

U.S. HELMSMAN'S TACTICAL TRIUMPH IN DJINN

FROM OUR YACHTING CORRESPONDENT

HUNTER'S QUAY, Sunday.

The American International six-metre Djinn proved the wisdom of the old maxim that "a race is not lost until it is won" in the second day of the International Clyde Fortnight yesterday, when she led home the fleet of nine British "sixes" after lying at one time in fourth place.

Hundreds of people again watched the racing, particularly in the six-metre class, where the American is proving a great attraction. A light southerly wind at the start gave the 123 boats taking part fair sailing conditions.

The "sixes" made a beautiful sight as they beat across the line in two perfect groups, the brilliant white nylon sails of many contrasting strongly with the dark, overcast Renfrew hills.

At the round the new Northern Yacht Club syndicate "six" Thistle, steered by Mr J. Herbert Thom, had a lead of nearly 2min. on Erica, Johan, and Djinn. Mr Meyer realised that he could improve his position only by seeking a new wind, and instead of following the three leaders on a mid-Firth beat to Ardgowan he held the Cowal shore. This manoeuvre succeeded, and when the wind veered from south to west, he was able to reach the Ardgowan mark while the others were forced to remain on the slower point of sailing.

MR HUME'S EFFORT

Mr Hume (Johan) saw this new threat, and did his best to cover the American

boat. He chased her hard on the run past the Cloch, and on the final reach to commodore, but was still 44sec. astern at the finish.

If Djinn had not caught this "lift," Mr Thom in Thistle would probably have followed Friday's win in Caprice with a second victory. He handled the new Robertson boat with the touch and confidence which made Circe the envy of all six-metre helmsmen in 1938 and 1939. Mr Thom, earlier this month, declined an invitation to take part in the British Seawanhaka Cup trials, and no more comment can be passed, but a helmsman who can change boats and bring out their best points is one to be valued.

Djinn appears to be a light-weather boat, and her quick reaction to strengthening puffs has been very obvious over the past two days' sailing. A "tender" six, however, is not normally happy on Clyde waters.

The keen sailing in the Dragon Gold Cup points competition continued, with Clyde helmsmen still unable to capture a winning flag in either of the two heats. Consistent sailing is, however, important, and in this respect Mr William Russell's Pinta is doing admirably, as is also the English 20-square metre Greylag, which had a first on Friday and a third yesterday. The Northern Irish contingent are still forcing the pace, but whether they will succeed remains to be seen.

The leading 20 Dragons will on Wednesday sail in one separate heat, which will be for the Dragon Gold Cup. Those which are likely to qualify at present are Fasner (N. Ireland), Greylag (England), Pinta (Clyde), Cerberus (Sweden), Ceres (N. Ireland), Gryphon (N. Ireland), Van Speyk (Holland), Tass II. and Argee (Clyde).

The eight-metre race was won by Mrs Simpson's Helen, with Sappho second and Felma third. Mr David Boyd's Alana again won in the ex-six-metre class, but was more closely held this time by Mr T. S. Black's Vorsa.

Noreine saved her time on Cymbeline in the "heavies," and Mr Adam K. Bergius repeated Friday's win in the Scottish Islands class. Mr Beecher Moore's "crack" Thames Merlin Gently beat Phakoe and Jet in the initial outing of this small racing dinghy class.

FINISHING TIMES

OVER 20 TONS. even starters, at 11 a.m.

	H. M. S.
1—Noreine (J. F. Lang)	4 12 44
2—Cymbeline (Dr J. P. Leckie)	4 13 52
3—Chameleon (W. A. Bergius)	4 19 49

EIGHT METRES Five starters, at 11.10.

1—Helen (8/K55) (E. Simpson)	2 48 56
2—Sappho (8/K18) (D. and F. Taylor) ..	2 52 25
3—Felma (8/K3) (A. W. Steven)	2 54 16

SIX METRES. Ten starters, at 11.20.

1—Djinn (US/80) (R. B. Meyer)	2 35 54
2—Johan (6/K55) (J. H. Hume)	2 36 38
3—Thistle (6/K72) (N. P. Donaldson) ..	2 41 31
4—Marletta (6/K70) (Lt-Col. J. B. Harrison)	2 43 33
5—Caprice (6/K48) (Sir F. Spriggs)	2 45 37
6—Erica (6/K57) (R. M. Teacher)	2 45 44
7—Noa (6/K49) (F. G. Mitchell)	2 46 54
8—Kyria (6/K71) (Air Comm. J. C. Quinell)	2 50 28
9—Mena (6/K52) (A. J. Newman)	2 50 44
10—Sabrina (6/K7) (J. MacLeod)	2 59 17

DRAGONS

First heat. Seventeen starters, at 12 noon.

1—Fasner (D/UK45) (A. T. Boyd)	3 21 22
2—Pinta (D/UK25) (W. Russell)	3 28 4
3—Greylag (D/UK9) (N. F. Wilkinson) ..	3 28 42
4—Ceres (D/UK54) (W. H. Barnett)	3 29 26

DRAGONS II.

Eighteen starters, at 12.10 p.m.

1—Cerberus (D/552) (G. Jacobsson)	3 44 2
2—Lassie (D/UK99) (G. and J. Dunlop) ..	3 52 34
3—Valhalla (D/UK14) (J. Crean and J. Jones)	3 52 55
4—Portavo (D/UK45) (Sir R. T. McConnell)	3 55 35

OVER SEVEN TONS. Seven starters—1, Amita; 2, Kelana; 3, Sunbeam.

EX 6-METRES. Seven starters—1, Alana; 2, Vorsa; 3, Piccolo.

SCOTTISH ISLANDS. Seven starters—1, Jura; 2, Sanda; 3, Centra.

UNDER SEVEN TONS. Ten starters—1, Gertrude; 2, Hervor; 3, Yvette.

LOCH LONGS. Nine starters—1, Maro; 2, Ariel; 3, Roma.

SWORDFISH DINGHIES. Four starters—1, Tohu; 2, Uno.

MERLIN DINGHIES. Eight starters—1, Gently; 2, Phakoe; 3, Jet.