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Karin and Liz McKown aren't paddling a sunken canoe; they're actually winning the Ladies K-2 juvenile race in yesterday's Balmy Beach rowing club regatta.

Canoe crew can't do

Beaches take in water, fail to catch Mississauga in regatta

A victory by the host club in the last race of the day—men's senior war canoe—would have broken the dominance of Mississauga Canoe Club at the Balmy Beach Canoe Club's 70th annual regatta on Saturday.

However, this was not to be as the Balmy Beach canoe took in water and fell behind in the last 200 metres of the race, finishing second behind West Rouge and second in the over-all standings, behind defending champion Mississauga.

Mississauga, which did not have an entry in the senior war canoe, accumulated 157.5 points in the other races it entered. Balmy Beach finished with 156.5, West Rouge took third place with 98 and Mo-

hawk with 25 finished last in the four-club competition.

Having trailed for most of the regatta, Balmy Beach pulled into a tie with Mississauga with two races to go and, sensing victory, improvised for these races by entering extra paddlers in women's senior K-1 and trying to do the same for the senior war canoe race. Assembling an extra crew was no big problem. However, the Beachers were thwarted when they found out that an extra war canoe was not available.

Even though Balmy Beach is one of the few clubs that holds its regatta on open water, officials of the club discounted any advantage for the host club. Syd Brooker, scorekeeper for the regatta,

explained that the club does most of its training in sheltered waters.

Three other clubs—North Bay, Sudbury and Oakville—which entered the regatta for its original date (July 19)

couldn't make it Saturday. Bad weather conditions on the original date caused its postponement.

Because of the Canadian junior championships in Ottawa on the weekend, officials

cancelled all bantam and midget races scheduled. Some bantam paddlers not competing in Ottawa were used to fill in for some of the war canoe races.

Choppy water and a strong

westerly wind caused many of the canoes to take in water and sink and also prompted the regatta committee to shorten most of the races to 500 meters from their usual 1,000.