



Dallas and Fort Worth having it out



Starting the run home, Fort Worth leading (No. 23)

Fort Worth Wins Texas Snipe Championship

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RAIN and a light cold wind did their best to literally dampen the enthusiasm of the entrants in the First Annual Regatta of the Dallas Sailing Club at White Rock Lake on October 2.

The elements were in some wise successful in that no out of town contestants for the Woman's State Snipe Championship appeared. Miss Helen Harris, entry for Dallas, was ready to take anyone on whether officially entered or no, but no one could be found. The championship was hers without competition.

Though faint heart had befallen the fairer sex, the men found the prospect of wet clothes and chattering teeth not in the least discouraging.

At ten o'clock the siren announced that the first race would start in fifteen minutes. The entrants were as follows, the skipper's name first: Gail De Garnett and Dr. Toms, Waco; J. M. Loveless and Henry Blagg, Denton; Merida Ellis and Skidds Haltman, Ft. Worth; J. M. Martin and J. C. Mouth, Dallas. The skippers drew for boats, and the first race saw them allotted like this: Waco, 151; Denton, 23; Ft. Worth, 137; Dallas, 138.

All got off to a slow start, running on the port tack with the wind almost over the stern. Ft. Worth started at the lee end of the line and worked to windward to get the inside berth at the buoy. The rest of the race all chose the same course, scattering out a bit and finishing in the order they rounded the first mark. The times for twice around a mile and three-quarters course were: Ft. Worth, 1:15:30; Dallas, 1:17:43; Denton, 1:24:29; Waco, 1:29:42.

Across the finish line the skippers made for the pier. A general rush was on to the clubhouse for dry clothes, hot food and all that goes with it. Vice-commodore Montgomery did his stuff in a chef's cap and a waiter's jacket.

With their appeased hunger dulling the memory of the first affray, the sailors trooped back to the pier at one o'clock for the second. The drawing resulted: Ft. Worth, 23; Waco, 137; Denton, 138; Dallas, 151. The sky was now more heavily overcast. The wind was rising, and the rain was cold mist. A southerly course was decided on to make the first leg a beat, but two of the skippers sailed it as a reach. Number 23 got across the line first, just inside the weather mark. He was followed by 151. Numbers 137 and 138 crossed together near the lee end of the line. The boats held their positions until 151 eased by 23 to windward. Ellis of Ft. Worth regained his distance on Dallas, getting an overlap at the buoy. Both rounded together. Waco and Denton failed to fetch the mark, Waco rounding in good time to blanket Dallas. Ellis elected to sail this leg with the wind more on the quarter and tack, the others preferring to run with the wind over the stern. Waco passed Dallas, rounding the next mark close behind Ft. Worth. Denton fell far behind. Their positions remained unchanged until the last leg when Martin of Dallas began to overtake Waco rapidly, and succeeded in luffing him out on the finish line to take second place. Waco had to come about to cross the finish and lost a minute of precious time, barely getting across ahead of Denton. The times were: Ft. Worth, 1:00:43; Dallas, 1:04:09; Waco, 1:05:48; Denton, 1:06:15.

It was evident now that the regatta would go to Ft. Worth or to Dallas, Dallas' only hope being that Ft. Worth would come in last and themselves first.

Soon after the finish of the second race they were off again, Denton in 151, Dallas in 23, Waco in 137, and Ft. Worth in 138. Number 151 got the fastest start but was in a bad position, being blanketed by 23 almost immediately. Dallas came second in the windward position, 138 and 137 following. The first leg was a battle between these three, 137 and 138 forcing 23 far off his course by trying to work to windward and get the best position for rounding the next mark. They were unsuccessful, Martin rounding ahead of them with a burst of speed that gave him a commanding lead. From here the boats scattered out, all seeming to be lost in the fog and mist. Martin increased his lead, finishing far ahead of Ellis. De Garnett followed Ellis and Loveless did not finish.

The scores for the three races are:

City	First Race	Second Race	Third Race	Total
Waco	1	2	2	5
Ft. Worth	4	4	3	11
Denton	2	1	0	3
Dallas	3	3	4	10

In the absence of Commodore Isaacks the trophies for the season were presented by Vice-commodore Montgomery. To Miss Helen Harris went the J. W. Bender Trophy for the Woman's Lake Championship, and the Lloyd Jones Trophy for the Woman's State Snipe Championship. J. M. Martin received the Commodore's Trophy for the Lake Snipe Championship, the Cullum and Boren Trophy for the mixed class. Commodore Walter McGowan of the Ft. Worth Sailing Club accepted the Commodore Isaacks' Trophy, for the Annual State Snipe Championship, and in turn presented it to Skipper Merida Ellis.



Fort Worth cuts inside Dallas at the buoy. Trophies offered for State and Lake championships for both men and women