



Boat club members and families ready to head south . . .

Area boat racers win Florida runs

Competing in the annual St. Petersburg, Fla., regatta on Lake Maggorie last weekend, members of the Dayton Power Boat Racing Association from the Kettering area won first place honors in two events, one second place, a third and two fifth place awards.

First place honors went to Gene Whipp, driving "Little Mogul" in the 150-cubic inch class, and Bill Starrett, who drove "The Little Crazy Thing" to victory in the seven liter class.

Dean Chenoweth ran into some bad luck while driving his own "Little Wide Track" on Saturday and flipped backwards while traveling well over 100 mph along the straightaway.

The boat was damaged quite extensively, but Dean was uninjured and was able to return to

the races on Sunday and pick up second place honors in the 280-cubic inch competition driving "Chuck's Joy," a boat owned by Charles Fyffe.

Driving "Sheet Music," owned by Bob Sheets, Ronnie Brunner placed third in the competition Saturday, and Sunday, driving "Joker," owned by Dave Koch, in the 48-cubic inch class, he won an overall third place trophy.

Forest Moler won an overall fifth place award by driving "My Folly" to fifth place honors in the 150-cubic inch class on both days.

More than 20 area fans, drivers and children made the trip to the sunny south last weekend to witness the regatta. In the photo above are those from the Kettering area who made the trip.

Twelve boats from the Dayton Club participated in the events. Among the Dayton Contingent were national high point champions Dick Boyer Sr., Bill Starrett and George English.

The local club is planning to hold a regatta in the Dayton area in the near future, pending approval of city and county officials. Dates for the local extravaganza will be announced as soon as plans are completed, according to club officials.

They are: (from left) John Whipp, Dean Chenoweth, Kathy Chenoweth, Joyce Fyffe, Chris Whipp, Gene Whipp, John O'Hara, Phylis O'Hara, Evelyn Little, Paul McKee, Ronnie Brunner, Dave Koch, Henry Brackney, Paul Hurst, Paul Hurst Jr., and Denny Nevin and Phil Kunz standing in the rear.