

Desmond Stock of Henley S.C. in *Arahi* (N.1861) and Richard Roscoe of Parkstone S.C. in *Squid* battling together at Torquay. Roscoe won the Points Series of the meeting.



Record entry for Burton Week

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WITH 212 entries—the most for a Burton Week so far—the varied weather conditions, and a number of new dinghy designs, this year's national 12ft. championships provided an exciting week's sailing. Helmsmen and crews converged on Torbay from all parts of the country, and included two Americans from the University Team.

On Monday, Dave Thomas in *Gusto* (Hamble River S.C.) won the Port of

Plymouth Cup in a moderate to fresh wind. Nigel "Spud" Rowsell in *Spuddle* (Exe S.C.)—he is only 17—led for the first two rounds followed by John Chaplin in *Cinzano* (Minima Y.C.). On the third beat, *Gusto* and Richard Roscoe in *Squid* (Parkstone S.C.) sailed farther inshore to take advantage of a wind shift and rounded the windward mark in the lead. Two fast and furious reaches followed and among the capsized were two of the first six boats.

Tuesday's race for the Weymouth Town Cup was postponed for two hours when it was decided that the wind was too strong for racing. At 2 p.m., however, the race officers got the fleet away to a perfect start under difficult conditions in a strong north-westerly wind. It was a victory for the Rowsell brothers—Brian finishing first in *Smuggler* with "Spud" second in *Spuddle*. Ian Brown in *Vim* (Bristol Corinthian S.C.) was first round the windward mark, closely followed by Desmond Stock in *Arahi* (Henley S.C.). These four boats were all to the new Uffa Fox design and proved themselves extremely fast both on the beat and on the run in these very heavy conditions.

Behind the leaders, Cliff Norbury in *Shoestring* (Minima Y.C.) and Dave Thomas in *Gusto* fought for fifth place.



Richard Roscoe, winner of the Burton Week Points Series, has *Squid* planing spectacularly. (Photographs accompanying this report are by Eric Stewart.)



The record entry of 212 for Burton Week, made the starts a tricky business. However, the race officers coped very competently and most starts went off smoothly.

Both boats capsized during the last round but were expertly righted by their crews and carried on. *Gusto* lost her bucket during the capsize and was unable to bail the water out. She was passed by *Shoestring*, *Squid* and *Dinah Doo* (P. E. Pym, Exe S.C.).

The race for the Sir William Burton Cup—the most coveted trophy for the 12ft. National class—was held on the Wednesday. There was a general feeling of excitement and, even before breakfast, helmsmen were out making last minute adjustments to their boats. In a light to moderate breeze, the fleet of 212 got away to a fine start. Ross Llewellyn in *Mystere* (Salcombe S.C.) led for the first round, followed by Peter Plumb in *Black B* (Hamble River S.C.). Mike Nokes and his wife in *Sea-Sled* (Trent Valley S.C.), twenty-fifth at the first mark but going very fast off the wind, went into the lead closely followed by *Cinzano* who attacked relentlessly throughout the race but never quite managed to capture the lead from *Sea-Sled*.

On the last round, *Gusto* overhauled *Mystere* to finish third. *Squid* and *Yakopu* (Barrie Perry, Minima Y.C.) fought desperately for fifth place throughout the race. Eventually *Squid* was overtaken by *Smuggler* ten yards from the finishing line, and these three boats all finished within a boat's length.

Apart from winning the coveted Burton Trophy for the first time, Mr. and Mrs. Nokes also won the Coronation Cup, which is awarded to the first married couple to finish in this race.

On Thursday, *Squid*, designed, built and sailed by Richard Roscoe, won the Borough of Scarborough Cup in a light to moderate wind. There were three

general recalls before the boats were allowed to start—starting 212 dinghies in a race of this type is not easy. *Squid* established her lead on the second round and was never seriously challenged. Desmond Stock in *Arahi* was second with Dave Thomas in *Gusto* third.

The dinghy park looked wet and miserable on Friday as the helmsmen and crews rigged their boats for the last race of the week. Ralph Savery in *Ginder* (Avon S.C.) won the Scarborough Y.C. Salver in a light to moderate north-west wind. He was well ahead at the end of the first round, but his lead was gradually reduced by Richard Roscoe in *Squid*, who finished only a few seconds behind him. The third boat to cross the line was also to Roscoe's design—*Zuleika*, sailed by J. M. Ketteringham (Oxford University Y.C.).

Richard Roscoe thoroughly deserved the Y.W. Points Trophy (it is awarded on the aggregate points gained in races from Monday to Friday, discarding one race) with one first, two seconds and a sixth. Dave Thomas came second with one first, two thirds and a seventh and Brian Rowsell was third. These three boats, to the designs of Richard Roscoe, Ian Proctor and Uffa Fox respectively, all showed their superiority at one time or another during the week's racing.

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