

A Feature by Roger Doris

international boat show

This boat show has something for everybody

TORONTO — When the Boat Show opens its doors on January 9th there will be something there for everyone. The main attraction of course is boats, boating equipment and boating accessories. However, there's plenty of entertainment, sailing instruction courses, boating publications for sale, information from the Canadian Power Squadron and the Department of Transport. The Department of the Environment will have its display showing research into lake pollution, remedies and long range solutions.

For the ladies there is going to be a demonstration of how to cook in a microwave oven while hosting a bunch of hungry sailors on the top deck. Apres boating and Paris fashions will be shown in the French display, the Hudson's Bay Company will sponsor a fashion show of the latest in boating attire in the Arena. The Toronto Brigantine will be on hand to describe their sailing programs, training young men and women at sea.

The Metro Toronto Modellers will again have their large pool and entertaining antics of Willy the Whale, a colorful Disney type mammal, which circles the tank to the delight of the younger

members of the audience and from time to time spews a whale-sized spout of water. This is also the home of the balloon busters, a flotilla of boats equipped with balloons on the stern and pins on the bow. They chase each other in a fast paced battle to explode the balloon trailed by each boat.

The Arena show will feature a program sponsored by the Bank of Nova Scotia with magician, Ted Curl, showing how he looks at the "Magic of Boating". Also in the Arena beside 30 class boats will be a large pool in which members of the Ontario Sailing Association will show how to properly sail a dinghy. Life saving techniques will also be demonstrated in this area. If you have an interest in the Olympics the six Olympic class boats will be on display adjacent to the pool which is sponsored by Molson's Brewery (Ontario).

Show hours are weekdays from noon to 10:30 p.m., Saturdays from 10:30 a.m. to 10:30 p.m., Sundays from 1:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m.

Admission to the show is \$3 for adults 18 years and over, \$2 for youths 13 to 17, \$1 for children 5 to 12, and children under five are admitted free of charge.

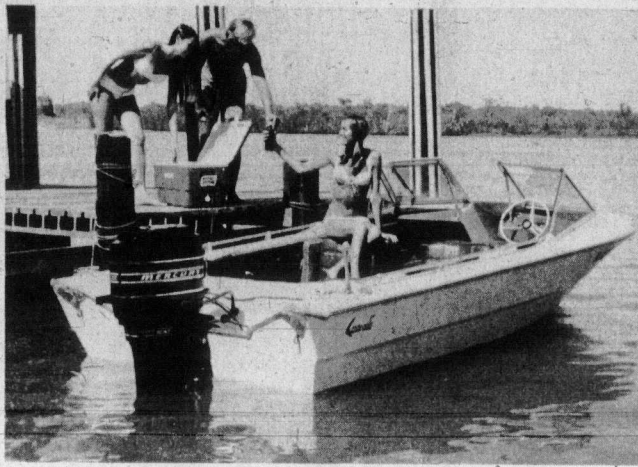
Sailboat display

SAIL 76, Molson's Brewery sailing extravaganza will delight thousands of people at this year's 1976 Toronto International Boat Show. Along

with the Ontario Sailing Association, Molson's have anchored eighteen classes of sailboats in the arena of the Coliseum, including six Olympic class boats.

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Each year more and more young people are enjoying the pleasures of boating. This trio pauses for a soft drink before heading out in their outboard-powered runabout for an afternoon of fun and sun. Many similar boats will be shown at the boat show.

Orville Wright's own boat on display at boat show

The classic runabout owned by aviation pioneer, Orville Wright, the 32 Kitty Hawk, has been selected for the first antique boat display featured at the Toronto International Boat Show opening January 9th to 18th at Exhibition Place.

The vessel recently restored by Greavette Boat Corporation is owned by Guy Johnstone of Midland. He received

the vessel as a Christmas present in 1971 from his wife, Cathy, who had bought the vessel from her father's estate, the late Wilfred France. The mahogany vessel was named Kitty Hawk after the place in North Carolina where on December 17, 1903, Orville and his brother Wilbur launched the era of power flight.

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the boat came from Canadian Group of Seven artist A. Y. Jackson who was one of a number of prominent visitors to Orville Wright's vacation spot in the Honey Harbour area. These visitors included Vilhjalmur Stefanson, the Arctic explorer. At one time the boat had a compass installed given to Wright by Amelia Earhart, the first woman to fly solo across the Atlantic.

One of Wright's own aircraft engines had been installed at one time but did not prove satisfactory and was replaced by a marine engine in 1940. The vessel suffered considerable damage in a storm in the late 1950's and was only recently restored to its original condition. Orville Wright did not publicize his trips through to Georgian Bay but for many years owned Lambert Island near Honey Harbour.

If history and nostalgia appeal to you be sure to see the historic boat on display in the East Wing of the Coliseum Building, Exhibition Place.



Suzanne Cyr, a pretty 19-year-old from Mississauga, is Miss Boating 1976 and will act as hostess at the International Boat Show. Many other charming models can be seen throughout the show, making it a photographers delight.

Boat show still setting records

One of the world's largest and best boat shows opens here January 9th to 18th and it is still setting new records for attendance and exhibitors.

The 18th edition of the Toronto International Boat Show will be held in the Coliseum complex of Exhibition Place. The larger edition of the show is only in its second year at the enlarged premises and it's already bursting at the seams with wall-to-wall boats, motors, sails and accessories. Attendance last year was 162,000.

In commenting on the success, show general manager Harold D. Shield remarked, "We thought our move to the Coliseum complex which tripled our exhibit space last year would be more than ample for quite some years to come. However, the marine industry in Canada and around the world has given us magnificent support. We now find ourselves once again on a rationing system for available space to exhibitors." Shield went on to comment, "It's great for visitors to the show, in fact we find that it is necessary to advise visitors to allow at least four hours to see all the attractions and many make a second trip."

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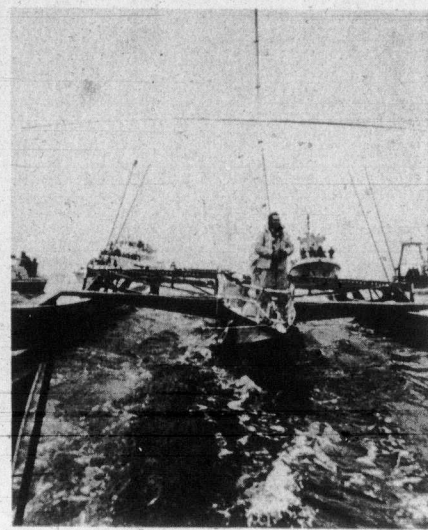
Nova Scotia will sponsor a unique attraction called the "Magic of Boating" in which magician, Ted Curl, turns his many talents to entertaining show visitors with nautical magic.

Other major attractions include a large 5700 square foot display of nautical equipment from France including the modelling of apres boating fashions. The largest French boats in this display will come from Dufour and the designer, Michel Dufour, will be on hand to discuss the finer points of marine architecture and boat building. During the opening days the holder of the trans-Atlantic and around-the-world single-handed sailing championships, Alain Colas will be in the display. His model of a new craft now being built in which he will sail single-handedly across the Atlantic will be on display. The model is ten feet long but the actual sailboat will be approximately 220 feet long!

The Toronto Metro Marine Modellers will again be operating their attractive remote controlled vessels of all kinds in the large pool in the Industry Building. The British government will sponsor a display from U.K. manufacturers and fashion designers.

If you should get lost at any time in the ten acres of show space which attracts over 162,000 visitors you can get directions from the information booths sponsored by Toronto radio station CFRE. Their marine cruiser will be on display in the Fibreform exhibit in the West Annex.

A new feature this year will be the antique boat display featuring the boat of the year, a 32' Giddley runabout, named the Kitty Hawk, originally owned by aircraft pioneer Orville Wright.



Round-The-World navigator Alain Colas is shown here on his Trimaran, "Manureva," arriving to a grand welcome at St. Malo, France. He had just completed, single-handed, a round-the-world trip aboard the Trimaran in 168 days to beat Sir Francis Chichester's record of 228 days. Colas will be featured at the French Nautical Exhibit at the Toronto International Boat Show, Exhibition Place, Toronto, January 9 to 18.

George Ragen Day on Tuesday Jan. 13

Recognition for a lifetime's work is the reason that the Toronto International Boat Show decided to name Tuesday, January 13th, as George Ragen Day in honour of the retired Superintendent of the Toronto Harbour Police.

In commenting on the naming of the day, General Manager Harold Shield remarked, "After 46 years of service George Ragen stands out as the boatman's friend in Ontario. We are pleased to have a part in honouring George Ragen."

Mr. Ragen will be guest of honour at a dinner to be held Tuesday evening, January 13th, by the Shellback Club of Toronto to be held at the Toronto International Boat Show dining room.

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