

Opinions differ 17 16.7.76 in ISORA race

AN UNUSUAL incident marked the start of the ISORA race from Kinsale around the Fastnet Rock and back to Cork. As the yachts were about to start at nightfall at the mouth of Kinsale Harbour, a member of the crew of one of the Dublin boats donned his lifejacket and jumped overboard.

Yesterday, Cass Smullen explained that he refused to crew on the yacht Standfast because her skipper interpreted the sailing instruction to leave the Fastnet Rock to starboard as meaning that he could turn to the east at the mouth of Kinsale Harbour and make back to Cork Harbour. Three other skippers also came to the same interpretation. Smullen was recovered from the sea after about 10 minutes and he said yesterday that he refused to work the boat.

Winds of up to force seven caused half the fleet to retire from the race. The Cork yacht, Irish Mist, skippered by Archie O'Leary, which had the best corrected time in division A, was the subject of two protest meetings and as a result was heavily penalised on points.

Division A1—Irish Mist (A. O'Leary) 16 hrs. 19 secs.; 2. Milene (A. Mirlesal) 16-16.40; 3. Battlecry (J. O. Prentice) 16-40-46.

Division A2—Skullmartin of Down (M. Flowers) 17-26-57; 2. Golden Delicious (J. Irwin) 17-42-21; 3. Lyra (L. Kertesz) 19-43-31.

Division B — 1. Silver Shamrock (H. Cudmore) 16-53-24; 2. Red Shamrock (R. Francis) 18-29-49; 3. Sun Dancer (T. E. Crosbie) 18-40-30.

Division C—1. Brynoth (H. Sherrard) 19-22-22 (only finisher).