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Harry Hilliard of Houston, sailing what appeared to be a chip of wood with a huge piece of canvas as a sail, braved a boiling sea yesterday to win the Junior Chamber of Commerce race here. Hilliard sailed the Anita and put the little R boat through the mountainous seas like a veteran skipper.

The race was not completed as scheduled. Due to the heavy weather only one leg of the event was completed. Hilliard won largely because he did some smart sailing at the turn on the first leg when a mixup in locating the buoy resulted.

The Shellback, Bagheera and Caribee were well in the lead on this leg but due to faulty locating of the buoy sailed about seven miles off their course.

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Hilliard, Houston insurance man, yesterday brought his sloop, the Anita, across the finish line of the third annual Galveston Island regatta well ahead of the field in which he was eighth to start.

L. Walter Henslee, regatta director, announced Hilliard would become the third winner of the Galveston Island bowl, sterling silver trophy offered by the Galveston Junior Chamber of Commerce, sponsor of the regatta.

The squalls and high seas encountered during the first lap caused the race to be restricted to completion of this lap. After the Anita had completed this lap in advance of the other craft she was announced as winner.

In a brilliant maneuver at the white buoy located approximately one mile off the center of the beachfront, Hilliard took the Anita past six craft and followed the 38-foot auxiliary ketch, Ellen Marie, owned by W. H. Bearsley, Houston oilman, into the second leg.

Encountering squalls with wind, rain and high seas shortly afterward, Hilliard again displayed the skill he revealed at the first buoy by passing the Ellen Marie and forging well ahead of the entire field.

Nine craft jockeyed for positions of advantage when the warning signal was given from Mr. Henslee on the United States coast guard cutter Woodbury at 8:31 o'clock yesterday morning. Five minutes later the preparatory signal was given and at 8:41 the race was on.

Harris Kempner's 30 square meter Swedish built cutter, Landfall, swept across the starting line and quickly took the lead of the entire field. Close behind came the schooner Shellback, skippered by Ronald E. Lee, Houston oilman who won the 1938 Port Arthur race, and Ellen Marie, skippered by H. F. Badger, Houstonior who won last year's race.

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Eight of the 19 craft entered in the regatta arrived here Saturday afternoon, regatta officials said, and ten failed to start due to weather conditions. The nine contesting craft were towed from Pier 10 at shortly after 6 o'clock yesterday morning, and the Woodbury took the committee, camera-