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Choppy seas added to the task for the young girls as the Mohawk Club (top) edges West Rouge entry in war canoe event at Mohawk regatta. —Globe and Mail, Bill Van Houten

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BURLINGTON — The Mississauga club came up with a narrow victory in the closing War Canoe Open mile event to tie Mohawk club for team honors in the Mohawk regatta held on choppy seas yesterday.

Mohawk appeared headed for a team victory until the final event which had the West Rouge club entering two war canoes against Mohawk and Mississauga.

The rough water took its toll, swamping one of the West Rouge boats. West Rouge required a 1-2 placing to take the team championship.

The Mississauga and Mohawk crews paddled stroke for stroke all the way and when the boats crossed the finish line it was Mississauga winner by less than a yard.

That also gave Mississauga a total of 189 points and a tie with Mohawk for the regatta

championship. West Rouge took third with 166 points while Balmy Beach of Toronto had 28.

The regatta started out amid calm waters, but before the event was half over the rough water was washing out many crews. Heaviest toll came in the juvenile C-4 event when six of the seven crews were swamped.

The paddlers will swing back into action Wednesday at the Dominion Day regatta on Long Pond, Centre Island.