DUKE GIVES COWES ROYAL BEGINNING

200 vessels assembled at Cowes for the finest regatta of the yachting year. If the holiday weather was not to the liking of everybody ashore it was grand for minimum sailing. The Royal yacht Britannia moored in Cowes Roads and the Duke of Edinburgh was among the competitors.

At times there was the wind for spinnakers, a sight to delight the yachtsman's eye.

(gull)

The 32-foot craft were in evidence. Although the great

J-class yachts of pre-war years are now a thing of the

past Cowes still holds its place as the greatest regatta

of all.