to Torquay.

Meanwhile the two leaders are making the finish, the leeward mark off Torquay where the official committee boat is waiting for them. "Flaming Orion" which comes in first, owned and sailed by Mr. R. Roscoe of Cowal Holy Loch Sailing Club.

The end of a thrilling - and for some, unlucky - Gore Cup Championship!