



Staff photo by Bob Jones

Here's how the ski-class boats looked from a seat in Goodyear Blimp

Whipp plays it cool

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George Whipp of Kettering tri-
phantly toured the East-
ern Lake race course in his
"Heavy Hauler" for the bene-
fit of Power Boat Magazine
photographers yesterday.
Whipp's lone runs of the cir-
cuit after winning the 7-Litre
Division I world championship
in the last race of the day
was a fitting culmination of
days of national and world
championship powerboat rac-
ing with proceeds going to the
Children's Medical Center.
Officials of the Dayton
Power Boat Racing Assn.,
sponsors of the regattas, esti-
mated more than 25,000 at-

Power Boat Assn. and the
Union of International Motor-
boating.

WHIPP, a member of the
Dayton association, had an
easy time winning the 7-Litre
Division I national and world
titles after his toughest com-
petition, Cincinnati's Bill
Hodge in "Long Gone,"
stopped dead in the first final
heat with a wet distributor.

All Whipp, who had won the
first heat with an average
speed of 88.192 miles per hour
(mph), had to do to win his
second national title and first
world championship was fin-
ish the final two heats.

After running neck-and-neck
the second final heat, Whipp

ended up way behind Hodge.

WHIPP ALSO took the third
final heat slowly while Hodge
pushed for an easy win. Whipp
had merely to finish on the
same lap as Hodge to win the
world medallion, but even at
that he was by no means over-
confident.

"I've seen guys be 100 yards
from finishing a race and have
something go wrong with their
engine or something," Whipp
said later. "I would have liked
to have made it a good race,
but I didn't want to push my
engine. I didn't need to, so
why do it?"

While Whipp cruised to easy
victories, a fellow Dayton as-
sociation member from Lima,

when he took a piece of bad
advice.

PANARETOS SAID he
sought some help from a rep-
resentative of a sparkplug
manufacturer after winning
the first final heat of the 225-
cubic-inch-displacement (CID)
class.

On the advice from the rep-
resentative, Panaretos
changed the jets and turned
the distributor on the engine of
his "Goodie Wagon." The re-
sult was a loss of 800 rpm and
a fourth-place finish in the sec-
ond final heat.

The national championship
went to Danny Walls, a Dayton
club member from Bellevue,
Ky., for the third straight year.

second in the first heat.

"**WE BLEW** our fanny right
out of the water on that one,"
Panaretos grumbled after-
ward. But his mechanics cor-
rected the problem in time for
Panaretos to win the third
heat, taking the world cham-
pionship by 5.1 seconds of
elapsed time for the three
heats.

Two native Portuguese girls,
clad in national costumes,
added color to the races, but
their country's representa-
tive, Tony Rodrigues, had a
tough weekend.

The Valley Stream, N.Y.,
resident relinquished his U.S.
7-Litre Division II title Satur-
day, finishing second, and

ALTHOUGH MANY boats stalled and died during the afternoon, Whipp was the only driver involved in a flip. His 280-CID hydroplane went over, but he was uninjured.

Gov. John Gilligan arrived by helicopter after the races to present an achievement trophy to young Duff Daily of Miami, Fla., who finished third in the SK Class nationals.

LIMITED INBOARD CHAMPIONSHIPS National Championships Results

SK — 1. Greg Ostrowski, Berwyn, Ill., "Last Hurrah"; 2. Bobby Walters, Metairie, La., "Path Flinder"; 3. Duffy Daily Miami, Fla., "Oh Mona V".

225-CID — 1. Danny Walls, Bellevue, Ky., "Justa-Pest II"; 2. Ted Panerelos, Birmingham, Mich., "Goodie Wagon"; 3. Bob Best Jr., Everett, Wash., "Special Edition".

5-LITRE — 1. Charles Dunn, Miami, Fla., "Miss Washington D. C."; 2. Anson Holley, New Orleans, La., "Cajun Queen"; 3. Timothy Williams, Spokane, Wash., "Curious Yellow".

280-CID — 1. Chuck Thompson, Detroit, Mich., "Chuck Wagon"; 2. Jules LeBoeuf, Valleyfield, Que., Canada, "Boomerang"; 3. John Onkey, Miami, Fla., "Bent Bullet".

7-LITRE DIV. I — 1. Gene Whipp, Kettering, "Heavy Hauler"; 2. James Davis Louisville, "Hornet".

World Championship Results

SK — 1. Ostrowski, "Last Hurrah"; 2. James Hoffmann, Coconut Creek, Fla., "Roy's Toy"; 3. Chuck Blume, Hashbrock Heights, N.J., "Hootenanny".

225-CID — 1. Panerelos, "Goodie Wagon"; 2. Best, "Special Edition"; 3. Walls, "Justa-Pest II".

5-LITRE — 1. Dunn, "Miss Washington D. C."; 2. Holley, "Cajun Queen"; 3. Williams, "Curious Yellow".

280-CID — 1. Goerge Baker, Daytona Beach, Fla., "Gee Bee"; 2. Thompson, "Chuck Wagon"; 3. D. F. Brouse, Valleyfield, Que., Canada, "Miss St. Felician".

7-LITRE DIV. I — 1. Whipp, "Heavy Hauler"; 2. Bill Hodge, Cincinnati, "Long Gone".