

COME ABOARD PLEASE

250 Boats to Compete

By DONNELL CULPEPPER

Outboard national champions will be decided Saturday and Sunday when leading drivers from all parts of the United States meet at Lake Ming, Bakersfield, for a series of races that should be among the most thrilling in the west this year.

More than 250 boats already have been entered in the national, which is being sponsored by the Greater Bakersfield Chamber of Commerce and the Bakersfield Outboard Racing Association.

Elimination heats will be run Saturday, with the finals in 12 events Sunday. Champions will be crowned in six classes of hydroplanes and six classes of runabouts.

You can expect speeds of from 60 to 90 miles per hour over a one-mile closed course. The races have the sanction of the American Power Boat Association and officials will time each race for possible national records.

Lake Ming is situated just outside Bakersfield and the road will be well marked.

Among Southern California racing drivers entered are Lt. Col. B. A. Cowdery, Lee Drake, Bob Davidson, Dave Redden and Bill Crumly.

THE FIFTH ANNUAL Mississippi River St. Louis-New Orleans outboard race is history now, but there's a bit of prop-wash that smells to the heavens. And if the American Power Boat Association doesn't do something about the odor, there may never be a sixth race, at least as far as the Californians are concerned.

Roy Fulton and Carlton Johnson, averaging 56.7 miles per hour in running time, set a new record and repeated their victory of 1959. Their home town is Greenville, Miss. The second- and third-place winners, also Mississippians, were not far behind.

So much for the statistics! Boats made stops at Memphis, Tenn., and Vicksburg, Miss. Ray Leger and Ray LeCroy, of Bellflower and driving a Power Cat; Della and John Carville, of Lakewood, also driving a Power Cat, and Chuck Mersereau and Jon Culver, also in a Power Cat, were in top places when the boats ended the Vicksburg run.

WHEN THE BOATS arrived in Vicksburg, guards were put around all craft, as is customary. All of the Power Cats were in top running shape when their crews bedded down for the night.

Came dawn and a new kind of Mississippi hospitality. Leger, the Carvilles and Mersereau found that their boats had been sabotaged at night. Mechanisms in the afterplaning devices has been filed and sawed, gasoline lines had been fouled and numerous other things had occurred that caused long delays when the boats took off on the run to New Orleans.

When a protest was made, innocent-appearing guards said they saw nothing, knew nothing and heard nothing. There was no way to prove any charges, so the victims repaired their motors and gear as quickly as possible and took off.

LEGER FINISHED in fifth place, the Carvilles in seventh and Mersereau and his copilot in ninth. Three Mississippi boats finished one-two-three.

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BASS HITTING FOR L.B. MEN AT SAN LUIS

James B. Noel, 1010 E. 6th St., reports that he and his party had excellent success with bass while camping for nine days at Santa Margarita Lake, 10 miles north of San Luis Obispo. Fishing with Noel were G. R. Pierce, Robert Pierce, Danny Morse, Darrell Irvin and Lynn Koster, all of Long Beach.

Water level has dropped three feet at Santa Margarita, which the lake concession operator says has made the bass hit harder than ever. He expects the lake level to remain constant until winter rains increase the acreage.

State Champ Corbell Eyes Michigan Trip

C. J. (Jim) Corbell, 3226 Eucalyptus Ave., is the California fishing champion who will represent this state Oct. 15-23 at the World Series of Sport Fishing in Michigan.

Jim, a manufacturer's representative for Johnson reels and Actionrod, won the honor Sunday at Lake Shasta, where the state preliminary tournament was held. And he did it with a smallmouth bass that weighed only 1 pound, 13 1/2 ounces. It was one ounce heavier than the second-place winner.

DEER SEASON DATA

California's inland (also called "late") deer season opens Saturday. For complete details, see story on Page B-5.

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Yellowtail in New Showing

Yellowtail started showing again at Huntington Flats, Rocky Point and Horseshoe Kelp this week, along with big schools of barracuda and bonito.

Schools of big yellows also wereavoring around Catalina Island, and some skippers shifted their schedules for the early-morning island run.

Down south, yellowfin tuna were recorded in the bags at the San Diego landings. Most of the fish were small, however, but there were indications that larger fish might show.

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BASS EARN JOHNSON WIN AT HENSHAW

Harry Johnson took top honors recently at Henshaw Lake with a string of bass that weighed 14 pounds. Largest fish was 3 1/2 pounds. Johnson got all his fish by trolling a yellow Sonic plug.

Maurice Staker, Henshaw operator, announces that there will be no hunting on the lake this fall unless conditions improve. This should be good news for the fishermen, but bad for the hunters.

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Cap Compton, 10-year-old son of Riley and Nadine Compton, 6130 E. Monlaco Rd., is developing a habit of showing up dad and mom on fishing trips.

Cap did it again this year, catching the only salmon on a trip to the Alsea River, Waldport, Ore. The fish weighed 26 1/2 pounds and was 37 1/2 inches long and Cap liked it on 8-pound-test line. The Comptons have just returned from their vacation.

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