

# Worthing Pier in the News!



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## REGATTA BEATS THE RAIN BUT IT'S A CASH WASH-OUT

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the insurance policy taken out each year to cover the regatta. But lulled by early-morning sunshine and light breezes, the organisers had given the go ahead and were committed. Apart from the financial shock, Worthing Rowing Club also had a disappointing day on the water. The club's only success came in the novice fours with Hugh Freeman, Sid Wakeham, Peter Wittmond, Keith Wright and Ian Birch (cox) finishing fourth but taking third place after Deal had been disqualified for failing to round the halfway marker.

### Sailing

There were 41 starters in the 94-and-under sailing class and Scorpions filled the first six places. Mike Hattemore sailed Shiny Shovel to victory by 68 seconds over Stephen Lambourne in Outdoor Whoosh, with Chris Britton 13 seconds further back, in Cardinal Puff.

...omms dominated the 95-and-over section. Andy Francis, in Bayoe Queen, finished nearly two minutes ahead of Nick Hayes's Minisail Slinky, and third was John Beales (Lancing SC) in his Moth, Shaggermoth. Ten clubs competed in the canoe sprint races and despite a rather lumpy sea their events went off without a hitch.

### Canoes

Worthing Canoe Club took the Top Club trophy with a staggering 73 points, second were the two members of 2nd Worthing Scouts, who scored 17 points, and third, Hove CC's large contingent with 13. Canoeists from Worthing CC and 2nd Worthing Scouts between them gained nine firsts, seven seconds and three thirds, and the outstanding achievement was by 15-year-olds Richard Kellaway and David Powell (Worthing CC). They entered almost every event, both junior and senior, and between them won all the K2 events plus the Class K1 junior and the Espada "B" and "C" events.

"WE had more happening in four hours than any other regatta stages over a whole day," said Press secretary Bob Rogers, at the end of Worthing's annual regatta on Saturday. But the result was financial disaster.

For the weather, the one thing the organisers could not control, turned nasty at mid-day and stayed in that mood for most of the afternoon.

The rowing programme went on—for much of the time in difficult conditions—so did the races for yachts, canoes and swimmers, as well as a sub-aqua display.

But nobody entered the Miss Regatta contest and few people braved the rain to watch it all.

Biggest loss was on the sale of programmes. About 1,750 were printed and only 400 sold and only 1,000 or so paid to use the Pier as a grandstand.

Ironically, it would have been better financially to have called off the event and collected from



A NEAR COLLISION between a rowing four and canoeists on the starting line.

Reg Blackwell and his 17-year-old son, Stephen (2nd Worthing Scouts), won the points for their club, and Stephen also partnered Cedric Winter to two firsts, three seconds and a third.

Between the Pier and Lido, nine members of Brighton and Worthing branch of the British Sub-Aqua Club demonstrated their diving skills and nearby the youngsters of Worthing Swimming Club—all between 15 and 17—hurled themselves through the seaweed in races to a safety boat and back.

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