

INBOARD HYDROPLANES RUN THREE ABREAST
They'll Do It on Eastwood Lake in July

Dayton Gets 'All Wet' For World

The 1971 World and National Inboard race and the National Outboard race will be held at Dayton's Eastwood Lake from July 25 through August 1, with all proceeds going to the Children's Medical center.

This international event will be a real "first" for the U.S. as well as the city of Dayton, because it marks the first time the world championship race is to be run outside of the European continent.

This will also be the first national championships to be held in the Buckeye State. This championship race is so designated by the American Power Boat association, and no other race can claim this esteemed title in the same year.

The week's events will include competition in three classes of watercraft: Inboard hydroplanes, pleasure craft and runabouts. Eastwood lake is considered perfect for these races, and especially for the hydroplanes. These lightning-fast watercraft are particularly vulnerable to choppy water; Eastwood's water level is some 20-35 feet below its surrounding shorelines, assuring smooth, safe water for high-speed competition.

This promises to be one of the biggest things to hit Dayton since the Wright Brothers' bicycle shop. Over 600 racing entrants are expected to participate, and a total of some 4,000 drivers and crew members will attend.

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The world championships are sanctioned by the Union International Motonautique (Union of International Motorboating, UIM), headquartered in Ghent, Belgium. Competitors are expected to travel to the Gem City from as far away as Puerto Rico and Canada.

A crowd in excess of 100,000 is expected to attend the two major events. Tickets cost \$2 at the gate, or \$1.50 when purchased in advance. Ticket outlets are as follows: Sears, Elder-Beerman Centerville and Northwest, Rike's downtown, Hara arena, Roark's Laura, John's Custom Framing in Richmond, and area camper and marine dealers who are members of the Dayton Boat Dealers association. All proceeds, both gate funds and concession receipts, are to go to the Children's Medical center.

American Aggregates, former half-owner of Eastwood lake, has deeded its half over to Dayton so that the city now has complete ownership. AA is donating its continuing work at Eastwood to prepare the lake and shorelines for the big events to come.

Watch this column and other Daily News features for further information about the national and international racing championships.

SAFE BOATING, like safe driving, is a subject almost impossible to over-emphasize. Many accidents are caused by either reckless operation, or boaters' ignorance of safe operating procedures.

July 4-10 has been designated National Safe Boating Week. The week-long effort is headed up by Rear Admiral A. C. Wagner, USCG.

A recent boater at Lake Loramie should have heeded both state boating laws and the Safety Week's plea before going on the water. He ran the length of the lake with his 85-horse outboard wide open, weaving between fishing and pleasure boats in an area with a speed limit of 6 mph. When finally stopped by state patrolmen, the violator was told to put his hand into the water right beside the boat. His fingers touched a large tree stump just under the surface, one of thousands he had passed on his wild ride.

"I'd rather have a fine any day, than an argument with a tree stump at 50 mph," remarked the violator. His subsequent arrest emphasized the lateness of that decision.

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