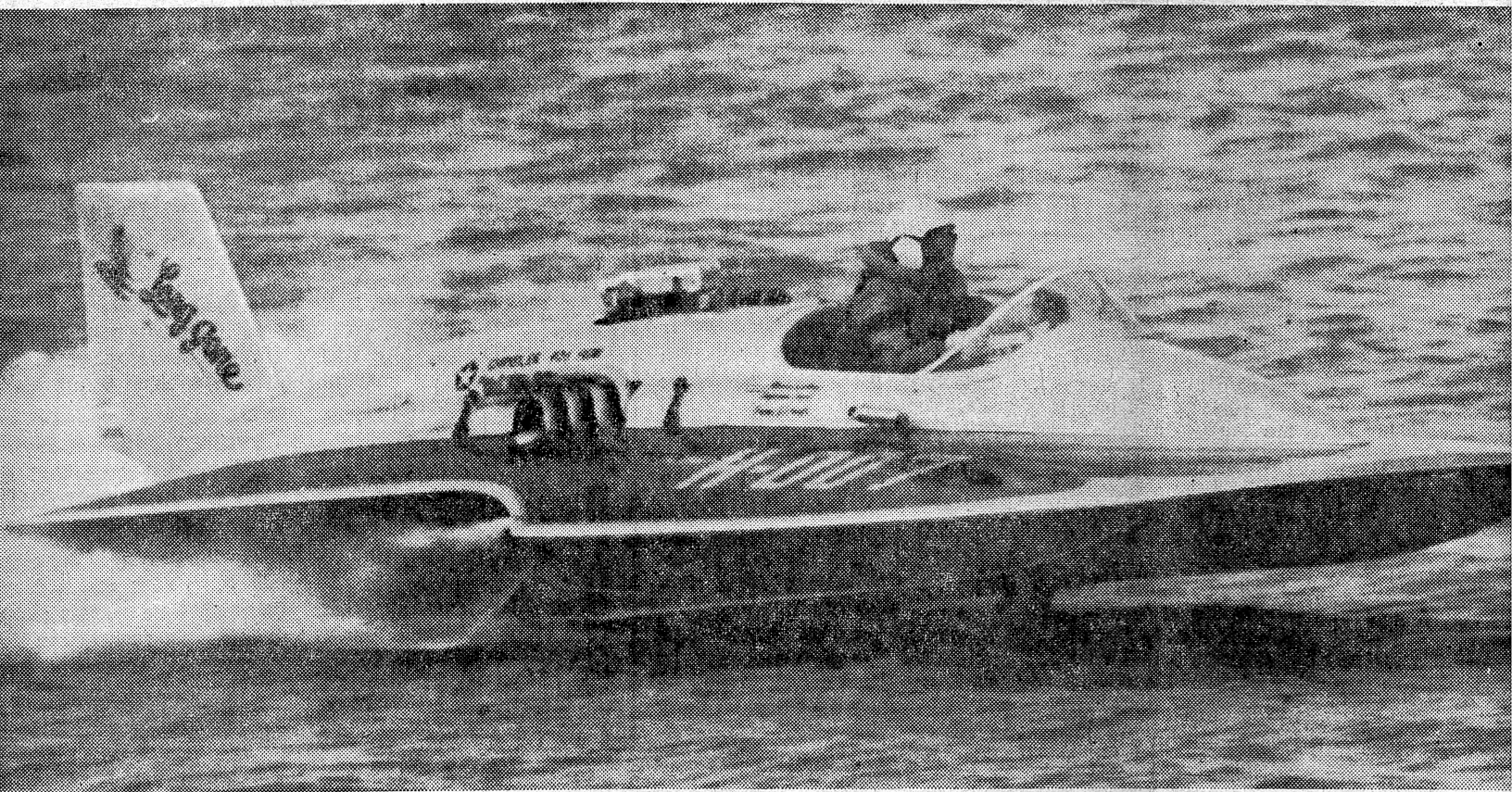


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SHE'S CALLED THE LONG GONE AND SHE'S LIVED UP TO HER NAME MORE THAN ONCE
Bill Heath at the Wheel of Craft Which Won the 1967 Orange Bowl Grand Prix and the Southland Sweepstakes

8 Boat Kings in Race Here

By TOM CARROLL, Daily News Sports Writer

ALL SEVEN of the American Power Boat Racing association's national high-point champions are entered in the Eastern division championships which make up the Dayton Motor Boat Racing association's third annual regatta at Eastwood park next Saturday and Sunday.

The anticipated field of 175 craft will include still an eighth champion, D. F. Brouse of Valleyfield, Quebec, Canadian national titleholder in the 280 cubic inch class.

National high-point champions who will take to the lake at Eastwood park are Paul Bauer, Deer Park, O., 48-cubic inch; Cheri Pettit, Ventnor, N. J., 145 class; Woody Pleiscott, Cambridge, Mo., 150; Ed Morgan, Trenton Mich., 225; Skeeter Johnson,



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Cambridge, Md., 266; Walter Struzek, Norristown, Pa., 280 and Bill Sterrett, Owensboro, Ky., 7-litre.

AND AMONG the boats likely to make the biggest noise and biggest headline splash is a 7-litre craft called the Long Gone which lived up to its name on its first two races off St. Petersburg, Fla., last February.

The Long Gone, piloted by Bill Heath of Homewood, Ill., made a cakewalk out of what was to have been a 6½ mile battle in the Lake Maggiore inboard regatta.

A former outboard champion, Heath hurried the Long Gone past the best of the lot in the 1967 Orange Bowl Grand Prix and in the St. Petersburg, Fla., Southland Sweepstakes.

In the latter event last February, the Long Gone left behind the 7-litre championship boat Miss Crazy Thing, originally owned by Sterrett but now the property of Mike Thomas of Cedar Rapids,

N.J., and the Chip Winder, in which only this year, Ed Morgan of Trenton, Mich., had piloted to a world-record 84.587 miles per hour.

ON THE DAY of the Southland Sweepstakes neither the Miss Crazy Thing nor the Chip Winder could stay with the Long Gone, speeding over the water at 88.0186 mph.

All three craft are of a type known as a can-am, meaning the engine is in back of the driver. Designed by Ron Jones of Mountain View, Calif., aerodynamics principles developed by Dayton Jim Raisbeck, the cabover has taken over speedboat racing much as the Lotus Fords displaced front-engine Offenhausers at Indianapolis many years ago.

Racing gets under way at 12 noon on both Saturday and Sunday, with proceeds once again going to the Barney Children's Medical center.

Last year's program netted \$3,800 for the hospital.