

Fog, rain, postponement hamper Balmy Beach Canoe Club regatta

Balmy Beach Canoe Club crammed its annual regatta into a six-hour space yesterday after fog and rain had forced a postponement on Saturday.

Mississauga won its third regatta of the summer with 248 points.

In the Western division point hunt, Mohawk was second with 149, West Rouge third with 93, Balmy Beach fourth with 72 and Ajax fifth with 38.

The postponement Saturday was a keen disappointment to 12 peddlers from North Bay. It would have marked the young club's first competition in the division but the crews could not stay over another day. As it was, the fog yesterday did not lift off the lake until 1 p.m. and the late start, even with reduced distances in many races, brought a 7.30 p.m. close to the competition.

The happiest sight for the home crowd was the spirited

finish Jock Stewart and Jim Farintosh provided in winning the junior C 2 event. With 250 yards to go, they seemingly were out of the race in third place but they sprinted to the finish and edged Bob Boaz and Rick Wood of Mississauga by a foot.

War canoe racing again gave spectators a big share of the excitement with the finish of the junior event the highlight. Bob Boaz steered Mississauga across the finish line a winner by inches with West Rouge, Mohawk and Ajax less than six feet in order behind.

Ajax, the fledgling club of the Western division, manufactured its first junior K 1 win of the season.

Jim Reardon continued his one-man powerhouse act for Mississauga as he held a paddle in three kayak victories and was aboard a winning war canoe.

The racing yesterday was the last regatta before the division clubs compete next Saturday at Long Pond at Centre Island in an effort to qualify for the Canadian championships in Dartmouth, N.S., in August.