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CHARGES EXTRA

## Fewest manoeuvres theory won her the Cherbourg race



The winning crew at Cherbourg (left to right): F. Parker, J. Shore, F. Coxhill, Len Cox.—"Echo" photo.

(By LEO, who crewed in one of the yachts)

**CYGNET** of Arden (Mr. Frank Coxhill) won the annual Bournemouth to Cherbourg yacht race because she worked on the system that the fewest manoeuvres maintain the greatest speed.

With 24 starters she left Bournemouth in a rainstorm on Friday night, and took only two legs, first with the tide to Portland, and then back on the tide to Cherbourg Harbour, a beat in strong south-westerly winds all the way over.

Second was *Sagacious* (Messrs G. E. P. Markby and H. Trion), third *Tilly Twin* (Mr. Cartwright), and fourth *Swan* of Arden (Mr. D. A. G. Bell).

Competitors in the smaller class B motored most of the way and there was no finish.

### WORST WEATHER YET

The conditions were probably the worst that this race has ever encountered. There was such sickness, and Mrs. Helen Tew in *Mary Helen* had the unpleasant experience of her boat "submerging" under a wave.

*Anadyomene* and *Shireen* both arrived at Cherbourg after their collision at the start.

Many of the boats taking short tacks gave up and motored when only a few miles across the Channel.

On Saturday evening the usual after-race dinner was held in the "Hotel d'Etrole et de Normandie," presided over by the new Commodore of the PYC, Mr. Horace Drake. Arrangements were in the hands of Mr. Norman Hibbs, Captain of the Poole Cruiser Racing Association, and Russell Anstey, secretary.

## 24 yachts left on race to Cherbourg

**THERE** was plenty of wind off Bournemouth Pier last night when 24 yachts crossed the line for the start of the race to Cherbourg.

Mr. W.H. Newton's *Fiona* made a very fine start and was easily first over the line. She was followed by *Cygnets* of Arden (Mr. F. Coxhill), *Minoru* (Mr. H.D. Drake) and *Blue Cygnets* (Mr. C.J. Carey Wood).

Just after the starting gun the yachts were crowded together on the line.

**Two collided - *Anadyomene* and *Shireen* - and it looked as though *Anadyomene's* bowsprit suffered some damage as a result.**

The race is under the burgee of the Parkstone Yacht Club and it is expected that the result will be known tonight.

