

Sport Spots

By Fred Simpson

Deep Water

You can say what you want. But I'll bet that most of the people going to the 12th annual Toronto International Boat Show at the Automotive Building, Exhibition Park, this week will be just going to see the boats.

Not me, I went there to buy one. No specific price in mind, mind you. No specific boat, either. It was a toss-up between a yacht and a row-boat.

Not just any yacht. The one I wanted had to have class. "Class?" asked the gentleman who was polishing a nearby yacht. "Got one right here."

He stepped back, fell from the ladder, and pointed a broken forefinger at the gleaming yacht. He had fallen on his forefinger. "There," he said, "It's yours for a song."

I sang a song and then he told me the price. Oh, well, it was a lousy song anyway. "I'll give it to you for, ah," he shrugged his three good forefingers, "for 18."

Smiling strongly, I asked weakly: "You mean, \$1,800?"

He laughed disdainfully, flared his middle nostril, said:

"No, \$18,000. Ho, ho, ho. I like a guy with a sense of humor."

"So do I," I said laughingly pretending I was only kidding. "You must be kidding? \$18,000. Why, it isn't even in the water."

CAKLED EVILLY

"Make you a deal," he cackled evilly. "Give me \$17,000 and I'll toss in the water for free." Such an evil laugh.

"Okay," I said with an evil laugh as I pushed him off the ladder again. "I hope, this time, you break your fifth forefinger. He did which made me very happy."

So I turned my attention to the nearest row-boat.

"That's my style," I said. "Paddling gives you good exercise. Who needs one of those big, cumbersome yachts? I'll take that one."

The gentleman looked up at me, smiled, said: "Fine. It's your for \$650. We'll even toss in the water free."

"What!?", I gasped.

So there you have it. There I was drowning in a sea of big-and-little boats without a drop of water to be seen. Which reminded me of a smart saying as I skipped amongst the vessels pausing here and there to scrape off a barnacle or two.

BUT NO WATER

"I've never seen so many boats without any water in my life." I started to laugh, then stopped. It was all over.

You just can't be humorous when you're talking about some of the swinging-est vessels I, personally, have ever seen.

And, oh, speaking of swinging-est. There she was. In all her glory. What! It's a row-boat, it's a yacht! No, it's her. It says right here: "A 17-year-old blue-eyed blonde sailor had been chosen Miss Boating '70."

That sailor is Barbara Solomon, an honor student in grade 13, at R. H. King Collegiate, Scarborough, has been crewing on an Alberg 30, out of Ashbridges Bay Yacht Club, for the past three years. The 5'7" charmer enjoys studying and sees nothing unusual in taking up a profession, almost exclusively a male one.

All kidding aside. You've never seen such a bevy of sea-craft. Everywhere you looked, nothing but boats. A million and a half dollars worth of craft of all kinds and boating hardware and accessories is on display now and will be until this Sunday.

You name it. If you want a dinghy. Have a dinghy. Money? What's \$130 compared to \$80,000 you'll have to pay in order to get a luxury motor cruiser.

Ah, haah. There were even some snowmobiles on show which kind of set me back. But best of all there was a "Bazoo." Honest, it's a type of jeep which has three wheels aside, will go anywhere. Through woods, marsh, on water, or over rocks.

It will even go over people. No kidding. It says right here:

"Fully loaded with two men and gear it has the power to take 45-degree inclines without so much as a pant! Yet you could tie a man in front of a bazoo, it will step right over him and he'll walk away from the experience."

So don't believe me. That's what the people say who make them. And they only cost around \$1,600. So if you're contemplating the easy way out don't throw yourself in front of a bazoo. Now, don't be a showoff. Get out from under that bazoo, George. Hey, George, George. Are you okay? By George! George!

And there are just oodles of other thrills and chills awaiting you at the automotive building.

NO KIDDING

All kidding aside: The Toronto International Boat Show is the biggest of its kind in Canada and one of the largest on the North American continent.

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Promising Youngsters

Two promising young skaters — Donnie Fraser, 14, of 380 Bent Crescent and Lindy Watts, 12 of North York are shown above in fine form. The twosome, both members of the Richmond Hill Figure Skating Club, finished sixth in the Canadian Novice Figure Skating championships held recently in Edmonton. The twosome were up against more experienced competitors but still impressed. Both Donnie and Lindy won the Novice Pairs in the Ontario Championships in order to qualify.

**Summit Scene Of Skiing Action
3,500-Member Toronto Club**

Where's the action at? It's at the Summit Golf and Country Club these days where some 3,500 members of the Toronto Ski Club play their favorite winter sport.

It's also the 45th year of operation for the ski club at The Summit and the occasion was celebrated recently by the signing of another five-year lease.

The Toronto club employs a total of 55 ski instructors to run the largest ski school in Ontario.

There are 1,600 registered skiers taking lessons this season which is an increase of 300 over last winter. All of the instructors have themselves graduated from the ski school.

The Toronto Club also features a Nancy Greene Race Team comprising 10 members who compete with other similar clubs in Southern Ontario in slalom action.

The Summit team was run-

ner-up last season to Craigleith in competitions and is having another fine season.

It was in January that the Summit competitors downed Hamilton Chedoke by 109 points to 97. Later on the team walked Horseshoe Valley by 153 to 72.

Executive members of the Toronto Club have also made some improvements to the skiing sites this season. They've added a new ski tow on the north side of the skiing hump.

There are now five rope tows in action, one strictly for the youngsters.

Improvements have also been made to the club's snack bar for the added pleasure of skiing members.

Director in charge of the Summit operations in 1969-70 is Robert Birrell of 384 Tyneview Lane in Richmond Hill.

Mr. Birrell is also vice-president of the Toronto Ski Club.

Acomb Home With Injury

Richmond Hill star centerman for the Tulsa Oilers of the Central Pro League, Doug Acomb, is presently recovering from an injury.

Doug, who lives at 362 Sugar Maple Lane, fractured an instep bone on his right foot in a Tulsa game a month ago.

He has been recuperating in Richmond Hill and expects to be absent from the firing lines for at least another week.

Doug, a former star with the Toronto Marlies, Junior "A", was the second leading scorer on the team at the time of the injury.

He's owned by the Maple Leafs.

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R. Hill Lions Peewees Win Twice, Lose To Asbestos—Quebec Carnival

Richmond Hill Lions Peewees won their first two games at the 1970 International Peewee Hockey Tournament at the Quebec Winter Carnival.

Lions 7, Edmunston 0
In their first game on February 1 at 12:45 in the Coliseum the local lads came up with the big effort, whitewashing Edmunston, N.B., 7-0. They out-shot their opponents 44-5 in front of an enthusiastic crowd of close to 8,000 fans, at least half of whom were cheering for Richmond Hill.

Scoring for the Lions were John Oakley with two, Ronnie Bell, Tony Robertson, Bobby Russell, Arnold Van der Weyde and Keith Swindlehurst. Assist points went to Brian Kellett, Jeff Miller and Van der Weyde with two each, Tony Robertson, Gordie Forbes and Dave Berseith with one each.

Lions 4, Charlottetown 1
In the second game February 3, the Lions produced another decisive victory against the strong team from Charlottetown, P.E.I.

Charlottetown scored early in the first period and held the lead for most of the first two periods.

In the third the local boys came out flying and at 42 seconds Berseith carried one all the way down the ice and passed to Van der Weyde who tied it up. Oakley also assisted. Rich Campbell, another defenceman, took the puck to the Charlottetown end, fired at the goalie and Kellett sank the rebound. Then Bobby Russell stole the puck at centre ice and broke with Swindlehurst. Bobby hit the goal post and the puck stayed on the line with Swindlehurst banging it home for the insurance.

The defencemen then kept the opposition in check until late in the period when Kellett got his second goal with hard-working Robertson doing most of the work for an assist.

Asbestos 3, Lions 2
In the third game February 5, the semi-finals of the "B" category teams, the Lions lost a heart-breaker to Asbestos, Quebec. Asbestos went on to take the "B" championship, and lost to Cedar Hill in the grand championship game Saturday.

The Lions took charge fairly early when Oakley scored from Berseith, then Kellett sank a pass from Robertson and Campbell.

In the second period Asbestos tied it up and the Lions just didn't get a fair share of the bounce and lost the game 3-2.

The boys enjoyed their trip to Quebec and their stay with French-Canadian families who have hosted Richmond Hill boys for the past five years. They put on a very good show for Richmond Hill.

Parents, Mayor William Lazenby, Bob Ross Jr., Coaches Ed Sackfield and Gary Smith and Manager Stan Hitchison had a ball as well.

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There were only 26 teams in

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"HER CAR" . . . A NEW ERA
Don Strupat
In four short years the number of women drivers is forecast to outnumber men.
There are some women who know the difference between torque and horsepower and some who can tune their cars with a bobby pin. But it is safe to say that these are the exceptions. How then does the car industry sell a car to a woman?
Well, say the researchers, there are very few women who care about how automatic washers work, or air conditioners, or vacuum cleaners . . . as long as they keep working. They are necessities, as cars are. The biggest difference between this one and that one is good service.
It is a wise automobile dealer who realizes nothing is more frustrating to a woman than a car that lets her down. Once accustomed to the convenience, she is out of business without it.
Furthermore, the wife's car and the first car of a working girl are likely to be used ones. The marketing men say that the dealer who can lessen the pitfalls and increase the economy and satisfaction in this risky purchase will earn their confidence and repeat business, to which we say "amen."
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