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NEWS IN FLASHES:

Yachting for everybody was demonstrated at Thorpe Bay, in the International Hornets Race. Do it Yourself sets mean that anyone can build a Hornet at home, for about the cost of a motor cycle. 28 competed for the Kenny Trophy. There was not a real yachtsman's win, but the glory of the Hornet is that it scuds along when many a craft would be becalmed. The race was over a distance of 10½ miles. If you have a beautiful passenger, preferably not too light, you can afford to heel over at quite an angle.

A gust took one competitor unawares, but that's something no Hornet racer troubles about.

If they prefer sailing the conventional way it's easy. In a faster field is the Handley Page Victor Bomber, biggest and heaviest of the three V-Bombers so far built. No 10 squadron is the first to go into operational service with the R.A.F.

In command of hand-picked crews is Group Captain Johnnie Johnson, top wartime fighter ace. He and his men have the honour to fly the supersonic aircraft which can carry the H-Bomb to any selected target. Four Armstrong Siddeley Jet Engines collectively develop more power than ten last war bombers put together. For the next ten years, says Johnson, V-Bombers will be essential to our defence. After that, guided missiles will probably take over.

Operating ten miles up the Victor could outfly any present-day fighter aircraft, a comforting thought in this dangerous day and age.