



The crews. Left to right — J. Wonderlich, Phil E. Schafer, Ira Vail, L. L. Corum, Louis Chevrolet, Tommy Milton, Wade Morton, Harry Harts, R. Harroun, Peter DePaolo, Wm. Knipper

# MIAMI BEACH REGATTA Starts New Era *in* Motor Boat Racing



Robman Wanamaker 2nd, owner and driver of Little Old Man which won the Free For All Class

*Professionals Drive in First Regatta and Thoroughly Demonstrate That Plans Originated by Carl G. Fisher Mean Better and Larger Race Meets in Future*

By Charles F. Chapman

WITHOUT question, the motor boat regatta at Miami Beach, Florida, held on March 20th and 21st, was the biggest and most successful race meet held anywhere, not even excepting the affairs of longstanding, held annually at Detroit, on the Mississippi and elsewhere. The competition was keen and close, the entries were numerous, the boats all fast and of the highest type and the number of spectators ashore and afloat was greater than in any southern regatta in the past. The regatta was well conducted by committees from Miami and Miami Beach, assisted by hundreds of yachts-

men from the north who made the trip to Miami Beach especially for the races.

The idea originated by Carl G. Fisher of having professional automobile drivers at the helm of one class of ten boats worked out to perfection. These drivers, none of whom had ever before driven a boat of any description, quickly learned the trick even though they had less than one full hour's practice before the start. Their driving in the race was very near perfect; they were fearless, drove their craft wide open at all times, made beautiful turns at the buoys and above all acted



Hialcah driven by Louis Chevrolet, which won the Biscayne Baby Class