

Major boating magazine's test team comes to town

by
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Midland's Express Yachting, builders of the new Express 35 performance sailboats, played host Friday to a special boat test team from Canadian Yachting, Canada's major boating magazine.

Eleven Express 35s, designed by Midland resident Steve Killing, have been sold after construction in the firm's Victoria Street shop since their introduction last Autumn.

Vice-President Bill Goman predicts, "In terms of sales, the 35 will probably be the most significant boat we build." Depending on options, these fast but elegantly appointed sailboats retail for between \$90,000 and \$100,000 each.

The Canadian Yachting test team spent almost the entire day sailing and examining "Colaba" in the waters off Wye Heritage Marina, to evaluate if the boat, "does what it is supposed to do."

Light winds in the morning left the team curious as to the boat's sailing performance.

But Goman reports, after the fog cleared and the wind piped up in the afternoon, a second sailing trial put smiles on the faces of the Toronto reviewers after a, "successful boat test."

Unfortunately, both Goman and other boaters will have to wait until the spring to find out what Canadian Yachting really thinks of their boat.

After a detailed analysis of their findings, the magazine will publish their reports, with pictures, before next boating season.



Sailing can be a waiting game

Waiting for wind aboard Express Yachting's latest creation is Vice-President Bill Goman, (TOP left) and two members of the professional boat review team from Canadian Yachting Magazine. As the flags (Bottom photo) begin to show a breeze, John Bishop, from Bay Harbor Yachts at the Wye Heritage Marina, emerges

from the hatch to help rig the fast and luxurious boat for a test sail. -Paul Sanderson, photos

It's getting to be a habit for these two EDHS champions

Last week's Secondary School Cross Country Running Meet was held at Bass Lake Provincial Park. Dave Margison led EDHS Midget squad with a 19th place finish against a field of 58 runners.

In the Girls Open event, Wannetta Espey continues to be best runner for EDHS. Her 17th place finish was a commendable personal best. She was followed by Sarah Grant in 28th place and Bev Sheremeto in 32nd place. There were 52 runners in this race.

John Wood, the only EDHS runner in the Junior Boys Division, placed 29th against 43 runners.

As a Senior runner, Chris Denholm faced the longest distance and placed 25th against a strong field of 47 runners.

EDHS was well represented by these runners and also by the following who all completed the course and achieved personal best standings: Lori Barbe, Darren Laycock, Patti-Jo Stone, Michael Thompson and Brian MacLean.

The Cross Country Running team competes again next week at Horseshoe Valley Ski Hills.

EDHS gals play a strong game

by BONNIE ORR
The Elmvale girls basketball teams played against Twin Lakes Secondary School in Orillia on Thursday, Oct. 11.

The midget team from Elmvale was defeated by a score of 40-9.

Elmvale's senior team played a very

strong game, but were defeated by a score of 37-34. Chris Robertson, a senior player commented on the game, "Although we were defeated, we played a very tough game. We are confident with a lot of hard work and determination we will still do well in the finals."

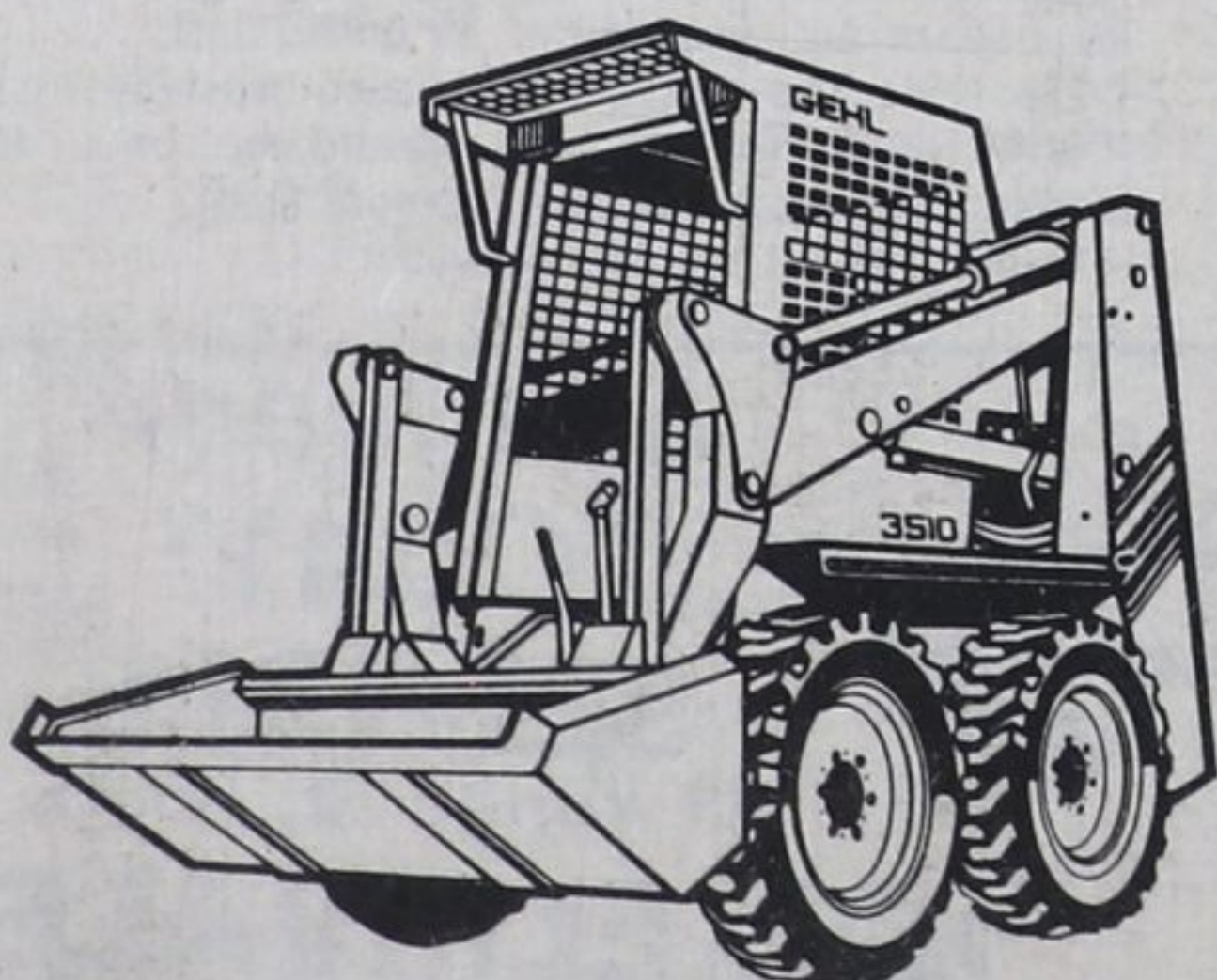
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