

# Worthing Pier in the News!

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## Sun and crowds aid successful regatta

**I**DEAL conditions drew more than 5,000 people to vantage points along the Sea Front on Saturday to help make Worthing Regatta one of the most successful in its long history.

Profits are expected to run into three figures. Only 200 of the 2,000 programmes printed remained unsold, which resulted in Worthing Rowing Club making £75.

Regatta secretary David Marchant told the HERALD, "Everyone is highly delighted at the success of the regatta, both from a point of view of entries, which were a record, and finance, which has been boosted considerably."

The official Pier toll figure for Saturday was 2,100.

Due to the state of the tide, the first event began 20 minutes late, ending officials' hopes of keeping to a rigid timetable.

A loudspeaker system kept spectators informed and told crews when to take to the water for events. The programme fell further behind schedule because a number of crews were slow to get into position.

Worthing Rowing Club's new pair arrived from Birmingham in the nick of time. The overnight drive of boat builder Mr Stansfield proved worthwhile, club captain Bob Rogers and David Barry qualifying for the senior pairs final by finishing second in their heat. In the final, however, they could manage only fifth place.

Rogers was reasonably satisfied with Worthing's performance. He commented, "Our gaining two second places and two fifths was satisfactory, but not good enough."

"The arrival of the new boat made a tremendous difference to our performance and morale."

"Without wishing to make excuses we lost a lot of training, due to so many members competing in the 'It's a Knock-out' match. If the present crews stay together I am sure we have bright prospects for the future."

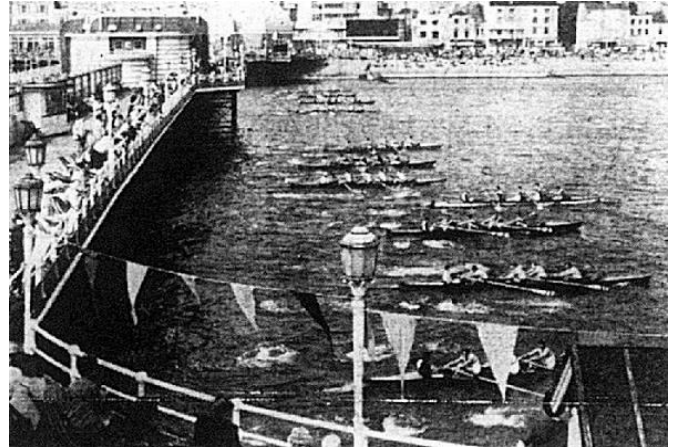
Most surprising result for Worthing was their achievement in finishing second in the junior-senior fours to gain the Coast Amateur Rowing Association point.

Winners and Worthing placings. Senior pairs: 1 Herne Bay; 5 Worthing. Junior-senior fours: 1 BTC; 2 Worthing. Junior fours: 1 Coalporters; 5 Worthing. Senior fours: 1 Herne Bay. Novice fours: 1 Southsea. Junior pairs: 1 Herne Bay; 2 Worthing. Senior single sculls: 1 Shoreham.

Worthing Yacht Club staged two events in conjunction with the regatta, having 40 competitors in one of them.

Results—105 and under: 1 Wet As 'ell, Scorpion (R. Lake); 2 Boat, Scorpion (M. Hattemore); 3 Unicorn, A Class catamaran (J. Mazzotti).

106 and over: 1 Krumpette, Mirror (S. Moffatt); 2 Image, Mirror (R. Hollington); 3 Wild Tiki, Heron (R. Wild).



"NELSON AND SAILORS" from West Tarring Working Men's Club won the prize for the best fancy dress in the publican's boat race during Worthing Regatta on Saturday. Behind them is the "Schoolmaster and pupils" entry from the Half Brick Hotel.

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