

1984

# CITY of NORTH WILDWOOD

CAPE MAY COUNTY, NEW JERSEY

## BEACH PATROL

BOB HALL, Director

JOHN K. FENNINGHAM, CAPTAIN



August 8, 1984

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# DAY BEFORE RACE.

Gentlemen:

The North Wildwood Lifeguard Association & the 7 U P Bottling Company is pleased to invite your beach patrol members to enter our 9th. Annual Row Around the Island Race.

The date will be August 22, 1984. In order to ensure a safe and fair race for all contestants, participants must attend a meeting at 1:30 P.M. on the race date. The meeting will be held at our headquarters at 15th. Street and the Beach. A 2:30 P. M. start is necessary to assure a favorable tide.

There will be more contestants this year than ever before; therefore, we ask that each beach patrol have a jeep and boat trailer crew on hand to meet their boats. The race should be concluded in three to four hours.

At the completion of the race we will honor all contestants, beach representatives and judges by serving hoagies, soda and other liquid refreshments at our headquarters. Our awards presentation will also be held at this time. Trophies will be awarded for 1st, through 5th. place. All contestants will receive a competitor's shirt and visor.

1st. Place Boat	\$ 1,000.00
2nd. Place Boat	\$ 500.00
3rd. Place Boat	\$ 300.00
4th. Place Boat	\$ 100.00
5th. Place Boat	\$ 50.00

There will be a \$35.00 entry fee per boat.

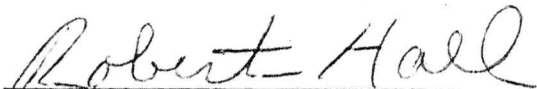
Weigh - ins will be the day before the race, Tuesday, August 21, 1984. Boat weights will be according to the South Jersey Lifeguard Association Rules. All boats must be left overnight where they will be guarded.

Enclosed you will find a map of the race course and a list of rule procedures for this race.

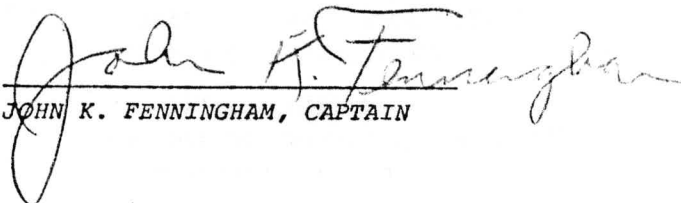
An after race party will be held at Harry the Hats Club on Chestnut & New Jersey Ave. in North Wildwood immediately following the awards ceremony. Competitors will receive free admittance and drink tickets.

If you have any questions please contact the North Wildwood Beach Patrol as soon as possible, the telephone number is (609) 522 - 7500. We thank you for your continued interest and participation in the Row Around the Island,

Sincerely,



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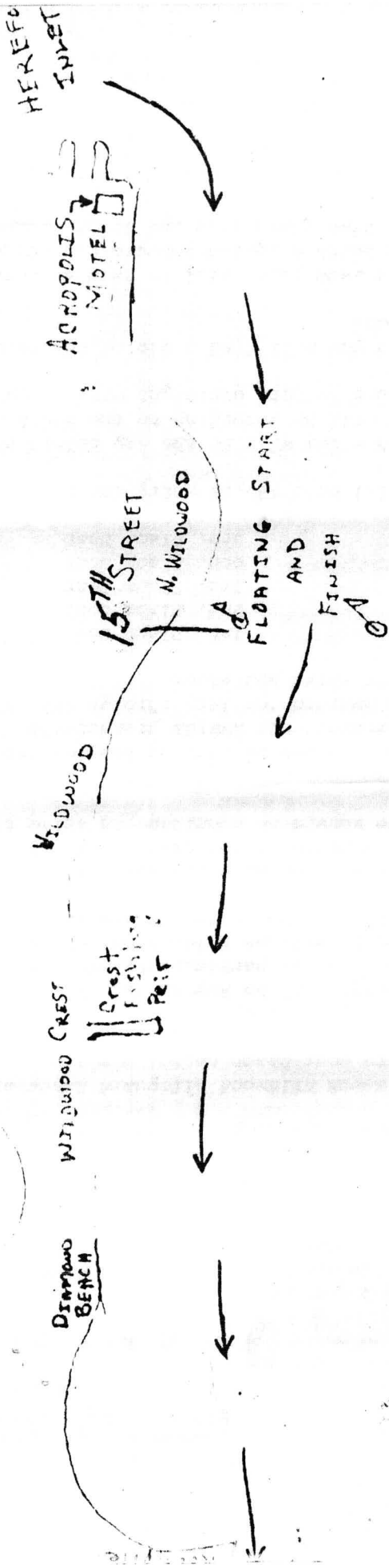
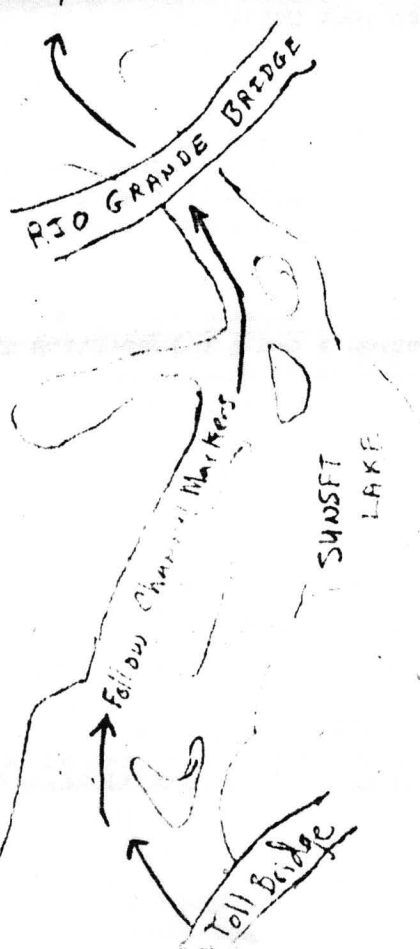
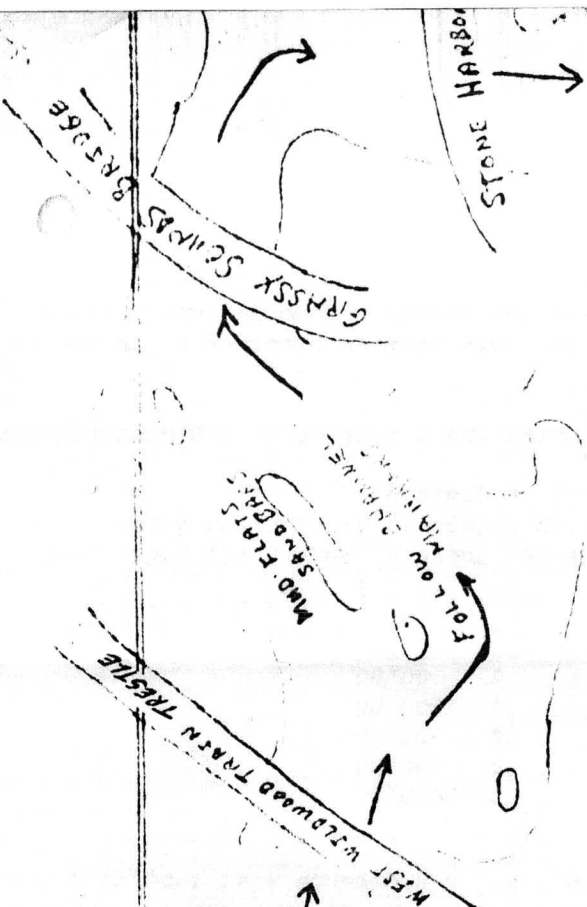
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### ROW AROUND THE ISLAND RACE RULES

- (1) Draw for positions - each boat draws.
- (2) Careful start - stay in your lane for 1st 100 yards. Keep eyes on boats next to you.
- (3) Floating start. Rows will form. Flag raised from power boat indicates a get ready signal. When the flag drops - the race begins.
- (4) Competitors will be disqualified should they leave the boat. Boats may not be carried across sandbars, you may not leave boat to push it free should you become stuck.
- (5) The lead boat has the right of way going through bridges, boats along side of another boat which holds the slightest lead must yield to the lead boat. Two boats should not attempt to pass under the same passageway along side of each other. Exception is the Stone Harbor Bridge where more than one boat may pass along side each other.
- (6) Lead boats may not block the passage of other boats which are attempting to overtake them. The boat attempting the passage must row around the lead boat so as not to interfere with it. However, the lead boat may not deliberately continue to block the passage by rowing in such a manner to prevent the passage.
- (7) The end of the race occurs when each boat has passed through two flags which served as the starting line. To officially finish a crew must navigate their boat between the two flags. Merely passing both flags does not constitute finish.
- (8) Should any contestant need the judge boat he should signal it by holding an oar extended over his head. Should someone feel sick or weak this signal will draw prompt response from the judge boat.
- (9) Just as important as victory is each individual contestants committment to row a fair, honest and safe race. Any crew that can't make such a committment stands ready to be disqualified.



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# Ninth Around Island Row Scheduled Today at Wildwoods

By GUY GARGAN  
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**NORTH WILDWOOD** — The 21-mile Around Island Row makes an ordinary 1 1/2-gal mile and a half doubles row look like a race on rails in a swimming pool.

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A floating start will take place at North Wildwood's 15th Avenue beach at 2:30 p.m. Today thirty to 40 boats of two-man big-end crew crews from all over South Jersey are expected to take part.

The crews will head south on the ocean leg to Cold Spring Inlet, then north on the bay side through the Wildwood harbor. Then they'll go through Herdford Inlet and back down to 14th Avenue.

This year's event could be more exciting than most. The Ocean City crew of Tom Kirk and John Herron set the most record of 2 hours, 37 minutes and five seconds in winning the event in 1983. Kirk and Herron are back again, but now challenges come from all fronts.

Kirk and Herron use the principle of "pain and gain" as they swept all doubles events last summer with rigorous training. This summer, Kirk

learned with Tom Strzembak to again shut out the opposition, but his 1984 partner had to return to his teaching job in Marietta, Ohio.

Herron, on vacation from the Navy, is now a fisherman and the duo managed to secure at Manassas, Va.

A Margate team will also try to row down temporary lane. The Herb Pizagis-John Smith combination did well in 1983 and is reunited for this year.

Challenges could come from the home island as Maxie Bikins and Skip Peraco will represent Wildwood Crest and the Rogan brothers, Tim and Mike, could do well for North Wildwood. Rick

Great things were likely to be the wilderness from Cape May should be heard from the Wildwood and Herdford crews, however, but they will be on hand as well as their teammates.

The 1983 Around Island Row crew includes Dan Miller and Scott McCombs. The 1982 crew included Elizabeth and Mike McGee, who took second place record in 1983 and it was Longbeach's Don Miller.

The race was also held in 1981 by Doug Spencer from Brigantine, Cape May, and Doug Allen of Sea Isle, Ocean City. Tom McCracken and John Miller of Atlantic City's Frain Hotel and Paul Morley



THURSDAY  
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Staff photos by Tom Kinnemond

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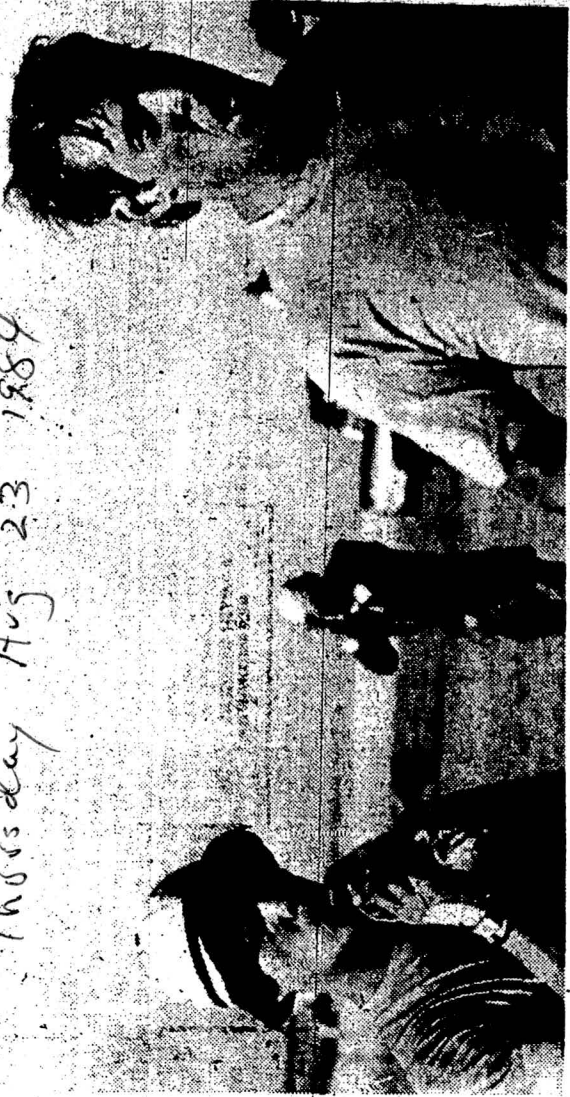
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*Thursday Aug 23 1984*



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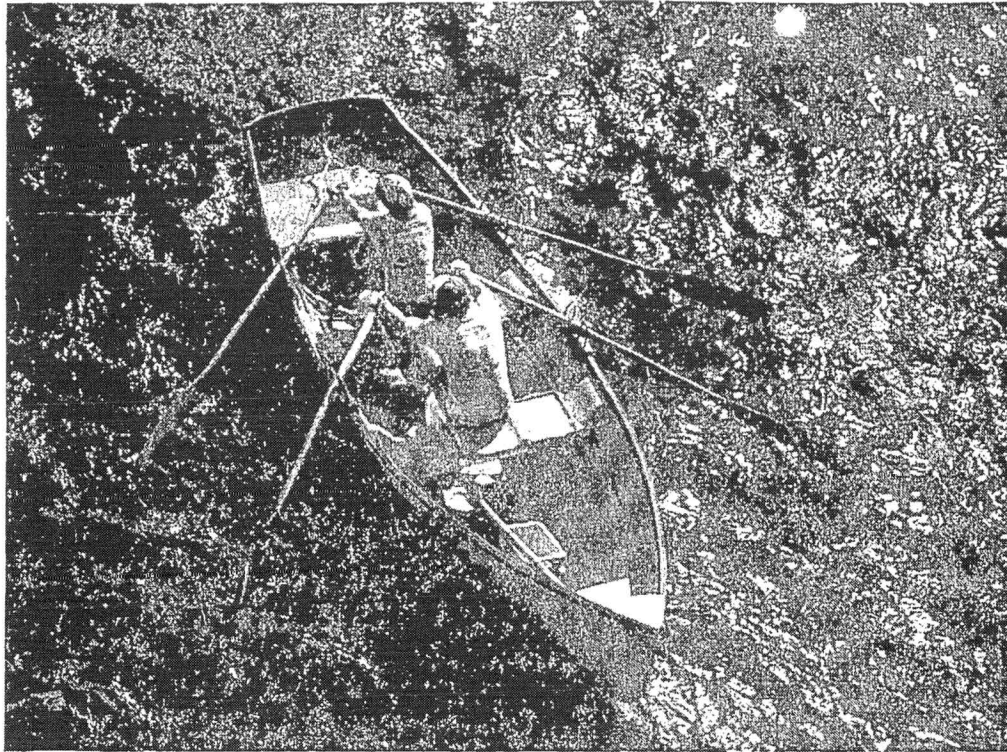
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# Giants To Over

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The comfortable advantage quickly evaporated as the crews passed the Stone Harbor Bridge and headed down the North Wildwood coast.

About two miles from the end, Kirk and Herron pulled to within 50 yards of the lead against the angry whitecaps. Trailing them by 30 yards were Don MacEachern and Mike McGrath of Longport.

When the Kirk-Herron effort was cut short, the Longport pair made it a thrilling stretch run. With 500 yards left, they trailed the leaders by 70 yards and soon that gap was cut in half.

MacEachern and McGrath apparently had their break when Millar lost an oar and the Ocean City crew had to turn the boat to retrieve it. Longport sliced the

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Longport's Kelly and Daley were third, 80 yards behind them.

"It was awful," McGrath said. "Even the bay was lousy. We were seventh but passed Bradley Beach, Cape May and Wildwood Crest right after the Stone Harbor Bridge."

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# Sports

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## Morrison-Millar conquer '84 Island Row conditions

By MARK STONE  
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**NORTH WILDWOOD** -- Through the nine years that it has been in existence, participants have called the Around-the-Island Row one of the most challenging events they have ever done; just to finish the 2-mile course was honored as an accomplishment.

An "accomplishment" would be an understatement if finishing this year's course, as the rowers had to fight high winds, waves and surf over the last mile of the course. The conditions were so severe that only 15 of the 32 entrants finished.

The first of the 15 to cross the finish line was the boat of Tom Morrison and John Millar of Ocean City Beach Patrol. The duo suffered through the surf as ever-one else, but had the luxury of a large lead that it had built early in the race.

"We had planned to begin the race with a four-minute racing stroke, about 35-40 strokes a minute just like a doubles race," explained

Morrison, who has won several singles rowing races this summer and had won the 1982 Around-the-Island Row with then partner Rick Shoyer.

This strategy opened a large lead over the second place boat, Longport Beach Patrol alumni Brian Kelly and Gil Daley using a Margate boat, as the field entered the first turn into Cold Spring Harbor. This was needed, as Morrison admitted afterwards that "we started running out of gas, especially at the Stone Harbor bridge."

By this time, Morrison and Millar were being challenged by last year's Around-the-Island Row winners Ron Kirk and John Herron, also of the Ocean City Beach Patrol. However, the existing surf conditions took care of this challenge.

"We were making a move out of the inlet into the ocean and saw Morrison taking a wide turn to get around the bend into the ocean. We figured out best shot to catch him was to go in close to shore and take a chance fighting the surf," related

Herron on the plan to overtake Morrison and Millar for first place and the chance for the \$1,000 first prize.

"We were within a boat length when a wave hit us and knocked Ron back, popping a hamstring. He was frozen in the boat on his stomach and he couldn't bend, so I headed straight for shore."

The next boat to challenge Morrison and Millar was from Longport, manned by Mike McGrath and Don MacEachern of that beach patrol. They, too, were closing the gap on the leaders when they got caught up in the surf and could not take advantage of the opportunity.

Morrison and Millar slipped off their seats, due to the surf, and lost hold of an oar about 50 yards from the finish, causing them to stop in the water. McGrath and MacEachern tried to take advantage of this opportunity, but the prevailing winds, waves and current took them into shore and they had to battle all three conditions to get back out into the racing lane.

Due to this, the Longport crew actually lost ground on Morrison and Millar, as the Ocean City pair strained to regain their stroke. It took over 15 minutes for the lead crew to reach the finish line from the 50 yards away. Such were the conditions of the surf.

In fact, due to the rough seas, the official powerboat could not get out of Herford's Inlet to the finish line. The head official had to jump out of the boat and swim to shore to be ferried to the finish line, so there was no official finishing time kept. Unofficially, the winning time was over 3½ hours.

"Luck seemed to stay with us this race, as well as my back and legs," groaned Morrison after reaching shore, reflecting back onto the race. There was a long wait before the third place craft, Kelly and Daley, reached the finish line. They, along with the rest of the field were becoming stranded in the surf.

"After we turned at the inlet, it was sheer hell," described Kelly on the

conditions. "Only the sight of the finishing flags kept me going. My head was rocking up and down due to the heat and strain. I was so delirious."

Jeff Probert and Greg Cooper of Bradley Beach crossed the line in fourth place, followed by Scott Montgomery and Chuck Patterson of the Cape May Beach Patrol.

"Coming out of the inlet, it was horrible," gasped an extremely exhausted and sore Montgomery in the locker room afterwards. "The waves kept breaking over the right side of the boat. We couldn't go straight in the ocean. All we could do was putt-putt with the left oars."

"Completing the row is a great accomplishment, I'm glad I did it," added Montgomery, but at the same time promising, "This was my first Around-the-Island Row and my last." The problems began as the route exited Herford Inlet and entered the ocean off the North Wildwood beach. The racers were battling both the wind and fatigue, with large waves dashing against

their boats, as they tried to advance through the final leg of the course.

"The last mile was impossible. I you weren't 240-lbs. and could bench press 350-lbs. there was no way you could pull yourself around Herford Inlet," claimed Michael Reagan of the North Wildwood Beach Patrol. He and his brother Tim had to withdraw from the race when their boat was knocked into the surf by the wind and took water.

The surf was such that even the most experienced rowers found themselves almost helpless in it.

"I tried everything I knew and still couldn't move through those adverse conditions. It was like to steps forward, three steps back," proclaimed Doug Aikins, who has 15 years of rowing experience as a member of the Sea Isle City Beach Patrol and six years of competing in the Around-Island Row, but who forced to withdraw from this year's event due to the ocean conditions.

"Someone could have swum last through this surf than I was able to row."

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The lifeguard teams begin the 21-mile race; high winds and rough water kept many boats from finishing

## For lifeguards, it was a long way around

*High seas driven by gale force winds yesterday eliminated more than half of the 32 teams of lifeguards who attempted to row the 21 miles around Wildwood Island in the ninth annual around-the-island row. The race began in calm seas at 2:30 p.m., but about 4:30, the winds raced in from the southeast and only 15 crews finished. Tom Morrison and John Miller of the Ocean City Beach Patrol finished first in 3 hours and 15 minutes. The Longport Beach Patrol was second, the Longport Alumni third, the Bradley Beach Beach Patrol fourth and the Cape May Beach Patrol fifth.*



Inquirer photos by Kendall Wilkinson

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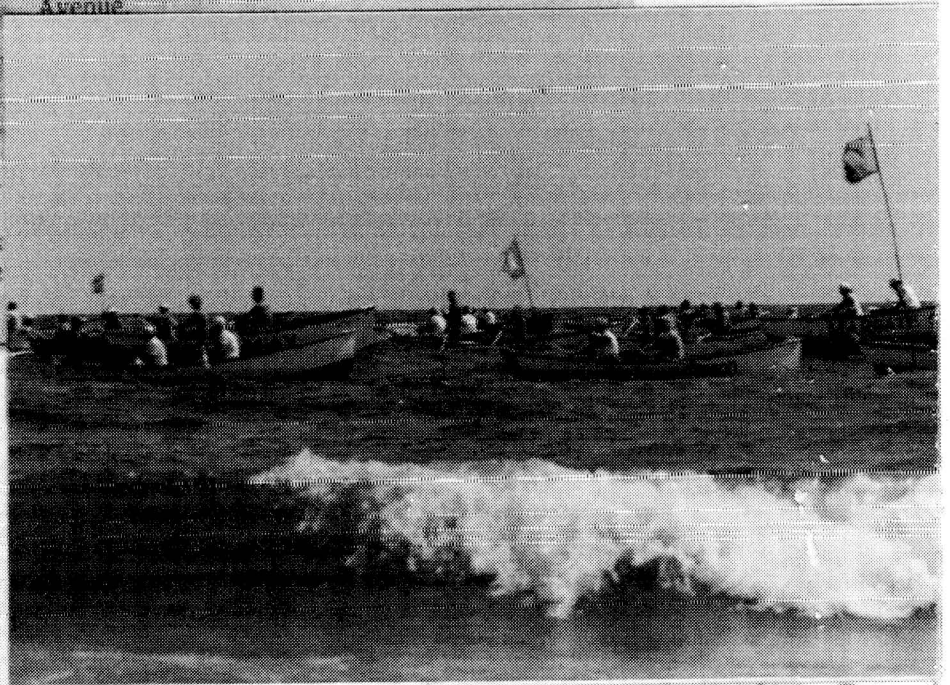
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**Guards Hold On**

**For Dramatic Marathon Row**



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