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UNLIMITED**

(UNDER THE SANCTION AND JURISDICTION OF THE AUSTRALIAN POWERBOAT ASSOCIATION)

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V.S.B.C.

Welcome to the Victorian Speedboat Club's Eppalock Area to witness the conduct of the 1971 E. C. Griffith Cup and supporting races. The E. C. Griffith Cup is the Australasian Unlimited Inboard Speedboat Championship to be contested by any propeller driven boat powered by an inboard engine irrespective of engine capacity and hull design. A short summary of this "Melbourne Cup" of speedboating is briefly outlined elsewhere in this programme.

We have the honor today to present for the first time in Victoria, the Griffith Cup contested on an international basis, as a result of the participation by speedboats from New Zealand. We welcome the New Zealand contestants "VOODOO IV", "AIR NEW ZEALAND" and "SLIPRAY" and the large contingent of supporters from across the Tasman.

This meeting has brought together one of the largest gatherings of high speed craft ever assembled in Australia, and probably the largest in the Southern Hemisphere, to provide an afternoon of high speed thrill a minute, speedboat racing, the most spectacular form of motor sport. The twenty three entrants in the Griffith Cup are all capable of speeds in excess of 90 m.p.h. which is equivalent to 200 m.p.h. on land. "STAMPEDE", the 1969 winner of the Griffith Cup, holds the Australasian Water Speed Record of 155 m.p.h. and many of the hydroplanes present have record speeds in excess of 120 m.p.h. The competitors in the supporting races include most current Victorian Champions and many Australian champions, all racing at speeds ranging from 65 m.p.h. to 100 m.p.h. depending upon engine capacity.

Also unique to this day is the first clash between "STAMPEDE" and "AGRESSOR", the two biggest speedboats presently racing in Australia. Both boats are powered by Rolls Royce Merlin engines, taken from World War II aircraft, and developing between 1700 and 2000 h.p. These boats were designed and built in Victoria by members of the Victorian Speedboat Club and are comparable in performance with the "Gold Cup Class" of hydroplanes raced in the United States of America.

This area on Lake Eppalock is leased by the Victorian Speedboat Club from the State Rivers and Water Supply Commission, and is being developed to present speedboat racing to the public as a major motor sport. Perhaps no other speedboat club in Australia own an area, capable of accommodating up to 10,000 spectators, adjoining an expanse of water large enough to conduct truly high speedboat racing of the standard presented today. Your attendance today will enable further development of facilities which, in the future, will enable you to enjoy the spectacle of speedboat racing in greater comfort.

The Committee and members of the Victorian Speedboat Club trust you will enjoy the entertainment we are providing, thank you for your support and look forward to seeing you again when we next present speedboat racing from this area.

T. A. BARNES,
Commodore,
The Victorian Speedboat Club.

THE E. C. GRIFFITH CUP

for the

AUSTRALASIAN UNLIMITED MOTOR BOAT CHAMPIONSHIP

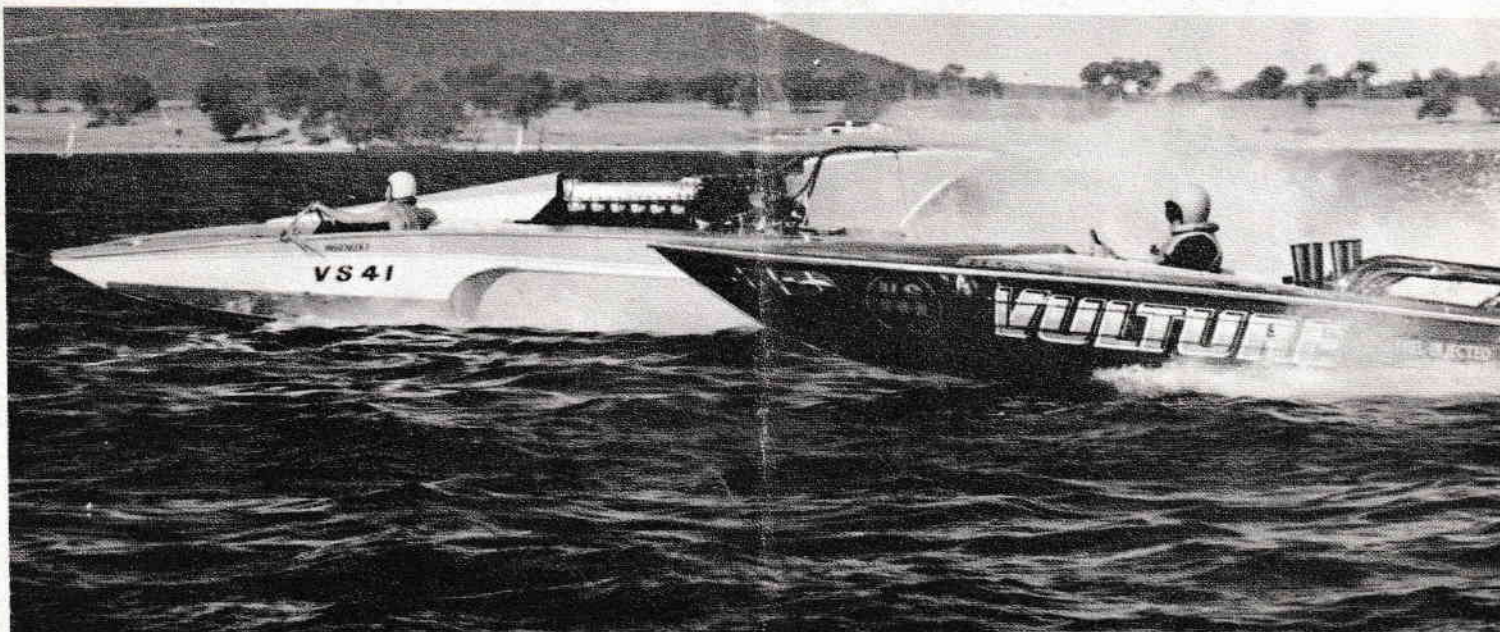
(Created over 60 years ago — Trophy valued at \$3,000.00 — pure hand beaten silver — Nominal prizemoney donated by the Victorian Speedboat Club)

Prizes: 1st \$100, 2nd \$50, 3rd \$25

<u>BOAT NAME</u>		<u>DRIVER</u>	<u>ENGINE</u>	<u>CAPACITY</u>	<u>CLUB</u>	<u>STATE</u>	<u>HULL MAKE</u>
STAMPEDE	(H)	Stan Jones & Robert Saniga	Rolls	1600 c.i.	VSBC	Vic.	Winton
VULTURE	(R)	John Lewis	Chev	350 c.i.	VSBC	Vic.	Gill
JO BLO	(R)	Jack Bullen	Chev SC	427 c.i.	CSBC	NSW	Everingham
BLACK KNIGHT	(H)	Pat Hawthorn	Chrysler SC	361 c.i.	VSBC	Vic	Jones
JAYME	(H)	Peter Spicer	Chev	350 c.i.	ASBC	SA	Colgate
HISTORY	(R)	Ken Smith	Chev S.C.	427 c.i.	BPBC	Vic.	Everingham
MYSTIC MISS	(H)	Tom Watts & Bob Wilmot	Chev	327 c.i.	VSBC	Vic.	
EXCITER II	(H)	Tom Watts	Chrysler SC	441 c.i.	VSBC	Vic.	Jones
AGGRESSOR	(H)	Dave Tenny	Rolls Royce	1600 c.i.	VSBC	Vic.	Tenny
YOGI BEAR	(R)	John & Rob Pearson	Chev SC	427 c.i.	CSBC	NSW	Pearson SK
VOODOO IV	(H)	Bill Stokes	Chev	307 c.i.	NBSBC	NZ	Widget
SLIPRAY	(H)	Ern Baynton	Chev		HoSBC	NZ	
AIR NEW ZEALAND	(H)	John & Keith McGregor	Chev	364 c.i.	AuSBC	NZ	McLeod
ASSASSIN	(H)	Trevor Mathews	Chrysler SC	392 c.i.	BPBC	Vic.	Wickens
BEWITCHED	(S)	Terry Moran	Ford	289 c.i.	SSBC	NSW	
VILLIAN	(H)	Murray Langford	Chev	292 c.i.	Mt.GAC	SA	Gill
REDLINE	(H)	Peter Wade	Chev	427 c.i.	BPBC	Vic.	Winton
WASP TWO	(H)	Ernie Nunn & G. Turvey	Maserati	330 c.i.	SHC	NSW	Nunn
MICHELLE ANNE	(S)	Robbie George & Mal Gaggin	Ford	427 c.i.	ST.GMBC	NSW	Everingham
CHEETA	(R)	Les Ramsay	Holden	299 c.i.	VSBC	Vic.	Ramsay
CHEVVY	(R)	Len Harris	Chev	327 c.i.	VSBC	Vic.	Lewis
HEMI	(R)	Bill Barr	Chrysler SC	414 c.i.	VSBC	Vic.	Ramsay
DEBBIE TOO	(S)	Glyn Graham	Ford	289 c.i.	HPBC	Vic.	Everingham
BIG CAT	(R)	Bert Brauman	Chrysler SC	398 c.i.	BPBC	Vic.	Eddy
WILD ONE	(H)	Col. Winton	Falcon	155 c.i.	S.H.C.	NSW	Winton

(ENTRIES FOR THE JOHN SHAW MEMORIAL TROPHY TO COME FROM THIS FIELD EXCLUDING ALL PLACEGETTERS)

<u>KEY:</u>	H, R, S	Hydroplane, Runabout, Skiff	St.GMBC	St. George Motor Boat Club
	VSBC	Victorian Speed Boat Club	SSBC	Silverwater Speed Boat Club
	HPBC	Hazelwood Power Boat Club	S.H.C.	Sydney Hydro Club
	BPBC	Bendigo Power Boat Club	CSBC	Cabarita Speed Boat Club
	MRSBC	Melbourne Runabout & Speed Boat Club	Mt.GAC	Mt. Gambier Aquatic Club
	GDBC	Glenmaggie & District Boat Club	ASBC	Adelaide Speed Boat Club
	SePBC	Sealake Power Boat Club	HoSBC	Horeke Speed Boat Club, New Zealand
	NSBC	Nagambie Speed Boat Club	AuSBC	Auckland Speed Boat Club, New Zealand
	GAC	Geelong Aquatic Club	NBSBC	New Brighton Speed Boat Club, New Zealand



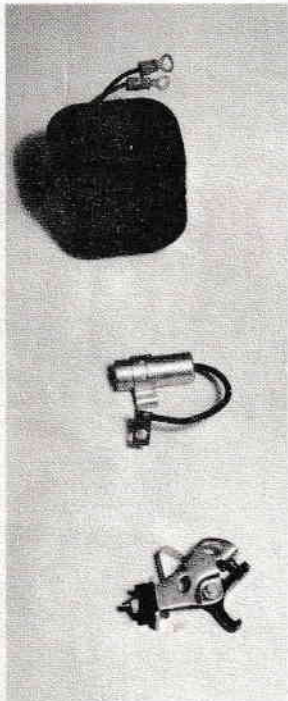
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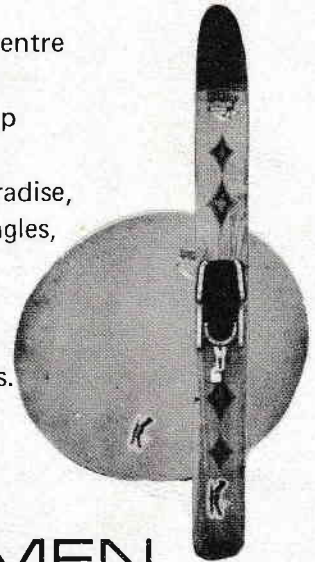
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PROGRAMME OF EVENTS

EASTER SUNDAY – 11th April, 1971.

EVENT NO.1: THE 95 c.i. HYDROPLANE SCRATCH.
 TIME: 11.45 a.m.
 PRIZES: 1st \$40, 2nd \$20, 3rd \$10.

<u>BOAT NAME</u>	<u>DRIVER</u>	<u>ENGINE</u>	<u>HULL</u>	<u>CLUB</u>
HAVOC	Alan Eddington	Ford	Kither	VSBC
FRANTIC TOO	Ron Haylock	Formula Ford	Haylock	VSBC
HAGGIS	Colin Comber	Peugeot	Guess	VSBC
TABOO	Bruce Grey	Ford	Grey Pirranha	S.H.C.
ROOSTER	Murray Langford	Ford	Jones	Mt.Gambier A.C.
NAIAD	Arthur McGlashan	Ford	McGlashan	S.H.C.
HAVOC TOO	Jack Eddington	Lotus	Scott	VSBC
LITTLE E	Trevor Trebilco	Ford	Winton	VSBC
NIFF-T	Max Merritt	Cortina	Eddy	MRSBC

EVENT NO.2: 95 c.i. DISPLACEMENT SCRATCH.
 TIME: 12 noon.
 PRIZES: 1st \$40, 2nd \$20, 3rd \$10.

METEOR	Ron Leaney	Ford	Simpkin	VSBC
HI CAM	Peter Toomey	Ford	Toomey	VSBC
SHIFFTY	Ted Hamilton	Lotus	Simpkin	MRSBC
DYNA MITE	Mick Bakof	Ford	Simpkin	MRSBC
BUSY BEE	Robbie Dinn	Ford	Winton	VSBC
JAN ROSE	Rob Rickard	Ford	Merlin	
C-AN-MALYN	Lindsay Tingay	Mazda	Walker	GDBC
BEAST	Keith Vale	Peugeot		MRSBC

EVENT NO.3: 155 c.i. HYDROPLANE SCRATCH
 TIME: 12.15 p.m.
 PRIZES: 1st \$40, 2nd \$20, 3rd \$10

WILD WOODY	Graeme Morley	Holden	Walker	HPBC
SNOOPY	Alan Dick	Holden	Winton	VSBC
RUSSCO	Alan Cooms	Falcon	Winton	VSBC
HUNTER	Ron Hull	Holden RV.	Jones	VSBC
GREMLIN	Dennis O'Leary	Holden	Jones	S.H.C.
CHINNOOK	Len Arnott	Holden	Jones	VSBC
HYDROMANIA	Clive Davis	Holden	Winton	VSBC
WILD ONE	Col Winton	Falcon	Winton	VSBC

EVENT NO.4: THE W. BURREL 266 c.i. DISPLACEMENT HULL TROPHY
 TIME: 12.30 p.m.
 PRIZES: 1st \$40, 2nd \$20, 3rd \$10

ARAWA	Vern Arnott	Chev		VSBC
SHILO	Terry Newman	Holden	Everingham	MRSBC
HORNET	Bill Hart	Jaguar	Lewis	VSBC
MISS CHIFF	Wally Cooper	Ford S.V.	Gill	VSBC
TRACY	Robert Kruger	Holden	Simpkin	BPBC

EVENT NO.5: 155 c.i. DISPLACEMENT SCRATCH
 TIME: 12.45 p.m.
 PRIZES: 1st \$40, 2nd \$20, 3rd \$10

SCREAMIN EAGLE	Ian Harvey	Holden	Everingham	VSBC
NoMORE	Tom Pyke	Holden	Eddy	VSBC
PEYTON	Keith Harrison	Holden	Gill	MRSBC
CZAR	Roger Andrews	Holden	Winton	VSBC
CINDY	John Patterson	Holden	Everingham	VSBC
DITTO	Fred Barra	Holden	Simpkin	VSBC

EVENT NO.6: 225 OHV 266SV COMBINED SCRATCH
 TIME: 1.00 p.m.
 PRIZES: 1st \$40, 2nd \$20, 3rd \$10

VIXEN	Ron MacDonald	Holden	Eddy	BPBC
MISS CHIFF	Wally Cooper	Ford Side Valve	Gill	VSBC
WAIWAKATERE	Tom Wallace	Dodge Side Valve		GDBC
HYDROPHOBIA	Al Brown	Ford	Gill Brown	MRSBC
BLUE VEIN	Laurie Hamilton	Holden	Gill	MRSBC
HAGGIS	Graham Emery-Smith	Jaguar		GDBC
FIREBIRD	Rob Lucas	Holden	Eddy	MRSBC
DAKTARI	Ron Harrison	Falcon		MRSBC
ERADICATER	Fred Hamilton	Holden	Eddy	MRSBC
KAOS	Ray Harrison	Chrysler	Filam	G.A.C.

EVENT NO.7: 95 c.i. HANDICAP

TIME: 1.15 p.m.

PRIZES: Trophies to placegetters

HAVOC	Alan Eddington	Ford	Kither	VSBC
FRANTIC TOO	Ron Haylock	Ford	Haylock	VSBC
HAGGIS	Colin Comber	Peugeot		VSBC
TABOO	Bruce Grey	Ford	Grey Pirranha	S.H.C.
ROOSTER	Murray Langford	Ford	Jones	Mt. Gambier A.C.
NAIAD	Arthur MacGlashan	Ford	MacGlashan	S.H.C.
HAVOC TOO	Jack Eddington	Lotus	Scott	VSBC
LITTLE E	Trevor Trebilco	Ford	Winton	VSBC

EVENT NO.8: 95 c.i. DISPLACEMENT HANDICAP

TIME: 1.30 p.m.

PRIZES: Trophies to placegetters

METEOR	Ron Leaney	Ford	Simpkin	VSBC
HI CAM	Peter Toomey	Ford	Toomey	VSBC
SHIFFTY	Ted Hamilton	Lotus	Simpkin	MRSBC
DYNAMITE	Mick Bakof	Ford	Simpkin	MRSBC
BUSY BEE	Rob. Dinn	Ford	Winton	VSBC
JAN ROSE	Rob Rickard	Mercury	Merlin	SEPBC
C ANMALYN	Lindsay Tingay	Mazda	Walker	GDBC
BEAST	Keith Vale	Peugeot		MRSBC

EVENT NO.9: COMBINED 155 HANDICAP

TIME: 1.45 p.m.

PRIZES: Trophies to placegetters

WILD WOODY	Graeme Morely	Holden	Walker	HPBC
SNOOPY	Alan Dick	Holden	Winton	VSBC
HYDROMANIA	Clive Davis	Holden	Winton	VSBC
HUNTER	Ron Hull	Holden RV	Jones	VSBC
RUSSCO	Alan Coombs	Falcon	Winton	VSBC
GREMLIN	Dennis O'Leary	Holden	Jones	S.H.C
CHINOOK	Len Arnott	Holden	Jones	S.H.C.
SCREAMIN EAGLE	Ian Harvey	Holden	Everingham	VSBC
NO MORE	Tom Pyke	Holden	Eddy	VSBC
PEYTON	Keith Harrison	Holden	Gill	MRSBC
SZAR	Roger Andrews	Holden	Winton	VSBC
CINDY	John Patterson	Holden	Everingham	VSBC
DITTO	Fred Barrah	Holden	Simpkin	VSBC

EVENT NO.10: THE E. C. GRIFFITHS CUP HEAT 1A - (Entries overleaf)

TIME: 2.10 p.m.

EVENT NO.11: THE E. C. GRIFFITHS CUP HEAT 1B - (Entries overleaf)

TIME: 2.35 p.m.

EVENT NO.12 225 OHV 266 SV COMBINED HANDICAP

TIME: 2.50 p.m.

PRIZES: Trophies to placegetters

ARAWA	Vern Arnott	Chev		VSBC
SHILO	Terry Newman	Holden	Everingham	NSBC
HORNET	Bill Hart	Jaguar	Lewis	VSBC
MISS CHIFF	Wall Cooper	Ford SV	Gill	VSBC
VIXEN	Ron MacDonald	Holden	Eddy	BPBC
WAIWAKATERE	Tom Wallace	Dodge SV		GDBC
HYDROPHOBIA	Al Brown	Falcon	Gill-Brown	MRSBC
BLUE VEIN	Laurie Hamilton	Holden	Gill	MRSBC
HAGGIS	Graeme Emery Smith	Jaguar		GDBC
FIREBIRD	Rob Lucas	Holden	Eddy	MRSBC
DAKTARI	Ron Harrison	Falcon	Eddy	MRSBC
ERADICATER	Fred Hamilton	Holden	Eddy	MRSBC

EVENT NO.13: HEAT 2 - FINAL E. C. GRIFFITHS CUP. (14 FASTEST CRAFT FROM HEATS 1A & 1 B)

TIME: 3.20 p.m.

EVENT NO.14: 300 c.i. SCRATCH RACE

TIME: 3.40 p.m.

PRIZES: 1st \$40, 2nd \$20, 3rd \$10

MISS LYNDY	George Ley	Chev		Mt. Gambier A.C.
ASSASSIN TOO	Travor Mathews	Chev	Lewis	BPBC
DEBBIE TOO	Glyn Graham	Ford	Everingham	HPBC
CHEETA	Les Ramsay	Holden	Ramsay Fiberglass	VSBC
CANDY	Ray Loon	Chev	Loon	VSBC
RAMPAGE	Neil How, Joe Gielen	Chev	Lewis	VSBC
SUNNY	John Nason	Chev	Everingham	Mt. Gambier A.C.
VILLIAN HYDRO	Murray Langford	Chev	Gill	SSBC
BEWITCHED	Terry Moran	Ford		BPBC
HOOTS MON	Lloyd Willian	Chev	Everingham	VSBC
NESTA	Bill Burl	Ford	Lewis	

EVENT NO.15: SCALLETTI CUP UNLIMITED DISPLACEMENT SCRATCH

TIME: 3.55 p.m.

PRIZES: 1st \$40, 2nd \$20, 3rd \$10

YOGI BEAR	R. & J. Pearson	Chev SC	Pearson SK	CSBC
VULTURE	John Lewis	Chev	Gill	VSBC
CHEVY	Len Harris	Chev	Lewis	VSBC
JO BLO	Jack Bullen	Chev	Everingham	CSBC
HISTORY	Ken Smith	Chev	Everingham	BPBC
MICHELLE ANNE	Robbie George, M. Gaggin	Ford	Everingham	St.GMBC
ICARUS	Max Richardson	Holden	Merlin	VSBC
HEMI	Bill Barr	Chrysler	Ramsay Fiberglass	VSBC
MARIAH	Joe Cooper	Chev	Lewis	MRSBC

EVENT NO.16: THE JOHN SHAW MEMORIAL UNLIMITED OPEN. (ENTRIES FROM THE E.C. GRIFFITHS CUP FIELD)

TIME: 4.15 p.m.

EVENT NO.17: 300 c.i. HANDICAP

TIME: 4.30 p.m.

PRIZES: Trophies to placegetters

MISS LYNDY	George Ley	Chev		Mt.Gambier A.C.
ASSASSIN TOO	Trevor Mathews	Chev	Lewis	BPBC
DEBBIE TOO	Glyn Graham	Ford	Everingham	HPBC
CHEETA	Les Ramsay	Holden	Ramsay Fiberglass	VSBC
CANDY	Ray Loon	Chev	Loon SK	VSBC
RAMPAGE	Joe Gielen, Neil How	Chev	Lewis	VSBC
SUNNY	John Nason	Chev	Everingham	VSBC
VILLIAN	Murray Langford	Chev	Gill	Mt.Gambier A.C.
BEWITCHED	Terry Moran	Ford		St.GMBC
HOOTS MON	Lloyd Willian	Chev	Everingham	BPBC
NESTA	Bill Burl	Ford	Lewis	VSBC

EVENT NO.17: OPEN HANDICAP. (ENTRIES RECEIVED ON THE DAY).

TIME: 4.45 p.m.

WE THANK YOU – Your efforts have produced this great meeting and without your help this GRIFFITH CUP could not have been conducted.

PRINCIPLE CO-ORDINATOR &

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Jack Bullens powerful new JO-BLO blasts clear of the Yarrowonga chop — N.S.W.



Ern Nunn's beautiful new WASP TWO during initial speed trials early in the year. 25' hydroplane built and tuned especially for the Griffith Cup — N.S.W.

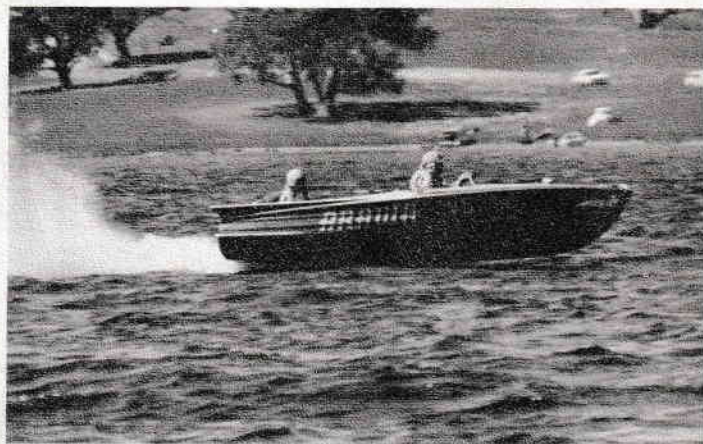


Peter Wade's REDLINE charges down the straightaway — VIC.

"EVERY DOG HAS ITS DAY" SO THE SAYING GOES, AND TODAY IS THE UNLIMITEDS DAY. IT COMES BUT ONCE A YEAR BUT THE LIMITED CLASSES PROVIDE ACTION AND SUPPORT FOR THE UNLIMITEDS ALL THE YEAR ROUND. WITHOUT THE LIMITEDS WE COULD NOT HAVE ANY RACING PROGRAMS SUCH AS WE HAVE TODAY AND THESE PICTURES RECOGNIZE THAT ALL BOATS CONTRIBUTE IN SOME WAY TO THE PROMOTION OF THE WORLDS MOST SPECTACULAR SPORT.



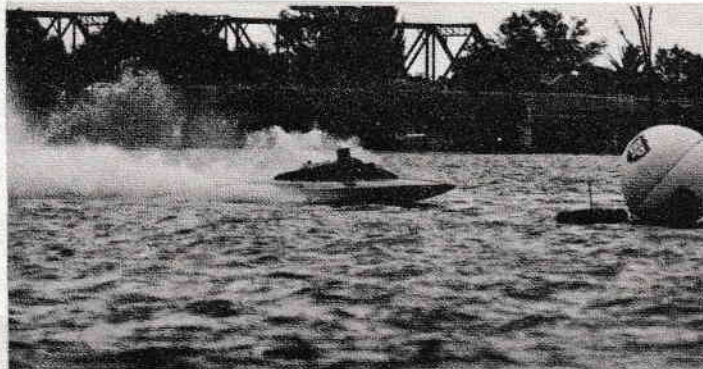
Alan Eddington: HAVOC - 75 c.i. hydroplane.



Vern Arnett: ARAWA - 266 c.i. runabout



Ian Harvey : SCREAMIN EAGLE - 155 c.i. skiff.



Alan Coombs' RUSSCO - 155 c.i. hydroplane



Ted Hamilton: SHIFF-T, 95 c.i. skiff



Jack "Scrubby" Long: SCRUBCAT - 266 c.i. side valve skiff



Les Scott: AQUAHOLIC - 95 c.i. hydroplane



Bill Burl: NESTA - 300 c.i. skiff

THE SYMBOL OF SUPREMACY

It is not just that the Griffith Cup is the oldest perpetual trophy for motorsport in Australia that makes it so revered, nor is it because of its value. The hand beaten pure silver cup by todays standards is an ostentatious piece of Victoriana but it means so much to Unlimited Powerboat racing men that its value could never be truly assessed. It began way back in 1910 when Mr. E. C. Griffith first created the event which was in thos days known as the Australasian Motor Boat Championship Unlimited.

There were no hydroplanes in those days but that did not detract from what was to become the greatest single event in Australian Motorsport for even at the breathtaking speeds of 25 m.p.h. their giant engines bellowed out the message as early as 1910 that powerboat racing was the worlds most spectacular sport and these gigantic craft were there to provide that spectacle . . . and provide it they did.

In those days, names were to be engraved on the cup that would live on forever in the annals of Australian powerboating . . . Anthony Horden, The Rymill Brothers, J. J. Cornwell and on through the years the great names follow. Magnificent craft like "CENTURY TIRE", "MAX" and one of the greatest of them all "PENZOL." Reg Richards certainly made her famous, and "CETTIEN" was another that will live on forever — she was rebuilt after the 2nd World War and renamed "SUNRAY". The style of those days had boats built in the Carvel style and quite round . . . from waterline to waterline. "SUNRAY" was in this style and her shaft and propeller trailed well behind the transom and on occasions the boat actually revolved around the propeller. With all the unaccepted ideas "SUNRAY" or "CETTIEN" was a mighty craft and could see 70 m.p.h.

Unlimited powerboat racing was in those days a sport for the wealthy or apparently wealthy few, and their mighty motors thundered a chorus that could be heard for miles. Aircraft engines were no novelty even back in the twenties and thirties and some of the bigger car engines were double the capacity of the very biggest engines of today so their prodigious speeds in massive displacement and stepped hydroplanes were not to be taken lightly. They were real racing men in those days and boats were not treated with kid gloves like our present day hydroplanes. To race your boat back in the Golden years of the Griffith Cup you had to drive it to and from the race meeting. Often the only navigation lights were the flames from the red hot open exhausts, but they were the pioneers of powerboat racing; they laid a foundation for the coming generations to follow that has been built on by the great names of today . . . Ernie Nunn is one such name and although his career spans almost forty years he is very much a racing man of today. Rightfully called the father of Australian Hydroplaning, his name resounds in every corner of Australasian powerboating. Ernie Nunn was the man who broke the stranglehold the New Zealanders had on the trophy, and for that alone Ern will always be the tallest man racing.

That dour Kiwi, Len Southward had a poker face when he arrived in Australia in 1949 to contest what was then a race for a cup that little was known about outside of Sydney and after the race was all over and "REDHEAD" had won, Len Southward was all smiles. It took 13 years before an Australian could take that smile off the Kiwi's face. Since that memorable and successful challenge from our cousins across the Tasman 22 years have passed and now in 1971 we face once again a serious challenge for the right to hold the Griffith Cup. The three boats that represent New Zealand may well be as successful as Len Southward's challenge but they will meet stern opposition from a united team of Australians all working towards a successful defence.

Our defenders behold the retention of the cup as a divine right, and the present holder of the trophy, "STAMPEDE", will, if successful, be worthy of the same reverence that the mighty men of the early days are held in.

To Stan Jones and Robert Saniga, the Victorian Speedboat Club is proud of the honour you have brought our club. To all competitors, the Officers and members of the Victorian Speedboat Club salute your participation and wish you luck. You will add to the lustre on the Silver Cup that has for so long meant so much to the spirit of Australasian Speedboat Racing.

WINNERS OF THE GRIFFITH CUP:

1913	KANGAROO — Mr. Anthony Horden	1948	WASP — Mr. E. Nunn (N.S.W.)
1914)		1949)	
1915)	NAUTILUS — Mr. F. Cornwall (Vic)	1959)	Inclusive. REDHEAD — Mr. Len Southward (N.Z.)
1916	TORTOISE — Messrs. Rymill Bros. (S.A.)	1960	MYSTIC MISS — Mr. B. Stevenson (N.Z.)
1922	TORTOISE — Messrs. Rymill Bros. (S.A.)	1961	MYSTIC MISS — Mr. B. Stevenson (N.Z.)
1924	CENTURY TIRE — Mr. J. Williams	1962	ELRAY — Mr. L. Appleton (N.Z.)
1925	CENTURY TIRE — Mr. J. Williams	1962	WASP — Mr. E. Nunn (N.S.W.)
1925	TORTOISE — Messrs Rymill Bros. (S.A.)	1963	VENUS — Mr. Alan Fordham (Vic)
1933	TORTOISE — Mr. A. G. Rymill (S.A.)	1965	WASP — Mr. E. Nunn (N.S.W.)
1934	CETTIEN — Mr. H. McEvoy (N.S.W.)	1966	MYSTIC MISS — Mr. A. Baker (N.S.W.)
1935	CETTIEN — Mr. H. McEvoy (N.S.W.)	1967	ASSASSIN — Mr. A. Baker (N.S.W.)
1937	MISS JUDITH — Mr. E. G. Glass (N.S.W.)	1968	ASSASSIN — Mr. T. Mathews (Vic)
1939	PENZOL — Mr. Reg Richards (N.S.W.)	1970	STAMPEDE — Mr. Stan Jones (Vic)
1940	CENTAURUS — Mr. R. Pickering (N.S.W.)		
1941	MAX — Mr. Bert McFarlane (N.S.W.)		
1947	MAX — Mr. Bert McFarlane (N.S.W.)		

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