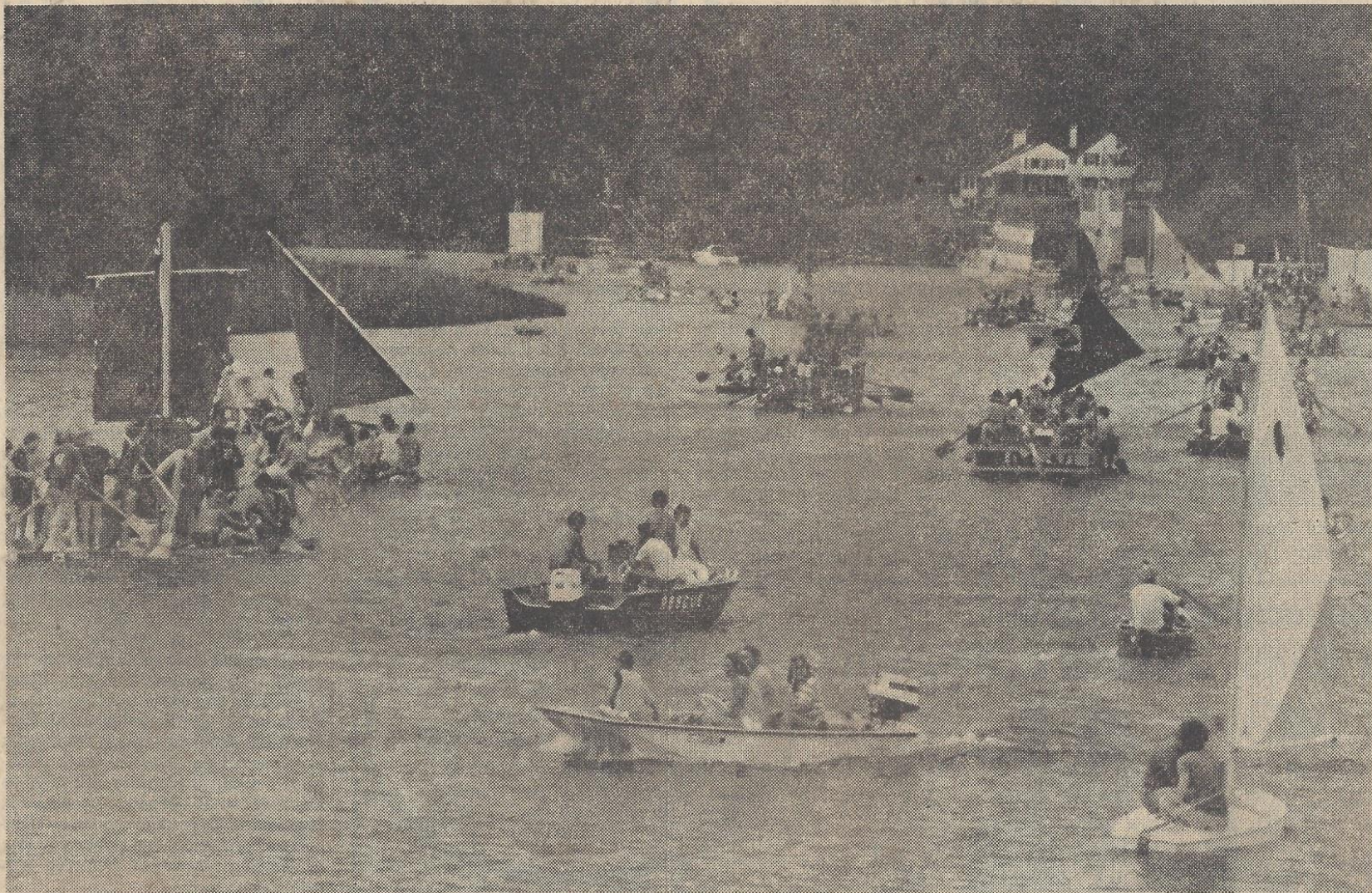


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And they're off! Starting at Deep River, 96 homemade rafts of all shapes and designs raced to Nott Island in Essex for the honor of being named champion of the 5th annual

Connecticut River Raft Race. Of course, the keg of beer which was first prize may have been a motivation, too . . .

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