

HOVERCRAFT GOES AHEAD

Something new came out of the William Denny shipyard at Dumbarton, a 60-foot hovercraft, built for experiment, to get to know how far the air cushion idea can be applied. Those sidewalls, or skirts, prevent the air cushion on which the hovercraft rides from dispersing. There seems no reason why this type of ship shouldn't be used for Channel crossing, and even longer trips. Separate engines make the cushion of air, and two outboard motors drive propellers, for fore and aft propulsion.

On the Gareloch, trial runs went by without a hitch.

The hovercraft principle has reached another stage in its important development.