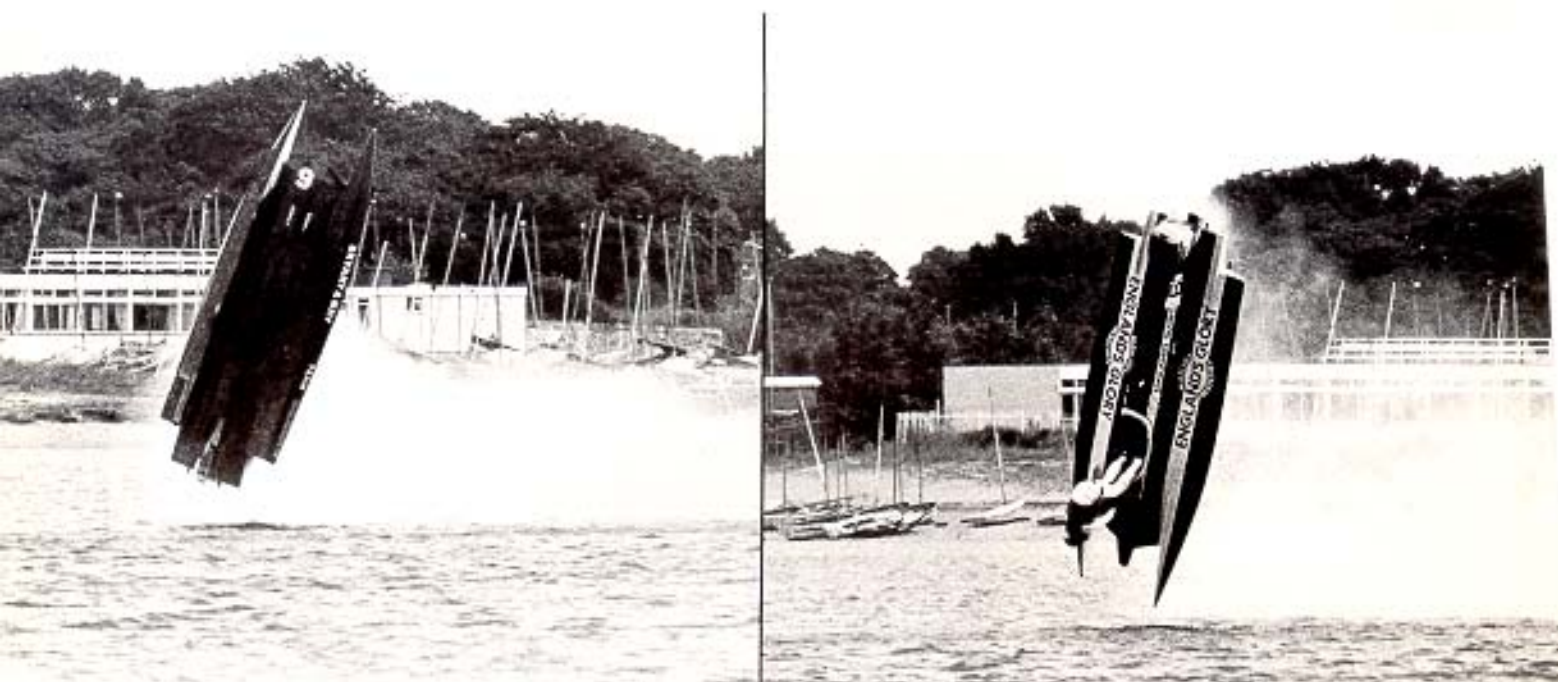


Chasewater

WATERSKIERS and POWERCRAFT brings you an exclusive photo sequence of ALF BULLEN'S dramatic crash at the British Grand Prix, Chasewater. TONY PEARMAIN was the photographer who caught the action as it happened. Alf was rushed to hospital after the Osprey rescue team had recovered him from the water in their usual fast and professional manner, and it was



Camden Trophy and

Poole has always been a favourite venue for Powerboat races, and the Camden Trophy is always a popular event. Put these two facts together and you have the makings of a great week end. Water Skier and Powercraft enjoyed a day in the sun, and brings you the following report.

The weather had been gorgeous all week, but fate played it's normal trick on the boating population with the arrival of the week end. The sun went in, and the breeze, sprung up; speculation was rife at scutineering on the Saturday, would it be Cat weather out in the Solent, or would the Monohulls come into their own?

Sunday dawned bright and dry, and spirits were high. The Class IIC race would be run as a European Championship after all, due to the one foreign entry that had arrived in the form of a Swedish boat called THE JOKER, and we were all sad when they were forced to retire early on in the race.

The Class I and II contingent was understandably small as the race only had national status. Derek Pobjoy was the only Class I entry in UNO MINT JEWELLERY, but had to retire after a



First place for David Hagan/Anita Peterson in Apache

mechanical fault left him with only one engine working to full capacity. Class II saw the ever reliable APACHE taking first place honours again, with David Hagan and Anita Petterson driving a great race. John Craxford in ROMANS SABRE came a worthy second with BRITISH BUZZARD third. Ray McEnhill retired after just one lap in the

breathhtakingly beautiful MISS PEARLCORDER, but will no doubt live to fight another day!

The Class III boys gave us their usual display of trills and spills, with Peter Bloomfield in POBJOY MINT TWO as overall winner. The most exciting aspect of the race was Phil Jones in the IIC Phantom TELEMAN chasing Peter

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with great relief that we heard he had only suffered a broken leg. Alf is one of the most popular drivers in the sport today, as well as being one of the most dedicated. I'm sure all our readers join us in wishing him a very speedy recovery. Full report on the Chasewater event next month!



National Trophy, Poole.

Bloomfield from start to finish, thus becoming a very worthy European champion. Phil's lead was so large that Tony Leftwich and Peter Croucher in THE INTERNATIONAL FACTOR were sure that they were lying first instead of second, and indeed Barry Drinkwater made the same assumption when he overtook Tony in the Woldbold design BLU BLUD. Terry Evans in CONCORD also passed THE INTERNATIONAL FACTOR at one point, but finished up a well fought fourth.

JUST F'KICKS was an early retirement with engine trouble, but not quite as early as Howard Wretham in PHANTASIZE who sadly did not make the start line. Nigel (Carlo) Powell also retired in his 21' Phantom HOT COSSIP which left the rest of the field breathing a large sigh of relief! Carlo is a highly skilled driver, and was certainly regarded as a top contender for the title. His performance at the Solent '70 earlier in the season had rattled quite a few of the other Class III drivers!

Peter and Jan Armstrong put in another good performance, after recovering from their success at the

Putney/Calais race a week before, and took second in class and third in overall. Both Paul Sinclair in JUS GUS and Alastair Kendon in NIXDORF limped home early with engine troubles, which made the total number of casualties a frighteningly large figure. By no stretch of the imagination could bad conditions be held to blame for this situation; the sea was certainly not mirror-calm, but apart from a nastystretch off the Shingles it was reasonably easy going for Cats and Monohulls alike. One can only really put it down to sheer coincidence that so many

RESULTS

Class I and II

1. Apache
2. Romans Sabre
3. British Buzzard

Class IIIC Camden Trophy

1. Telemán
2. Blu Blud
3. The International Factor

Class III Overall

1. Pobjoy Mint Two
2. Telemán
3. Aphrodisiac

D. Hagan/A. Pettersson
J. Craxford
R. Allen/J. Cave

P. Jones/J. Panton
B. Drinkwater/D. Pearce
A. Leftwich/P. Croucher

P. Bloomfield/A. Baldwin
P. Jones/J. Panton
P. Armstrong/J. Armstrong

Shead/Sabre
SP Metal/Sabre
Shead/Sabre

Phantom/Mercury
Blufin/Mercury
Staple/Mercury.

Stapley/Mercury
Phantom/Mercury
Phantom/Johnson

people had had luck on the same day.

My only criticism of an otherwise enjoyable day's racing was the delay before prize giving took place. The majority of competitors were back at R.M.Y.C. by 2.00 p.m., and yet prize giving was not until 7.00 p.m. Unless you were lucky enough to live in the Poole area this was a long time to sit and wait. In all other respects the R.M.Y.C. were the perfect hosts, and I'm sure their efforts were greatly appreciated by the Chelsea Building Society who sponsored the event.