

# City claims boat capital

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Dayton — Boat Racing Capital of the World?

Believe it or not, that's the slogan going out from Dayton this year because of the national and world championship boat races set for three weekends in June at Eastwood Lake.

Somehow, it all sounds so farfetched. Indeed, boat capital of the world.

Why everyone knows there isn't enough good water around Dayton to float a respectable fleet of canoes. Some of the river fishermen have been known to hold their nose with one hand while they fish with the other.

**BUT THE** situation has

changed, boat racers insist. When it comes to holding races, there's no better place than the 200-acre quarry at Harshman Road and Routes 4 & 69. Racers contend the banks protect the lake from winds and offer superb viewing.

About 40 boat racers took to the lake last Saturday for an Eastwood tuneup, including a number of out-of-town boatmen. No one liked the weather in Dayton, but they all agreed that Eastwood has what the boat racers want.

Another tuneup and information day has been scheduled for this Saturday. This time the boaters are hoping for better weather and, like last week,



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anyone who cares to watch from noon to 5 p.m. will be admitted free.

**WHETHER** Dayton is the

boat race capital of the world still has to be proven, but no one can fault the Dayton Motor Boat Racing Assn. (DMBRA) for selecting The Children's Medical Center as the chief benefactor of the races.

So far, the DMBRA has turned \$70,000 over to the hospital from receipts of races held in past years.

It is expected that more than 100,000 will view the races next month at Eastwood. If so, it will mean another \$50,000 for the hospital.

**HERE ARE** the June racing dates, classes and anticipated entries:

June 10 — Stock Outboard Marathon, 30 miles, six classes, entry 150.

June 11 — Stock Outboard, closed course, 12 classes, entry 400.

June 17 — Outboard Pleasure Craft, closed course, eight classes, entry 250.

June 18 — Outboard Pleasure Craft, First Annual Dayton International Invitational Marathon, 225 miles, entry 40.

June 24 — Inboard Hydroplanes, closed course, 10 classes, World Championship in 5 classes, entry 125.

June 25 — Inboard Hydroplane, closed course, World Championship, five classes, entry 125.