



HERBERT "DICK" READ (above) will be driving his 26-footer Foamflyer. He has been racing for many years and is a regular competitor in the Cowes-Torquay series.

He drove the smallest outboard in the first Daily Express event in 1961 when he ran out of petrol in Lyme Bay.

However, he explained to the skipper of an anchored Russian tanker that he was a competitor in a race and they filled up his tank.

Read had an even harder job explaining to Press and race officials that he had just stopped off to refuel from a Russian tanker!

At his Exeter works, 43-year-old Dick Read not only builds boats but produces exquisitely carved ecclesiastical screens and furniture which go to cathedrals and churches all over the world.

This pulpit at Dunchideock Church is just one example of the intricate work turned out.