

TOBBAY-LISBON RACE.

The Swedish schooner Gladen leaves Dartmouth, followed by the British ketch English Rose II with her girl crew. They're heading for the start line of the Torbay-to-Lisbon race for sail training ships, which has brought together some of the loveliest craft in the world. Here's the barquentine Flying Clipper, a Swedish merchant navy trainer, and the Turkish Yawl Ruyam.

The Gladen trains young men for the Swedish Navy and for the merchant marine - as does her sister ship, the Flaken, which is also entered for this race.

Watching the tall ships assemble are a crowd of smaller craft - though a wind, the big fellows can take in their stride, proves too much for some of the little 'uns.

But help is at hand, and no one comes to any serious harm. After all, you're not a real sailor till you've get wet once or twice.

The big ships manoeuvre for position near the starting ship, H.M.S. Jewel.

The moment draws near, and from the Jewel, a Bofors gun signals the start, and they're away.

First Lord of the Admiralty Lord Calsennin watches as they cross the starting line led by the Portuguese naval barque Sagres - a 60-year-old three-master which started life as a merchantman.

Twelve ships from eight nations are competing in the over-100 tons class, and another ten, from five nations, in the under-100-tons class. Twenty-two ships of a beauty no vessel of the age of steam has ever equalled - a sight to raise a cheer from the ghosts of the old sea-dogs who must surely be watching from the Devon cliffs.

Three of the entries are full-rigged three-masters, all from Scandinavia.

The Christian Radich, from Norway, 806 tons, is one of the full-rigged entries. Training in sail is still compulsory for all officers in the Norwegian merchant navy.

The Georg Stage, from Denmark. Now that they're all under weigh, our cameraman follows the first leg of the 780-mile race in a Sunderland of Coastal Command. There's the Sorlandet, of Norway, and the Belgian barquentine Mercator.

The Christian Radich is making good time. But even in the over-100 ton class, it's the smaller vessels that draw ahead - the Turkish yawl Ruyam is out in front setting a spanking pace.