

BATTLE OF THE BARGES - - Fourteen  
red-sailed craft compete in the sixty miles race from  
Gravesend to the Mouse Lightship and back.

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Picture:-

The most comfortable of all sailing races !  
In a light breeze--

--fourteen barges' jockey' for position--

--in the annual Thames Barge Race.

There's the start ! More like a drifting match,  
than a race ! There's hardly enough wind--

--to sail a child's model yacht. Still there's plenty  
of sunshine--

--and it's a very pleasant trip. (PAUSE).

A slightly better breeze for the moment, but I'm  
sure, it's only a puff !

The 'Royal Eagle' is the most exciting boat--

--to be on. Lots of people around ! And a refreshment  
bar.

Officials, however, watch carefully for there are  
prizes to be won !

And seamanship is required in storm or calm !  
The wind has quite--

--gone. Hardly a capful to stir water of canvas.

(EFFECTS).

The winner in the coasting class is  
a lady - - Miss B.Sully.

Her barge 'Phoenician' drifted fastest towards  
that cup, and got it !