

'Cigarette' smokes her way home

THE CIGARETTE, long slim and packed with power, and Messrs. Don Aronow "Nockey" House and Clive Curtis, screamed their way to Torquay and back to win the Daily Express International race at an average speed of 66 mph. for the 236-mile course. The American Aronow is now virtually certain in winning the World Driver's Championship for the second time, though his nearest rival Francesco Cosentino finished second in **White Tornado**.

The race, run in mild conditions, attracted 75 entries and had the usual high number of non-starters, 22 in all, the most disappointing being Ian Toll's **Magnum Tornado**. This was the boat that sank while in the lead in last year's event and after 10 months' work spent on her, the boat was on trials last Thursday and blew an engine. Other non-starters included the class III boat **Jersey Sunshine** (Peter Bloomfield) which sank at her moorings during Friday night. It is thought the boat touched the bottom at low tide and the rising tide flooded her.

Misfortune also hit **Hellfire** (R. Stapleford) on the Friday night when an underwater unit went on one of her outboards, while earlier in the week **Maid of England** (R. Lawson) hit an underwater obstruction while on engine trials, damaging her underwater units.

The massed start past Cowes saw a strong though brief English threat in the shape of the new Don Shead designed boats **T2** and **Miss Enfield**. The former is powered by twin Daytonas and the latter aluminium boat by twin Mercruiser 482's similar to those in **Cigarette**, **Magnum Tornado** and **Red Tornado** (V. Balestrieri).

The Gardner brothers in **Surfury** were also right up in the front and very close inshore, overshadowing little **Screwdriver** (M. Bateman).

Returning past Cowes and heading for Southsea, **Miss Enfield** being driven by Don Shead, was already in the lead from **Red Tornado**, **Cigarette** and **White Tornado** closely followed by **T2** and **Surfury**.

Even now, **HTS** (R. Hilton) had retired and limped back into Cowes while down at Southsea **T2** was in trouble with a damaged rudder and she returned to the Hamble. Shortly after Southsea **Red Tornado** stopped with a broken drive shaft and a third leading contender, the South African cat **Meteor III** (K. Stephens) had also slowed

"Telstar", winner last year, fourth overall in 1969. Bottom, "Melodrama", fifth overall and first outboard home for second year running.



keeping in touch stopped for four minutes to clear a fuel blockage and never again saw the leader. Behind her **Melodrama** was doing incredibly well, lying third overall having passed **Maltese Magnum**, **UFO** (Norman Barclay) had climbed to fifth slot ahead of **Avenger Too** (T. Makinen). Last year's winner **Telstar** driven now by Maurice Hardy, came into the picture in seventh place ahead of **Delta** (C. R. Gardner). **Gipsy Girl** had moved up to 10th place still only seconds ahead of **Gee**. Ken Cassir in **Towmotor** was 18th and leading the depleted class III contingent, **Snoopy** had climbed to 13th position ahead of **Seahunter** (T. Howells) and **Fordspeed**. **Oh Oh Sex** (B. Jelley) was slowly climbing through the field from 40th to 17th place at Torquay and dicing away at the rear was the majestic **Foxie** (Hon. Lt.-Col. J. D. Slim) and Mrs. J. Haikes in **Needlenose**.

The return trip was uneventful for the two leaders but at Portland **Melodrama** lost the underwater unit on her starboard outboard but continued on two engines. **Maltese Magnum** passed her first but it was not until she was back in the Solent that **Telstar** passed by, the three finishing in that order. Trouble also hit **UFO**, lying fifth at Portland, on the return she dropped to 27th place at the finish, limping over the line, and an even later casualty was **Delta**. She had dropped from 8th to 17th on the return to Portland and eventually retired off Yarmouth a few miles from the finish. The last boat to retire was **Seabear** (P. Weychan) off Portland on the return trip. She was suffering from overheating problems.

The **Cigarette** crossed the line 3 hours 33 minutes after the start, having completed the course at an amazing 66 m.p.h. and finishing 12 minutes ahead of **White Tornado**. By the time the third boat crossed the line, the two leaders had vacated the winners' berth. John Kennerly was 42 minutes behind but his speed of 53 m.p.h. was as fast as the 1967 event run in perfect conditions.

Gipsy Girl crossed the line 20 seconds ahead of **Gee** in eighth and ninth positions, while 10th place should have gone to **Towmotor**, but she had run out of fuel passing

right down with a sheared propeller. She had been seventh just after *Surfury*.

Returning past Cowes and heading for Yarmouth and the open sea, *Miss Enfield* had a comfortable lead over *Cigarette* with *White Tornado* third, *Surfury* fourth and *Maltese Magnum* (John Kennerly) fifth just ahead of *Melodrama* (J. Galliford) leading the outboard contingent in front of James Beard in *Volare* and Swedish *Tam O'Shunter* (Count Sten Bielke) filled eighth slot.

The first diesel-powered boat was Sir Max Aitken's *Gypsy Girl* in 17th place just ahead of *Gee* (Hon E. G. Greenall) who had made up several places after a slow start. Also moving up well after being last over the line was *Snoopy* (J. Hobart) a small 25 ft. OP boat powered by a single 400 hp second-hand Ford, who was now in 21st place just behind the leading *Fairey Huntsman*, John Freeman's *Fordspeed* which was averaging 40 mph. *Volare* went slowly past the press office. An engine cover had come off damaging a sparking plug.

The leaders were now approaching Anvil Point, conditions were a bit lumpy, visibility poor and wind and tide against them. *Miss Enfield* was having fuel trouble with one of her tanks and *Cigarette* swept past though the average speed had dropped to a mere 63 mph. A short time later the steering on *Miss Enfield* went and she retired. Approaching Portland Bill the third British challenger sowed, *Surfury* turned for home after a dynamo belt had come off. Further down the field *Foamslyer* (H. Read) in 37th place past Cowes, but last past Yarmouth, also retired.

Torquay was reached and *Cigarette* was on her own. *White Tornado* who had been



LEFT: "Snoopy" was tenth on Saturday, and a rousing fifth in Sunday's race.



RIGHT: "Fordspeed", photographed from Portland Bill.

the Needles, and that position was filled by *Snoopy* on her first outing. The sole class III survivor was the Earl of Norman-ton's *Black Panther* in 12th position just ahead of *Fordspeed*. At 6.40, *Foxie* swept in, having averaged 27 m.p.h., last perhaps but collecting a handful of trophies.

Sunday's Bollinger Goblet had an added spice this year, the £500 Thomas Nelson Jackpot prize for the first boat to go round the Isle of Wight in under an hour. The distance is 57 miles, and a strong contingent arrived on the line to take the award or try to, among them *Miss Enfield*, driven by Tommy Sopwith, and *Surfer*. Fifty-two minutes and 50 seconds after the start, *Miss Enfield* crossed the line, having averaged over 65 m.p.h. and touching 70 at times. Second was *Surfury*, third *Telstar*, fourth *Meteor III*, and fifth *Snoopy*, though the most outstanding performance was Alf Bullen in *Wicked Alf*, who finished seventh overall, but more about all this in next week's issue.

Results

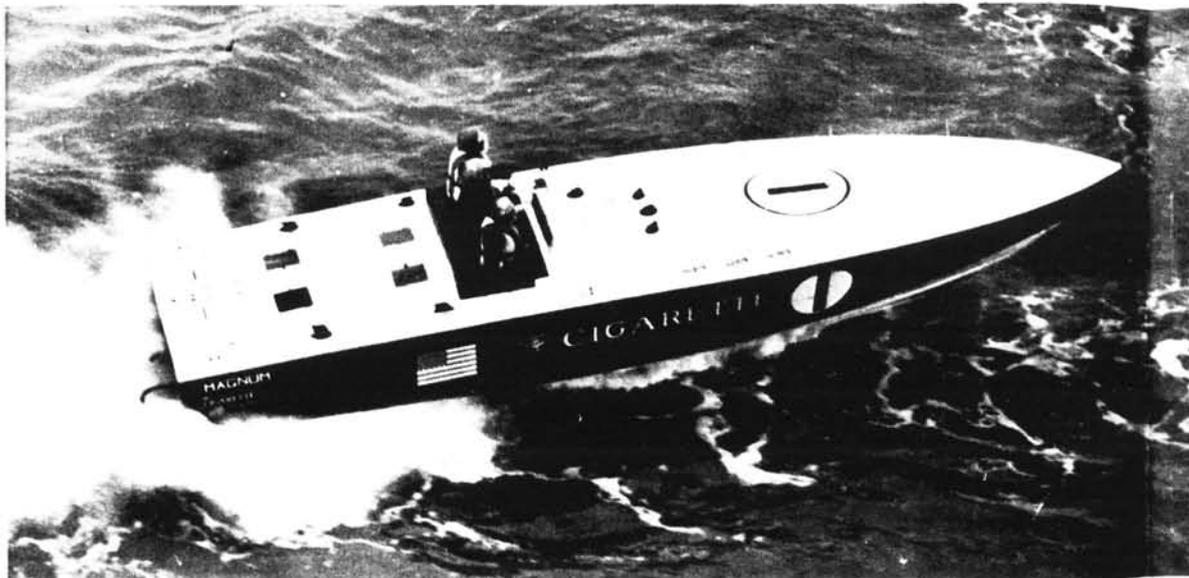
1. *The Cigarette* (USA), owned and driven by Don Aronow, 3 hr. 33 min. (66 mph).
2. *White Tornado* (Italy), owned and driven by Francesco Cosentino, 3 hr. 45 min. (63 mph).
3. *Maltese Magnum Twin*, owned and driven by John Kennerly, 4 hr. 27 min. (53 mph).
4. *Telstar*, owned and driven by Maurice Hardy, 4 hr. 44 min. (50 mph).
5. *Melodrama*, owned and driven by John Galliford, 4 hr. 51 min. (49 mph).
6. *Tam O'Shunter* (Sweden), owned and driven by Count Sten Bielke, 5 hr. 6 min. (46 mph).
7. *Avenger Too*, owned by Alan Watson, driven by Timo Makinen, 5 hr. 18 min. (44.5 mph).
8. *Gypsy Girl*, owned and driven by Sir Max Aitken, 5 hr. 24 min. (44 mph).
9. *Gee*, owned and driven by E. G. Greenall, 5 hr. 24 min. (44 mph).
10. *Snoopy*, owned and driven by J. V. Hobart, 5 hr. 49 min. (40.5 mph).
11. *Sea Hunter*, owned and driven by T. Howells, 5 hr. 51 min. (40 mph).
12. *Black Panther*, owned and driven by Earl of Norman-ton, 5 hr. 53 min. (40 mph).
13. *Fordspeed*, owned and driven by J. A. Freeman, 5 hr. 57 min. (39.5 mph).

14. *Oh Oh Sex*, owned by R. Jelley, driven by B. Jelley, 6 hr. 1 min. (39 mph).
15. *Screwdriver*, owned and driven by Robin Bateman, 6 hr. 5 min. (39 mph).
16. *Fiancia*, owned and driven by J. Frost, 6 hr. 7 min. (33½ mph).
17. *Miss Smirnov*, owned by P. G. A. Hennessy, driven by Major B. Wright, 6 hr. 12 min. (38 mph).
18. *Maid Fast*, owned and driven by G. E. Marsh, 6 hr. 16 min. (37½ mph).
19. *Vivia Tridante*, owned and driven by D. D. R. Smith, 6 hr. 22 min. (37 mph).
20. *Lacy* (South Africa), owned and driven by K. M. Rontgen, 6 hr. 31 min. (36 mph).
21. *Fordsport*, owned by N. Harvey, driven by Peter Twiss, 6 hr. 33 min. (36 mph).
22. *Sabre Dance*, owned and driven by J. A. Rowe, 6 hr. 35 min. (36 mph).
23. *Seaspray*, owned by John Freeman, driven by Lady Aitken, 6 hr. 38 min. (35½ mph).
24. *Translucent*, owned and driven by Alan Betteridge, 6 hr. 42 min. (35 mph).
25. *Ba-Rolodetta* (Italy), owned and driven by L. Macchia, 6 hr. 42 min. (35 mph).
26. *Spirit of Ecstasy*, owned and driven by S. C. Macey, 6 hr. 49 min. (34½ mph).
27. *U.F.O.*, owner drivers T. Powell and N. Barclay, 7 hr. 1 min. (33½ mph).
28. *Fordpower*, owned and driven by D. J. Morris, 7 hr. 8 min. (33 mph).
29. *Sandpiper Too* of Itchenor, owned and driven by E. Lacey-Hulbert, 7 hr. 10 min. (33 mph).
30. *Tornado*, owned by M. E. C. Stadham, driven by D. C. S. Friday, 7 hr. 32 min. (31 mph).
31. *Horatia*, owned and driven by Commander P. Thofnycroft, 7 hr. 44 min. (30½ mph).
32. *Samanda Thuz*, owner-drivers R. D. P. and Mrs. S. R. Griffith, 7 hr. 45 min. (30½ mph).
33. *Miss Bovril I*, owned and driven by D. Bassett, 7 hr. 54 min. (30 mph).
34. *Graziella*, owned and driven by P. Best, 7 hr. 58 min. (29½ mph).
35. *Fairey Huntress*, owned by R. Sibley, driven by C. Curry, 8 hr. 2 min. (29½ mph).
36. *Psychedelic Surfer*, owned and driven by J. Caulcutt, 8 hr. 4 min. (29½ mph).
37. *Firecracker*, owned and driven by J. A. C. Renouf, 8 hr. 6 min. (29 mph).
38. *Thunderstreak*, owner-drivers R. D. Duxford and A. Colzin, 8 hr. 23 min. (28½ mph).
39. *Needlenose*, owner D. Legg, driven by Mrs. J. Hawkes, 8 hr. 27 min. (28 mph).
40. *Flower Power*, owned and driven by Miss Penny Carter, 8 hr. 28 min. (28 mph).
41. *Foxie*, owner G. Edwards, driven by Lieut.-Colonel J. D. Slim, 8 hr. 40 min. (27 mph).



ABOVE: "Oh Oh Sex".

RIGHT: The winner. Below, "White Tornado", second, and, bottom right, "Maltese Magnum", third.



Cowes-Torquay-Cowes prizewinners

See race report on the next page.



Winner of the Cowes-Torquay-Cowes, Don Aronow.

Beaverbrook Challenge Trophy and £1,000 for the overall winner; £100 and the Leeds Trophy for the first past Torquay; the Bahamas Trophy for the Miami-Nassau prize; the

Cowes Town Cup and £250 for the visitors' prize—all won by **The Cigarette**.
 The Butlin Trophy and £500 for second overall—**White Tornado**.
 The Lombard Bank Trophy and £250 for third overall—**Maltese Magnum Twin**.
 The Jaeger Trophy and £150 for fourth overall, Motorboat and Yachting award and £100 for the restricted Class II award—**Telstar**.
 The Grosvenor House Trophy and £100 for fifth overall, first outboard prize of the Johnson Trophy and £100—**Melodrama**.
 Daily Express Award of £75 and Royal Motor and Yacht Club Trophy for sixth overall—**Tam O'Shanter**.
 Perkins Trophy and £500 for the best all-rounder Daily Express Award of £100 and the Needell Trophy for the Index of Performance, the International Boat Show Award for Concours d'Elegance Class I—**Foxie**.
 Ship and Boat Builders' National Federation Trophy and £500 for the All-British prize, the Daily Express Award of £250 and the King George's Fund for Sailors Trophy for the restricted diesel prize—**Fordspeed**.
 The Daily Express Award of £250 and the Cowes Trophy for the unlimited diesel prize—**Gypsy Girl**.
 The Gloster Hotel Trophy and £250 for the first boat back, through Cowes from Southsea—**Miss Enfield**, owner J. Goulandris, driver Don Shead.
 Cutty Sark Trophy and £100 for the Fuel Economy Prize—**Fairy Huntress**.
 The Ship & Boating Builders National Federation Award for Concours d'Elegance Class II—**Miss Bovril I**.
 Daily Express Award of £150 and the Royal Torbay Yacht Club Trophy for the Production Economy prize, return of entry fee for the best presented entry—**Miss Smirnoff**.
 Daily Express Award of £150 and the Royal Yacht Squadron Trophy for the Production Class prize—**Sea Hunter**.
 Triplex Trophy and £100 for the team award—Offshore Powerboat Club of Great Britain—**Sea Hunter**, **Oh Oh Sex**, and **Miss Smirnoff**.
 Marine Engine Manufacturers' Salver for the lowest powered finisher—**Psychedelic Surfer**.
 Grosvenor House Award of £100 and a brooch for a ladies prize—**Mrs. Molly Greenall in Gee**.