

JET BOATS FOR ALL.

Water-ski-ing in December, in Gloucestershire? That surely calls for some explanation. Especially when the speed-boat is being driven by the one and only Donald Campbell. But let's watch-first.

The Bowty Turbocraft brings jets into the pleasure boat field. The engine sucks water in, then ejects it with such a force that it sends the craft skimming along at 35 miles an hour. So it's water that forms the jet, not flame, as in Campbell's famous Bluebird. Donald said the craft was amazingly manoeuvrable. That puts it mildly.

Mrs. Campbell was there to enjoy the demonstration too. This no-propeller craft opens a new era in motor-boating. If it catches on, maybe the whole coastline will have to be a pink zone.