



SWEDISH RUNABOUT ENTERS AMERICAN MARKET

Another foreign nation has entered the booming American boat market seeking clients. This 21-foot mahogany runabout was built in Sweden. Powered with a 50-horsepower Swedish engine, the boat has a fast turn of speed and is described as an ideal fishing craft. Trying it out for size on Washington Channel this week were Howard Rhodes, designer and importer (left); Mrs. LaVera Golden, Washington yachtswoman, and Eric von Sydow of the Swedish Embassy.—Star Staff Photo.



FORE AND AFT

By MALCOLM LAMBORNE

Arrival of the 1955 hurricane season should see the Weather Bureau manned to give quicker and more adequate warnings to boatmen and others in their paths, thanks to action of the House this week. An additional \$2,250,000 was added to the bureau's budget for the fiscal year beginning July 1.

This is enough money, according to Representative Fogarty, Democrat, of hurricane-wise Rhode Island, who sponsored the amendment, to hire 300 more professional meteorologists and to improve and extend all facilities for weather forecasting, including emergency hurricane warning centers. Representative Patterson, Republican, of Connecticut, who has plugged hard for his \$5 million emergency appropriation exclusively for hurricane warnings, said the \$2,250,000 was inadequate and would mean only a small amount of increased protection for this year and next. But he conceded it was a step in the right direction.

When the Commerce Department appropriation bill of which the Weather Bureau is a part gets to the Senate, the bureau's budget may be increased further. As one House member expressed it: "This year they (the bureau) have also been given insufficient funds. The fault, for once, does not seem to lie wholly with Congress. The Commerce Department and the Bureau of the Budget have mauled the Weather Bureau requests."

Drum beaters for the Gold Cup race at Seattle, Wash., August 7 are talking in terms of a sure field of 12 unlimited hydroplanes and as many as 22 "possible" boats attempting to qualify. That's a pretty big order for any regatta, particularly when it is still more than two months away.

Two things are certain at this point: Stanley Sayres will have defending champion racer Slo Mo Shun V and world speed holder Slo Mo Shun IV on hand, and there will be another invasion of Detroit Gold Cup owners anxious to bring the cup East for the first time since 1949.

The longest yacht race in Atlantic waters this season, a trans-oceanic affair from Newport, R. I., to Marstrand, Swe-

den, has drawn a fleet of eight entries. The race starts June 11 under auspices of the Royal Swedish, Royal Gothenburg and New York Yacht Clubs.

Half the fleet is made up of yachts from West Germany. There are also three United States and one Norwegian entry. The American boats are Carl Havard's yawl Circe, which won Class B in the Bermuda race last summer; William Smith's yawl Figaro III and Richard Nye's yawl Carina. Oldest yacht in the race will be Dr. Jul Nielsen's 50-year-old ketch Stavanger from Oslo. It and the four German boats are coming to this country by steamer.

At least two of the Corinthian Yacht Club cruisers in this week-end's rendezvous at Colonial Beach won't be returning to town Monday. Commodore Marvin Broyhill, Jr., and Vice Commodore Carl Hengen will take their boats on around to the bay and a summer base on West River.

Area stock outboard drivers who already have won some silverware this season now number two. First it was John Ackerman with a third in the stock hydros at Solomons and now Ed Murphy with a first in DUs at Hopewell. Here's hoping the pot of wins picks up. Drivers hereabout seem to have an inordinate amount of bad luck. When their outfits run they really move.

Pros Shoot Tonight In Hole-in-One Event

Washington and Baltimore golf pros will shoot for \$100 in prize money at 9:30 tonight at the Manor driving range on Georgia avenue extended, near the entrance to Manor Club. The first four pros in a hole-in-one contest will pocket \$50, \$25, \$15 and \$10. It is the same hole now being used for a hole-in-one tournament for the Crippled Children's Society. Pros are not eligible for the car that goes with the latter contest.

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Big Week End Planned For D. C. Yachtsmen

Washington area yachtsmen are getting ready for their annual Memorial Day week end exodus.

Many boat owners plan to leave their berths after work today and head down the Potomac, not to return until late Monday, giving them three nights and three days afloat.

For some skippers, the week end will find them continuing on to Chesapeake Bay anchorages for the season.

Both Corinthian and Capital Yacht Clubs are planning rendezvous this week end, the former at Colonial Beach and the latter opposite Indian Head on the Virginia shore.

Annual Regatta Planned
Potomac River Sailing Association also stages its annual Gunston Cove regatta, with a big fleet of windjammers racing 14 miles tomorrow from Washington Sailing Marina to the cove located on the Virginia shore. Races for women and juniors and novelty events are planned in the cove Sunday. The fleet will race back to the marina Monday.

National Yacht Club facilities will be available to PRSA members who will be racing a different course from that used for some years. Previously the start had been off Old Dominion Boat Club in Alexandria. The new start just south of National Airport adds another 2 miles to the course.

Skippers are reminded that if they haven't finished the race by 5 p.m. they should start paddling, rowing or breaking out outboards. One of the reasons is to get all hands ashore in time for a beach supper.

The smaller boats will be sent off first, followed by larger classes, until all are away. In theory the fleet should finish in a bunch.

Party and Dance Slated
Corinthian members leave in fleet formation around 8 a.m. tomorrow with Fleet Capt. "Connie" McCalline in the cruiser, Jo Pat, leading the way. Boats will continue all the way to Colonial Beach with docking scheduled for 3 p.m. at Colonial Yacht Club.

Additional members will ar-

rive by automobile and according to Commodore Marvin Broyhill there should be between 150 and 200 persons on hand for the party and dance tomorrow night at Colonial Yacht Club. No organized activities are set for Sunday or Monday. At about 10 a.m. Monday, the fleet will head upstream for home.

This is the first big event for Colonial Yacht Club since Martin Lunsford did a major renovation job this winter and spring. The club was wrecked by hurricane Hazel last October.

Capital skippers will be the guests of Myron Davy, who has a summer home opposite Indian Head. The fleet leaves the club at 10 a.m. and is due to anchor at 1 p.m. A picnic lunch follows ashore, with Commodore Herbert Hurley as co-host.

Club tender service will be provided members who don't bring along their own dinghies.
—M. L. Jr.

Mrs. Rabineau Victor

Mrs. Morton Rabineau, with 94-18-76, was the low net winner on ladies day at Indian Spring yesterday. Mrs. A. B. Zweigenhaft with 96-18-78 was second. Mrs. Tommy Plowman won the most axes.

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Wally Gore, winner of four 25-lap features in six starts at Old Dominion this season, is in third place with 248 points. These drivers and others, including Clay Eastridge, Herman Meador, Ellis Odham, Bill Wynkoop and Charlie Martin, will be on hand Saturday night for the 50-lap spring stock car championship race.

Drag racing, postponed the last three weeks because of rain, will be staged at 10 a.m. Sunday.

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W-L, GW Crews Leave for National Schoolboy Regatta

The crews of George Washington and Washington-Lee High Schools left for Philadelphia by bus early this morning, GW seeking its second consecutive national championship in the varsity eights and W-L trying for its fourth such crown in seven years.

Also, GW will be trying to repeat a victory in the junior fours-with coxswain event and W-L trying for another quad championship in the annual regatta of the Schoolboy Rowing Association.

The races—about a dozen qualifying heats late today and final finals tomorrow afternoon—will be run over the same one-mile course on the Schuylkill River where W-L and GW were beaten by St. Joseph's of Philadelphia last Saturday in the Stotesbury Cup.

George Washington has entered varsity and junior varsity crews in both the eights and fours events, while Washington-Lee will compete in these plus the quad event.

The trials today begin at 4 p.m. and the finals tomorrow at 1 p.m. with varsity and jayvee races in the eights, fours, doubles and singles and one quad final.

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