

# TINY SPEED BOATS WHIZ ON PARK LAKE

Miniature Craft, Both Steam  
and Gas Engined, Roar in  
Exciting Contests.

MAKE UP TO THIRTY MILES

Tethered on 100-Yard Course,  
Some of the Little Racers  
Simply Refuse to Quit.

Amid staccato roars and whiffs of burning castor oil typical of midget auto racing, twenty-two miniature speed boats churned around the surface of Conservatory Lake in Central Park yesterday in the annual Walter Elliot Memorial Trophy race, conducted by the New York Society of Model Engineers.

The waters of the lake, generally given over to the more gentle careening of tall, graceful model sailboats, were whipped to a white foam by the powerful little craft. Plunging at a speed that delighted the crowd of about 200 onlookers and would give passengers in larger boats a thrill, they vaunted their strength to high Fifth Avenue apartment buildings, which echoed back their roar of power.

#### Four Classes Compete

Four classes of boats were entered in the trophy contest, which drew enthusiasts from miniature boat clubs as far away as Jersey City and Perth Amboy, N. J. There were Class A steam boats, weighing up to sixteen pounds, and three classes of gas-powered craft, from Class A down to rakish little Class C sea sleds with a maximum of seven pounds. Measuring from eighteen inches to about three feet overall, they were all made by their owners, even to their powerful engines.

The three-and-a-half hour event, which consisted of a series of races against time, began at 10 o'clock. One by one, like big racing cars, the boats would be warmed up. Then they were fastened to the end of a fifty-foot cord held by a man out in the lake.

Around an approximate 100-yard course, guided by the cord, the craft roared at speeds up to thirty miles per hour. Some stalled, like temperamental racing thoroughbreds. Two capsized and sank, and another crashed into the retaining wall of the lake when given too wide a course to run. The steamboats poured out clouds of vapor that looked incongruous with their smart, slim lines.

Some of the boats that successfully sped through their races—five laps for the big class and three for the others—defied all efforts to stop them and kept tearing around the course. Two of the watchers found it difficult to turn off the switches of boats whizzing by at top speed. The Jersey Clipper III, owned by Robert Graham of the Jersey City club, dashed around fifteen times before enough water was thrown on the engine to stop it.

#### Champions Are Winners

The two chief winners of the race, which is divided into steam and gas craft, will have their names inscribed on the Walter Elliot memorial plaque in the club's quarters at 152 West Forty-second Street. In addition they will receive medals and a year's membership in the club free.

They are Carl Zimmer, a welder, of 249 Fourth Avenue, Brooklyn, whose Class A steamboat Katherine won by averaging 16.16 miles per hour, and Henry Parohl, a toolmaker, of 35-15 Seventy-second Street, Jackson Heights, Queens, whose Class A gas craft averaged 30 miles per hour. Both Zimmer and Parohl hold national championships with their boats.

Other winners were Mrs. Frequently, in the gas engine B class, which averaged 26 miles per hour, owned by Julius Scholl of 154-42 Forty-eighth Avenue, Flushing, Queens, and the Class C Atom II, owned by Archie Kimmel of 39 Brook Court, Brooklyn, which averaged 23.15 miles per hour. They will receive medals.