

DUKE YACHT-RACING ON CLYDE.

The Royal Yacht Britannia brings the Duke of Edinburgh to Rothesay Bay to take part in the centenary regatta of the Royal Clyde Yacht Club. The Dragon class yachts assemble at the starting line, with the Duke at the helm of Bluebottle. For a few minutes, public interest in the Duke and his boat disorganises the preparations for the race - a tricky enough operation anyway, in this gusty weather.

The Duke steers Bluebottle away from the tangle, while officials get rid of the sightseers - and at last the race is ready to start.

Thirty-nine Dragons, heeling well over in the strong-south east wind, make a spectacular picture on the grey Forth. Bluebottle holds her place well, but it's heavy going for everybody with quite a sea running.

Bluebottle is third round the windward mark off Mount Stewart, but loses a place on the homeward run, and finishes fourth.

And what do the seagulls care if one or two come to grief?