

Frantic and Frantic Too ~ VSBC

*From the APBA Inboard Classes Records:

850cc Hydroplane 'Frantic' R. Haylock 126.66 kph ~ 21st June 1970 Lake Eppalock – Australasian Record



*The Yarrawonga meeting proved that to attract the boats cash prizes have to be offered. A similar type of meeting run by the Taree Aquatic Club in N.S.W. every year has similar results. The \$600 prize for the big race attracted a field, of Griffith Cup Standard.

The programme got under way at 12.30 pm with the Motor Spares Open Trophy for 95 ci boats. Defender, Ron Leaney in Meteor, had to compete with Jack Brown's funnel, Electra-Fried, Les Scott's hydro, Aquaholic, R. Richard's outboard runabout, Jan-Rose, Tasmanian Ben Albrick's skiff Lightning (later to roll over and nearly sink), Allan Eddington's hydro, Havoc, Trevor Trebilco's hydro, Little E and hydro, Frantic Too, with Ron Haylock in the box seat.

Leaney leapt to the fore at flag drop with Electra-Fired and Havoc holding on grimly. Jan-Rose, out-gunned on the straights by the hydros and out-cornered on the buoys by the tunnels, was managing to hold her own with some inspired driving. Meteor took the money for the event with Electra-Fired leaving her run too late, taking second place from Havoc.

*Above section of article by - Andrews, G. 1971, 'Stampede wins 600,' *Power Boat & Yachting*, February, p. 14 & 15

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*E. C. Griffith Cup 1972 Lake Eppalock Meet:

100 c.i. handicap: Dynamite, M. Bakoff, 1; Foxee, J. Winzong, 2; Frantic Too, L. Jenkins, 3.

Open Handicap, Div 2: Frantic Too, L. Jenkins, 1; Rascla, W. Baberton, 2; Panther, 3.

BIG FUTURE FOR FORMULA FORD

*Aqua News Aug 1972

Formula Ford boat racing, like its counterpart in motor racing which has proved very popular because of its comparatively low costs, has a big future in the racing season.

Mr. Ron Haylock, a local boat racing enthusiast (working in conjunction with the Ford Motor Company and the Formula Ford Register), started the class in Victoria last season.

Using the same 1600c.c. Cortina G.T. motor with similar specifications as the racing cars, the motor is nearly stock as modifications are fairly restricted.

The hulls are single seaters; skiffs now have no length restrictions but hydro-planes are limited to 14 feet. Hulls, drives and propellers all must be of Australian origin to help keep the prices down; the original idea of the class.

This together with the buying concessions from the Ford Motor Company means very successful boats have been built for

under \$750. This would be less than half the figure for the average ski-boat or runabout.

The performance from the G.T. Cortina motor has been very impressive with speeds over 60 m.p.h. being obtained in circuit racing during the last season.

One boat performed very creditably in the Eppalock 4 hour Enduro race and completed the season by winning the Victorian Speed Boats Club's aggregate trophy by a convincing margin.

One of the redeeming features to date of the Formula Ford boats have been their complete reliability. If one does not finish one cannot win and mechanical breakdowns are always expensive in more ways than one.

There are now four boats racing in the class and eight under construction. Being relatively simple in concept these boats are particularly suited to the do-it-yourself builder, with plans available for skiffs and hydro-planes and kit boats from boat builders.

Formula Ford boat racing has been recognised by the Australian Power Boat Association so if you are a boating enthusiast

wishing to enter the boat racing field give Formula Ford some thought as the future looks bright.

Further information may be obtained from Ron Haylock, 47 Bruce St., Mount Waverley.



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Frantic Too at Albert Park Lake



*Eppalock Gold Cup on Derrinal Pool **1974** Meet:

100 Scratch: 1, Nitro (C. Mogford); 2, Frantic Too (Tom Barnes); 3, Lotus Bo-Weevil (Rud Lindley)

100 Handicap: 1, Wasp (Graham Rodgers); 2, Frantic Too.

*E. C. Griffith Cup **1975** Lake Eppalock (Jan 26th) Meet:

Handicap: 1, Frantic Too (Tom Barnes), 2, Super Roo (Leon Doyle), 3, Bat Outa Hell (Tom Szekeres).

Formula Ford Scratch: 1, Bo-Weevil (Rud Lindley), 2, Frantic Too.

