

YACHTS SPEED ON IN FINAL TROPHY EVENT

Closing Dash for Cup Develops Into Keen Race Over 30-Mile Course.

LIPTON FIRST TO LEAD

BULLETIN.
ABOARD U. S. GOLDSBOROUGH, OFF SANDY HOOK, N. J., July 27.—(By wireless)—Resolute plowed up a favorable breeze and took the lead at 3:05 for the last time of the race. The wind was still very light and prospects were that the contest would not be completed.

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ABOARD U. S. GOLDSBOROUGH, off Sandy Hook, N. J., July 27 (by wireless)—After waiting more than two hours for wind the regatta committee at 1:15 o'clock (eastern standard time), this afternoon sent Resolute and Shamrock IV away on their deciding race for America's cup. The yachts had drifted about the starting point since 11 o'clock in the morning awaiting the starting signal.

The committee sent up a signal for the race to go over a course fifteen miles to windward to a point of Abury Park and a fifteen-mile run home. The wind was about three knots when the race started.

Shamrock was the first to cross the starting line. Both yachts sent their baby jibtopsails in start with the preliminary signal of five fifteen minutes apart for the race. They jockeyed about maneuvering for the advantage at the start.

BUXTON GETS BETTER START.

Both yachts hung back at the starting signal and failed to reach the line before the handicap limit expired at the end of two minutes. Resolute was leeward and Shamrock in the better place. It was the lead that Resolute had outmaneuvered Adams.

It was announced that the official timers had caught the yachts crossing the line exactly the same moment—1:17 (eastern standard time).

The actual time of the start officially was Shamrock, 1:17:05; Resolute, 1:17:45. It was announced that both yachts had crossed within the handicap allowed and therefore their starting times would be rated 1:17.

Two minutes after the start Shamrock tacked on Resolute's weather and the latter came about immediately. Shamrock appeared to be about fifty yards to windward of Resolute and in a fine position.

Shamrock gained the lead at the start by running across to the lightship and then tacking back quickly while Resolute was around.

Shamrock came back and was well on the lead's starboard beam. This killed the defender's wind and put her back.

Fifteen minutes after the start Shamrock was 100 yards to weather and gaining rapidly. At 1:30 Resolute tacked to starboard and hung off shore to avoid running into a tow of barges. Shamrock had the lead for the Jersey shore.

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At 1:45 Resolute was evidently gradually working to windward of Shamrock's wake, but the green boat was well out ahead. Both yachts were holding for the Jersey shore on port tack.

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