

YACHTS ALL SET FOR THE BIG RACE

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THE confidence of outside partisans that "their" yacht would win the America's cup in the series that begins at Newport, Rhode Island, tomorrow, was balanced today by temperate views on the outcome by those most deeply involved.

They were Emil Mosbacher and Olin Stephens, the skipper and designer respectively of Intrepid, the defender, and Alexander (Jock) Sturrock and Warwick Hood, their counterparts for the Australian challenger, Dame Pattie.

Stephens, three times the designer of 12-meter yachts for the defence, did not want to discuss the question.

"I'll tell you next week," he said. Mosbacher said: "I think our group as a whole has a lot of respect for what appears to be a very good boat and a very good crew and all of us are very much up."

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Sturrock would not express an opinion because Dame Pattie never had faced a top-flight opponent.

Hood found the hull forms of the opponents remarkably alike, but did not know which was faster. They never have been close enough long enough on the same point of sailing.

There were Americans who were sure that Intrepid would complete a four-race sweep in defence of the old silver ewer that is the New York Yacht Club's most cherished possession.

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In the Australian camp, every man was convinced that the symbol of world sailing supremacy soon would be on its way to the Royal Sydney Yacht Squadron.

"If I knew what came out of Intrepid's tank tests, I might be prepared to make a prediction, but I don't" Hood told the New York Times.

"As for Dame Pattie, I deliberately set out to design a light-weather boat for winds under 15 knots. But she has turned out to be excellent in strong winds as well."