

VANTAGE POINTS GALORE AS 60 MACHINES TUSSLE IN THE CHANNEL

'A powerboat race to beat all races!

The toughest powerboat race in the world gets even tougher tomorrow when 60 racing machines face a double tussle with the open Channel.

This year, the Cowes-Torquay race becomes the Cowes-Torquay-Cowes race — enabling spectators in the Solent area to see both the start and finish of this 228-mile pounding, crashing ride.

The Commander-in-Chief Portsmouth (Admiral Sir John Frewen) will start the race at 10 a.m. In past years, the sight of these multi-thousand horsepower fliers, snarling into top speed and whipping up the Solent into white spray, has been the most awesome moment of the race.

All that the people of Torquay will see of the racing fleet will be as they turn round a mark-boat south of Haldon Pier.

Then, without stopping, they will be homeward bound again, cutting in close to Portland Bill before heading for the Solent and the finishing line off Cowes.

What might be a comfortable following sea one way will be a steep head-sea the other. Boats which have the advantage driv-

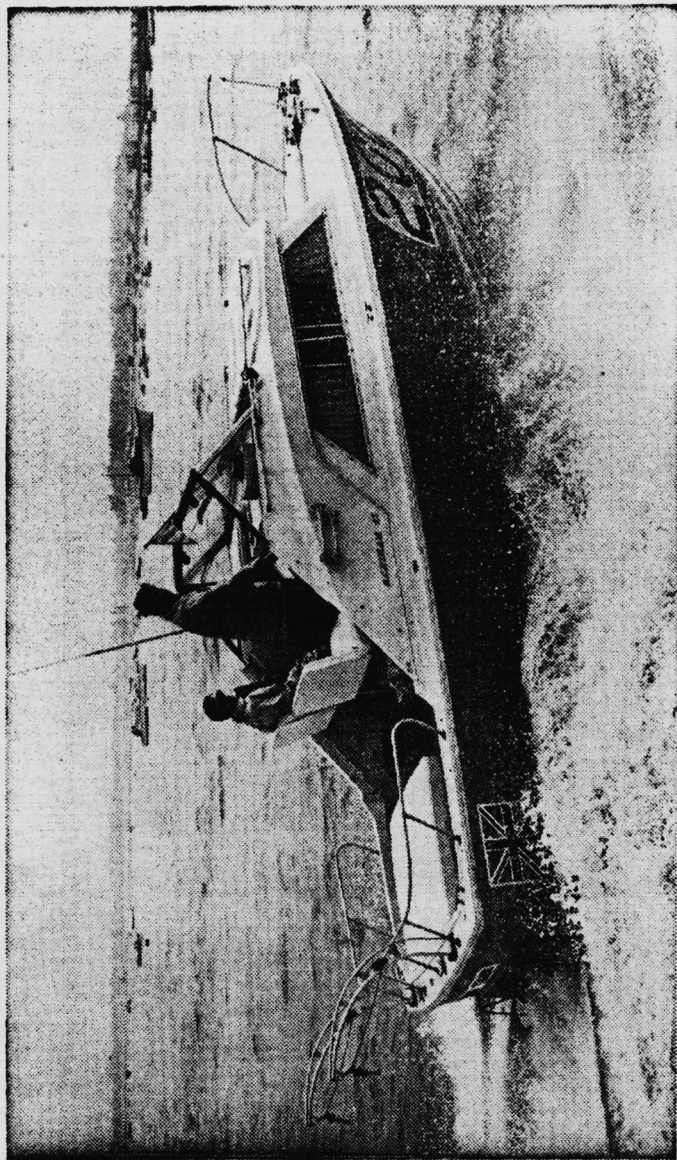
and the Needles Channel, out in the Channel towards Torbay.

There are grandstand views galore along the course and at the main vantage points loud-speaker commentaries will keep spectators informed of the changing leading positions.

The best viewing points will be from Cowes, Southsea, Yarmouth, Hurst Point, Durlston Head, near Swanage, Portland Bill, and Torbay. All these places will be included in the loud-speaker network.

Several previous winners are in the field. Among them, the Gardner brothers, Charles and Richard, will be driving their 36ft. 1,950 h.p. Surfury, which won last year at an average speed of 33 m.p.h.

Racing this year under a new name is the former Italian Delta Synthesis, now Partenocraft 40, racing in Italy's national racing colours, red. South African entry is Metcor 2, unladen from the liner Vaal in Southampton Docks on Tuesday. She will be crewed by three South African businessmen.

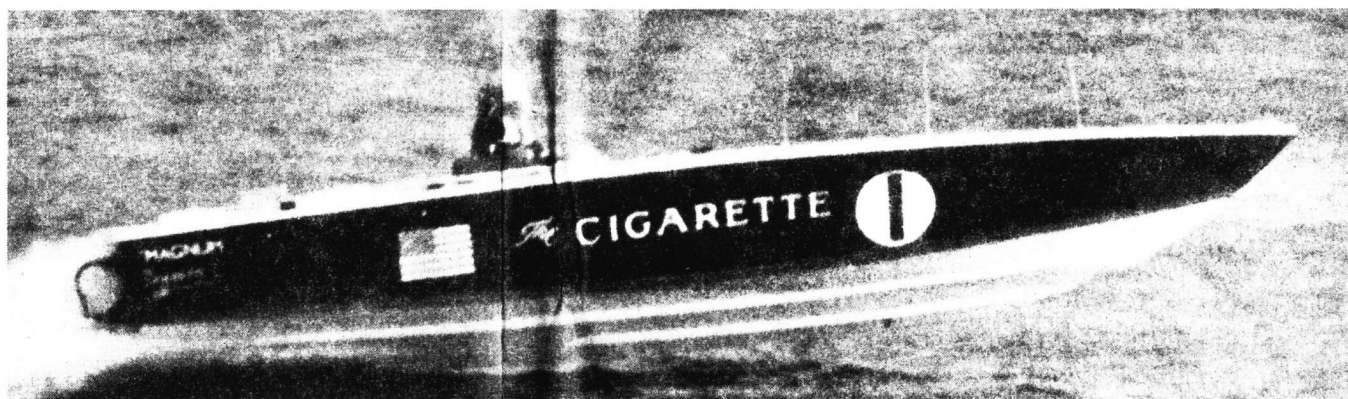


John Eberhardt, 43-year-old Portsmouth businessman, at the wheel of his 23ft. Bertram boat, Paper Tiger, which he will be driving in tomorrow's race. He bought the boat two years ago, and last year took second place in Class II of the Channel Islands powerboat race.

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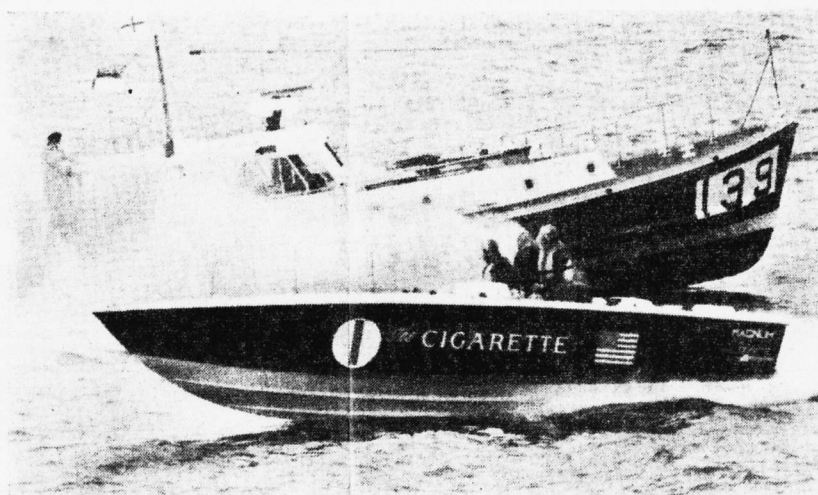
On the new course, the best all-round scaboats will have the advantage, probably at the expense of more extreme hull shapes.

To make the there-and-back journey possible, most of the "double back" loops in the course off Southsea and the east of the Wight, have been pruned. Tomorrow, the fleet will start from Cowes to the eastward to a mark boat just south of South Parade Pier at Southsea. From here they head west, through the Solent



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