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RACE ROUND THE ISLAND

There was a fine entry of 91 sailing yachts for the Wills Trophy Race round the Isle of Wight. At first it looked as if there'd be no wind, but a breeze did spring up, just when it was wanted and the race began. There were five classes, according to the different kinds of vessels, and there was to be an overall winner. The distance to be sailed was 80 miles. Unfortunately, on the first evening the breeze faded away, and the yachts were becalmed for the night. The race was resumed next day; most of the little ships finishing the course.

Almost a counter attraction was the Northern Star. The new 24,000-ton Shaw Savill liner was on her trials, before her round the world maiden voyage.

Meanwhile, the second race round the island; this time for powerboats. 16 took part.

"Blue Marlin" eventually came second.

In one hour, 33 minutes Christina was easily the winner.