

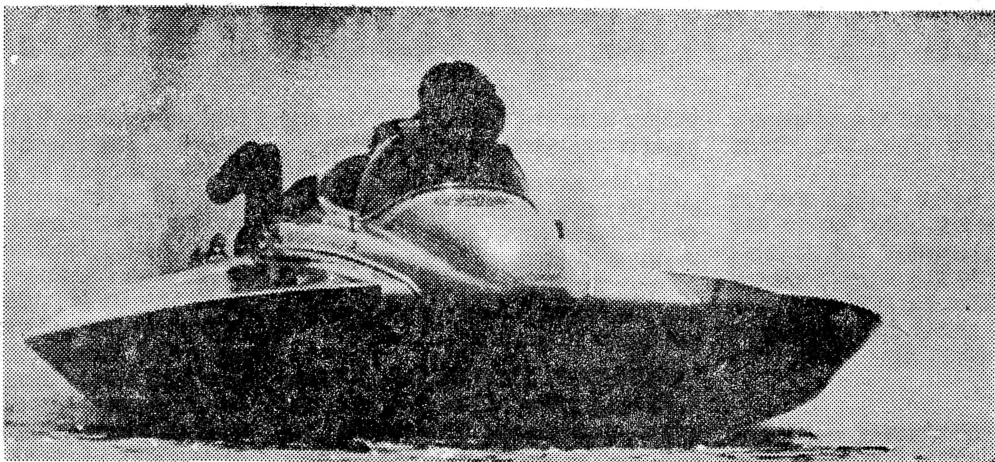
Inboards invade Eastwood

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The Dayton Championship Regatta for inboards begins its two-day stand Saturday at Eastwood Lake with more than 100 entries expected. Action unfolds at noon both days.

This is the opening event of the annual Hydroglobe. The famed "thunderboats" of the unlimited hydroplane circuit take over next weekend, with practice Friday, qualifications Saturday and racing Sunday, July 18.

Seven classes of inboards will show their stuff on the 1½ mile layout. Tom and Jim Kropfeld of Cincinnati, both national champions, are among the entries.



7-liter leaves roostertail

TOM KROPFELD, driving "Rip Ship" competes in the 850 CC class while his brother Jim, in "Country Boy", is in the 225 CI category. His boat is capable of hitting 130 miles an hour down the straight-away.

Dayton's Ken Kreitzer, in "Little Mogul", is a strong bet in the 145 CI class, as is Bob Newman of Newport, Ky., in "Phantom".

Rick Dies, Lexington, Ky. heads the 2½ liter cast in "Coat Cat." Indiana's Stover Hire is entered in the 280 CI.

The fastest boats are in the GPR-D and GPR-B classes. That's Grand Prix Restricted. Included in the D class are super stock, ski and K boats— all flatbottoms. The B category consists of five and seven liter boats.