



*Father, son racing team...*

# Power boats vie in Eastern division meet

This Saturday and Sunday motor boat enthusiasts will have the opportunity of attending the American Power Boat Association's Eastern Divisional Championship. The race is being hosted by the Dayton Motor Boat Racing Association, Inc., and will feature champion drivers from all sections of the country, including local entrants.

The Eastern Divisional Race is one of three prize races in the country. The winners automatically qualify for the National Regatta, two weeks later, in Seattle, Washington.

All races will be held on Eastwood Park Lake, which is just adjacent to Rt. 4, 69, and Harshman Rd. According to referee Gene Whipp the races on Saturday will be races of elimination and on Sunday the finals will be run. Whipp also added that the one and two-thirds mile course is approved by the American Power Boat Association and any world records established will be recognized by the association.

Members of the Dayton Motor Boat Racing Association said they expect 25,000 spectators to attend this second annual regatta. In addition, for the second year, all proceeds will be contributed to the Barney Children's Medical Center, Dayton.

Among the public officials attending the races will be Gov. James A. Rhodes. He will present the Marine Achievement Award on Sunday to the owner

in the regional races he has entered.

In contrast to "rookie" Kreitz-

er will be veteran racer and builder Jim Davies, also a Kettering man. Jim, who resides at 2322 Vale Dr., started racing in 1952 and has had considerable success, according to referee Whipp. In 1964, his craft won first place in the Eastern Divisionals in Ottawa, Ill.

He will enter two crafts this weekend. One boat, the "Coyote," will be driven by his son, Jim Jr., who has since taken over the wheel from his dad. Young Jimmy, who is 17, won his first race at Ecorse, Mich., last year. He will drive an S-221, (145 cubic inch) craft. Jim Davies' other craft will be raced by Dan Walls, of Cincinnati.

Other local entrants are Phillip Kunz, 700 W. Dorothy Lane, who will enter his "Nemesis"; Elroy Spicker, 551 Monterey, with his "Blue Devil"; Denny Nevin, 2481 Comanche Dr., with "Hey Moose"; George Walther Jr., 6313 Mad River Rd., who will enter his big "Country Boy," with Dace Thomas, of 2337 Leigh Pl., behind the wheel.

The race will consist of three laps around the one and two-thirds mile course. Mr. Whipp, the referee, stated that there would be 175 entrants divided into nine classes, according to the size of the crafts motor and overall size. Scoring will be on a point basis with 400 for first; 300, second; 225, third; 169, fourth; 127,