

# Beech View swimmers tackle rival Glen tankers

Beech View Aquatic Club hosted Farmington Glen Aquatic Club, Thursday, and came out of the water with a 310-250 victory.

The two rival teams have battled to close finishes in the last two years, with the Glen nip-

ping Beech View both times.

But Beech View, behind the swimming of eight double winners, and capturing 30 of the 46 first places won their second meet in as many outings. Farmington Glen is 1-1.

Farmington Glen had six double winners in the meet. They also set four team records and established a pool record. Beech View set two team records.

Mark Grover set a team record in the 11-12 age group 50-meter back

stroke, knocking six-tenths of a second off the old record for Farmington Glen. Paul Larson, swimming in the 11-12 50-meter breast stroke, knocked five-tenths of a second off the old Glen record.

Jim Pogue set a record in the 50-meter butterfly in the 11-12 age group.

Beech View swimmer Steve Goodman set a team record in the 50-meter butterfly with a time of :35.5. Although Goodman set a team record in the 11-12 age

group, he had to settle for a third-place finish.

ANOTHER RECORD was set by Kirk Taylor in the 7-8 age group, set a pool record in the 25-meter butterfly with a time of :21.3.

Farmington Glen, coached by Bob Smith, took a clean sweep of all the 11-12 boys events.

Beech View coach Jack Merritt was pleased with the superb times turned in by the girls in the 64 year combined freestyle relay

team, especially with Nancy and Eileen Whitcomb's freestyle.

A second-place wingtip for Beech View, five-year-old Joe Abunassar, swimming in 7-8 group in the 25-meter back stroke shows great promise for the future.

The swimming Agrue family had three double winners. Twins Mike and Frank Supra, place firsts in the 50-meter freestyle, 50-meter butterfly and the 50-meter breast stroke and the 100-meter individual

medley, respectively. They swim in the 13-14 age group. Pat won the 100-meter individual medley and the freestyle in the 15-17 age group.

Other double winners for Beech View for the boys were Gary Schwedt and Kirk Taylor, both swimming in the 7-8 age group. Gary placed first in the 25-meter breast stroke and back stroke, and Kirk had first in the 25-meter freestyle and butterfly.

Double winners for Farmington Glen were Kim Pogue in the 50-meter back stroke and the 100-meter individual

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## Slightly sounds for Sunday's regatta

By JOHN BOZZO

From the 57th floor of the Renaissance Center, boats participating in the Sunday regatta appeared like toys in a bath tub—when they were visible.

At 10:56 a.m. it was cold, windy and raining. Fog hovered over the Detroit River, but John Mayhew of the Renaissance Center said, "The regatta will go on regardless."

Four minutes later, a fleet of 150 power boats began their review past the Renaissance Center.

Although a room high in the center's Detroit Plaza Hotel afforded a view far into Windsor, Saturday, the Canadian shoreline was barely visible Sunday.

A large freighter cruising down the Canadian side of the river was momentarily hidden in one of the patches of fog being blown around.

On the ground level parking lot, beneath the tall hotel, boats and the people on them were easily seen. The boats varied greatly in size. One boater noticed spectators on the shore, released three blasts from the fog horn and waved.

For over an hour the power boats churned past the Renaissance Center in orderly single-file fashion.

SHORTLY AFTER 1 p.m., sail boats gathered in front of the Renaissance Center for the regatta, which was scheduled to begin 30 minutes later. The fog had lifted, buildings in Windsor again returned into view and the boats were more visible.

Precisely at 1:30 p.m., a gun shot, fired from one of the many judges boats anchored in the middle of the regatta course, began the race.

But someone seemed to have forgotten to tell the boaters that the race has begun. Sail boats continued mingling around in that large river-tub, oblivious to any organized activity.

Four men were fishing alongside the shore during the regatta. They reeled them in and sometimes cast them in ahead of errant sail boats drifting toward the shore. Two of them caught a fish.

The river is being stocked with fish every year and the Renaissance Center claims that pollution has been reduced to 1960 levels.

Finally, one sail boat bolted through the pack. Its spinnaker stretched full by the wind, appeared to lead the boat.

The boats were to race from the Renaissance Center, turn before reaching the Ambassador Bridge, return past the Renaissance Center, turn again before reaching the Belle Isle Bridge and finish in front of the center.

All the racing was done on the United States side of the river. Going into Canadian waters would have resulted in disqualification.

There were about 150 sail boats entered in 28 different racing divisions. First across the finish line was Fujiro in the 10R division, No-Sinner, a 44-foot sloop, with the FIFTH division and Long Shot took the middle ocean racing class. These three divisions are the large-type racing classes.

RENAISSANCE CENTER public relations officials considered the event a great success and may turn the regatta into an annual event.

It was the first full scale regatta on the downtown section of the river in seven years, said John Coxeter.

The turnout was surprising considering the bad weather which prevailed throughout the morning and early afternoon. Some of the Renaissance Center officials were worried in the morning.

George Van, coordinator of the event, expressed his feelings vividly: "I've been promoting this event since December 1 was ready to cut my throat this morning."

The Renaissance Regatta was held to dramatize the recreational opportunities available in the Detroit area.

## Sorge, Farmington's answer to marathon man

By DAVID SAUNDERS

Gene Sorge runs 70 miles a week because he likes to run.

Fifty-one-year-old Sorge of Farmington, started running eight years ago and hasn't stopped yet, and probably won't. Sorge qualified for his fifth Boston Marathon June 19, after finishing the Glass City Marathon in Toledo in three hours, 27 minutes. His reasons for running are natural.

"I started running because I was overweight," said Sorge, who looks anything but overweight now. "Then I saw my first race down at Belle Isle, and after seeing it I wouldn't come in last, so I entered." He didn't come in last but next to last.

For the last four years he has qualified for the Boston Marathon, and will compete in 1978 for his fifth straight year.

"Boston is the most prestigious and famous of all the marathons because it's been going on for over 80 years," said the 5-10, 140 pound Sorge. "Every one strides to go to Boston, and the best runners from all over the world go to Boston."

The main thing that concerns a marathon runner like Sorge when they're running a marathon is finishing. And that's something everyone can't say they've done.

"At first I try to get relaxed, trying to keep good form so I can relax myself inwardly. Then I concentrate on setting a pace.

"On hot days I look for people giving water. In the end I look forward to just finishing. There's been lots of times when I didn't even care how many runners were in front of me. I just wanted to finish."

SORGE'S BEST TIME he has recorded in the Boston Marathon was in April, 1975, when he ran it in three hours, 37 minutes. This April it took him three hours, 41 minutes. His best time in any marathon was at Belle Isle when he ran it in three hours, 24 minutes.

Heartbreak Hill is at the 20-mile mark of the Boston Marathon, and Sorge says it is just what the name implies. He wishes the hill was at the 25-mile mark.

"You start really hurting there, and you know you still have five miles to go, then all you think about is survival. You just have to block out the pain and think about running."

This was the second hot year in a row for Sorge to run in the Boston Marathon. This year at it was in the 80's, and last year the temperature was around 97 degrees. He finished the race that year, but his time wasn't that good.

His best time in a hot weather marathon was June 19, when he qualified for next year's running at Boston.

AT ALL MARATHONS, Sorge saves a pair of his favorite shoes, the Adidas Gazelle model. "As long as I don't have foot trouble, I'll still wear them."

One of Sorge's biggest thrills was receiving the key to the city of Detroit from Mayor Coleman Young. He received the key for finishing the marathon.

Some of the other races Sorge has competed in was the Biennial race Detroit sponsored, and placed fifth in his age group. He raced in a big field of about 500 runners.

Farmington's answer to long distance runners, Sorge also will run in Farmington's Founder Day Festival, July 23. It's a ten-mile race and Sorge has been running in it since it started five years ago.

Sorge belongs to one of the largest group of runners in Michigan, the Motor City Striders, a club with about 300 members. The Striders sponsored his first race he ran in at Belle Isle.

He runs an average of 10 miles a day, except before a marathon.

"I don't know how long I'll keep running. The way I feel now, I'll run forever, as long as I'm enjoying it," said Sorge. "I saw a guy in a marathon who was 63 years-old."

The 40-year old Farmington resident's His biggest months for running, mileage-wise, are during the coldest months of Jan. and Feb. All he does is put on a pair of warm-up pants, three sweatshirts, some gloves and his shoes—and only one pair of socks.

"People ask me if I'm the guy they see running when they see me on the street," said Farmington's version of marathon man.

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