

58/53"SCEPTRE" PREPARES.

Britain's hope for the America's Cup, most famous of all big-yacht races - the handsome 12-metre "Sceptre" - is trying her wings. The historic trophy hasn't been raced since 1937 - and it's been held by the United States since 1851. Sceptre's crew hope to succeed where Sopwith and Lipton failed. She's the first 12-metre racer to be built either in America or in Britain for 20 years. The cup races will be off Rhode Island, where she can expect anything from flat calm to a gale - but she's hoping for moderate to heavy weather - which suits her best. Meanwhile she's training hard to be in winning form whatever the weather.