

BREAKWATER IRREGULARS

August 19, 1970

Course: 34, ^{Gong 1,} ~~■~~, marks to starboard.

Our race last night left its orderly nature somewhere between 34 and Gong 1, and became a mob scene in the area of the gong.

This is what happened. About 100 yards before Gong 1, with the wind virtually non-existent, Wavemaker was leading, Restless and Arriba close behind. Wavemaker suggested shortening the course, finishing at Gong 1. Restless and Arriba concurred and one or two other boats behind them agreed. Arriba was made responsible to motor back through the fleet, after finishing, announcing the shortened course.

Then the merry-go-round began. Restless passed Arriba. They both passed Wavemaker. Restless decided he had finished and turned on his engine. Before any one else finished, eight more boats were on the scene: no finish line, no previous announcement of shortened course, mass confusion. One stalwart refused to believe anything other than the circular and continued on to Bell 32.

Result? No race.

We're sorry, and we will try to sail faster next time so we can take the finishes.