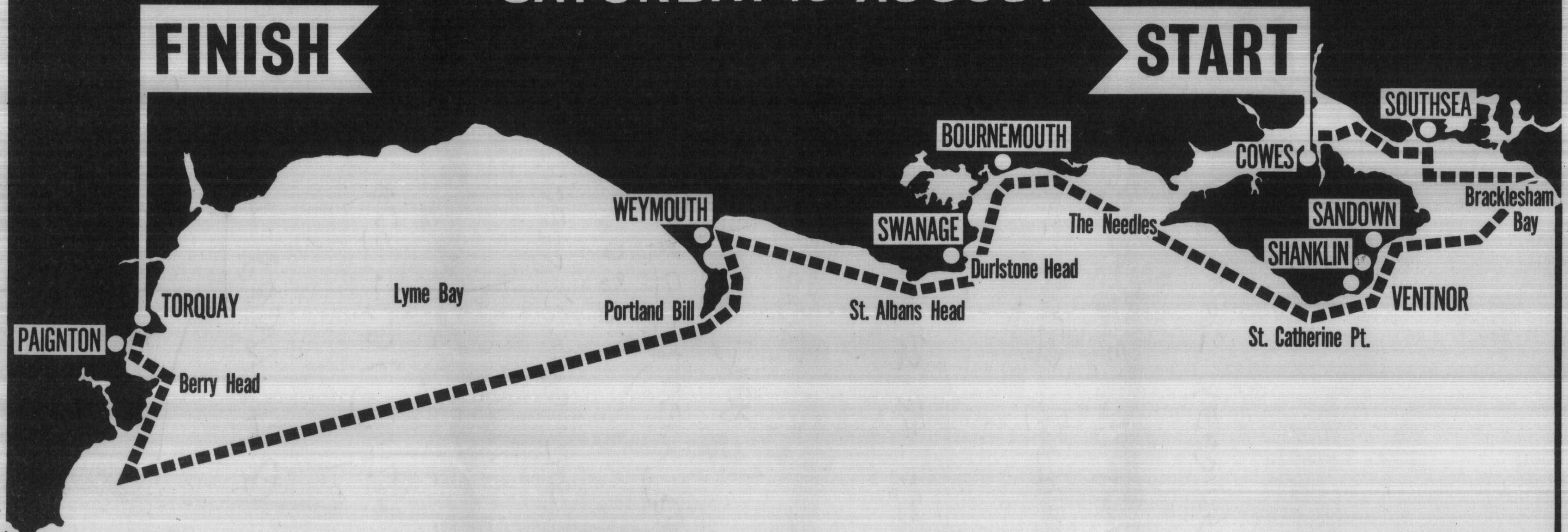


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## OFFSHORE POWERBOAT RACE

SATURDAY 19 AUGUST



**START 10 A.M.**



August 1961

# THE 1961 INTERNATIONAL DAILY EXPRESS OFFSHORE POWERBOAT RACE

SATURDAY, 19 AUGUST, 1961

APPROVED BY THE UNION OF INTERNATIONAL MOTORBOATING & THE MARINE MOTORING ASSOCIATION OF GREAT BRITAIN

Organising Committee: Major John G. Abraham, T.D. (Chairman) ~~C. Grasmann, Esq. (Hon. Secretary)~~ A. Needell, Esq., A.M.R.I.N.A. J. W. Roome, Esq.

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This race is intended for high-performance powerboats suitable for extended cruising, including open sea passages. It is a non-stop race between Cowes, Isle of Wight, and Torquay, and follows a Course eastwards from Cowes, thence by way of turning marks offshore in the vicinity of:- Spithead, Bracklesham Bay, Sandown Bay, Bournemouth Bay, Weymouth Bay, Start Bay.

The "off" will be in the form of a 'rolling' mass start: there is no handicapping. All competitors will have an opportunity to compete for the various class awards which are being offered in addition to the main prize for the outright winner.

There are rigid eligibility requirements regarding length, displacement, hull shape, accommodation, engines and safety equipment.

The Race takes place on Saturday, August 19th, weather conditions permitting. If there is fog or a gale warning in force in forecast areas Wight, Portland, Plymouth, it may be necessary to postpone the race until Sunday, August 20th.

Attached are information sheets about various aspects of the event:-

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## HOW THE RACE CAME ABOUT

The immense development of boating as a popular sport during the post-war years is reflected in the tremendously successful series of Boat Shows presented by the Daily Express annually since 1954. Boating of every type now enjoys a greater popularity than ever before, and most boating enthusiasts have excellent facilities for competition and the improvement it brings.

Sailing dinghies, bigger yachts and lightweight speed boats all have their national and club competitions, but there is another class of craft which has advanced powerboat design since the War and does not enjoy such encouragement - or did not, until the idea of the Offshore Powerboat Race was conceived.

This exciting new development - the high-performance powerboat capable of extended cruising on the open sea - obviously has a great future, given the necessary stimulus. And so for the very first time in Europe a really severe, high-speed test of boats, engines and seamanship, has been organised.

This is the 1961 International Daily Express Offshore Powerboat Race.

## RACE ORGANISATION

The race on August 19th promises to be the biggest, most exciting event of its kind ever to be held in Europe. Much work has been done in readiness for this marathon 150-mile dash from Cowes to Torquay.

Control centres, patrol craft, warning systems, turning marks, a search-and-rescue organisation, race information boards at points along the route have been prepared. The Royal Yacht Squadron, the Royal Motor Yacht Club, the Royal Torbay Yacht Club, the Services, Coast Guard Stations and several seaside resort authorities have all given valuable assistance to the organisers.

Race Control and Press Information Centres have been set up in the Royal Yacht Squadron's Annexe at Cowes and in the Imperial Hotel at Torquay. The Squadron has kindly consented also to the use of its starting line.

With willing co-operation from the seaside towns en route, arrangements have been made for the craft in the race to come close enough inshore for spectators to get a good view with safety.

Small boat sailors and swimmers will be warned by marshals from co-operating yacht clubs along the coast.

Units of the Royal Navy, the R.A.S.C. and Royal Air Force and the Coast Guard also have an important part in the event, providing a search and rescue organisation and course surveillance teams.

### COMMITTEES

The Race is approved by the Union of International Motor Boating.

The Committee comprises Major John G. Abraham, T.D., Commodore of the Royal Motor Yacht Club (Chairman), A. Buysse (President of the U.I.M.), Commander W. R. D. Gerard-Pearse, M.V.O., R.N., G. Langwell Plum, A. Needell, A.M.R.I.N.A. (Chief Scrutineer) and J. W. Roome.

Stewards of the Meeting:

Major J. G. Abraham, T.D.

Donald Campbell, C.B.E.

Commander Sir Reginald Leeds, Bart., R.N. Admiral  
of the Royal Torbay Yacht Club.

### PRIZES

The prize for the first boat home is the 1961 Beaverbrook Challenge Trophy and £1,000.

The specially designed Trophy takes the form of a solid silver laurel wreath encircling a heavily gold-plated propeller, set in tinted crystal glass ground and cut to suggest turbulent coastal waters, and the base is of serpentine stone from the Lizard.

Other prizes will be awarded by the Daily Express to the owners of boats completing the Course, in the following categories:-

Second Boat Home .....	£100
First Diesel-engined boat .....	£100
First Diesel-engined boat under 15 litres engine capacity..	£100
First Petrol-engined boat under 5½ litres engine capacity..	£100



PRIZES (Cont'd)

First Outboard-engined boat .....	£100
First British-engined boat .....	£100 and the Royal Torbay Cup
First All-British boat .....	The Cuthbert Grasemann Memorial Trophy
Each boat completing the Course - A Daily Express Powerboat Race	Plaque

Individual specially cast silver medallions will be awarded to the driver of each boat winning a cash prize and to the first lady to complete the course.

VIEWING POINTS

Given good weather conditions a vast number of spectators will be watching the race from various vantage points along the coast. At such points, and at several important seaside resorts, up-to-the-minute Race Information Boards will be set up, together with loud speakers in some instances, so that the public may know the overall position throughout the day.

The course - coming close to the shore during its first 70 miles or so - will allow a very good view from land. The latter half of the course is across Lyme Bay, direct from Portland Bill to the final turning point in Start Bay.

It is considered that good views may be had from:-

The Parade and the Green, Cowes.

South Parade Pier and Front, Southsea.

Bracklesham Bay.

Piers and Fronts at Sandown, Shanklin and Ventnor.

Headlands of St. Catherine's Point and The Needles.

Along the coast - from Southbourne, Boscombe and Bournemouth.

The Old Harry Rocks.

Durlston Head.

St. Albans Head

Greenhills, Sea Front and Harbour, Weymouth

VIEWING POINTS (Cont'd.)

Portland Bill.

Berry Head.

Front and Pier, Paignton.

The Haldon and Princess Piers and much of Torbay.

OWNERS, DRIVERS, BOAT NUMBERS, ENGINE DETAILS, etc.

<u>Race No.</u>	<u>Boat's Name</u>	<u>Country</u>	<u>Owner</u>	<u>Driver</u>	<u>Length w.l.</u>	<u>Designer Builder</u>
1.	HUNTSMAN No. 8 Twin Chrysler/Total	G.B.	W.E. Butlin 550 H.P./11.6 litres	.Owner	28'10"	Ray Hunt Fairey Marine
2.	SANTA ROSA Twin Mercury/Total	G.B.	J. Moore 140 H.P./2.4 litres.	Wm. Shakespeare Outboard under 5½	24'	William Shakespeare
3.	THUNDERBOLT Twin Crusader/Total	G.B.	T.E.B. Sopwith 650 H.P./12.8 litres	Owner	25'	Ray Hunt Bruce Campbell
4.	CORALIE Crusader/325 H.P./6.4 litres	G.B.	Bruce Campbell	D.G. Hawkins	23'	Ray Hunt Bruce Campbell
5.	CONTANGO A Twin Palmers/Total	G.B.	J.R. and P.D. Raymond 270 H.P./8.7 litres.	P. Raymond	23'	Ray Hunt Bruce Campbell
6.	CHRISTINA Twin Crusader/Total	G.B.	B.C. Campbell 650 H.P./12.8 litres	Owner	23'	Ray Hunt Bruce Campbell
7.	ANGLESEY Twin Crusader/Total	G.B.	C.W.T. Pochin 650 H.P./12.8 litres	Uffa Fox	37'	Uffa Fox Pochin- Craft
8.	CARRONADE Twin Ford/Total	G.B.	Lt. Col. C.R.H. Kindersley 168 H.P./5.2 litres. British	Owner	22'	Colin Mudie R. and W. Clark
9.	JUNIPER Twin Ford/Total	G.B.	Victor G. Smith 168 H.P./5.2 litres. British	A. Neville Smith	22'	Colin Mudie R. and W. Clark
10.	THUNDERBIRD Twin Johnson/Total	G.B.	R. & F. Prout 150 H.P./2.9 litres/Outboard	Owners	22'1"	R. & F. Prout G. Prout & Sons
11.	GERANIUM II Twin Perkins/Total	G.B.	Mrs. K.J. Hobson 240 H.P./14.7 litres/Diesel under 15 litres - British	H.E. Duckham	38'9"	James Taylor Ltd.
12.	MONACO FORTUNA Twin Rootes-Listers/Total	G.B.	Capt. M. Morgan- Giles 200 H.P./6.5 litres/Diesel under 15 litres - British	Owner	33'	Morgan Giles Ltd.

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14	GAY GAZELLE Twin Rolls Royce/Total	G.B.	S.C.Macey 500 H.P./24.4 litres/Diesel	Owner British	39'9"	Cox & Haswell Dorset Lake
15	YO-YO Twin Volvo/Total	U.S.A.	James R.Wynne 200 H.P./3.6 litres/Under 5½ litres/ Inboard - Outboard	Owner	20'7"	Ray Hunt Bertram Yacht Co.
16	A'SPERANZIELLA Twin Crusader/Total	Italy	R & M Levi 600 H.P./12.8 litres	Attilio Petroni & Owner	26'6"	Renato Levi Cantiere Navaltecna
17	PAPRIKA Twin Pentas/Total	G.B.	P.S.Lane 254 H.P./7.2 litres	Owner	27'6"	W.F.Rayner Jenners of Thorpe
18	SNOWGOOSE OF SARUM Twin Evinrude/Total	G.B.	M.L.Curtis 150 H.P./2.9 litres/Under 5½ litres/ Outboard.	N.Willoughby Riley	25'	Wm.Shakes- peare
19	HURICAIN Johnson 80/1.5 litres/Under	G.B.	A.W.Venables 5½ litres/Outboard	Owner	20'10"	A.W. Venables
20	MAID OF BALTIMORE Perkins 100/7.4 litres/Diesel under	G.B.	J.B. Drake 15 litres	Owner British	19'	Ray Hunt Fairley Marine
21	HUNT 34 Twin Perkins/Total	G.B.	Denys H. Sessions 240 H.P./ 14.7 litres/Diesel under 15 litres	British	D.W.Simmonds 30'	Ray Hunt Port Hamb- le Ltd.
22	KANITA Twin Rootes-Listers/Total	G.B.	E.G.Dawes 200 H.P./6.5 litres/Diesel under 15 litres	Owner British	33'	Morgan Giles
23	IANTHE Twin Evinrude/Total	G.B.	H.R.Read 150 H.P./2.9 litres/ Under 5½ litres/Outboard.	A. McLachlan	18'6"	G.L. Watson Westcraft Ltd.
24	JAGINTHEBOX Jaguar 200/3.4 litres/Under	G.B.	J.W.H.Wells 5½ litres	Owner British	22'4"	Allan Eckford Frank Whittome
25	CAMELOT Twin Universals/Total	G.B.	Capt. K.W. Milligan 190 H.P./Under 5½ litres/ 10.5 litres	Owner British	22'	Colin Mudie R and W Clark
26	BELLA Volvo 80 H.P./	Canada	F.E.Carvill 1.6 litres/Under 5½ litres/ Inboard - Outboard	S.W. Wright	21'2"	Nils B Pran Ancas, Norway
27	DIESEL HUNTSMAN Parsons 100/5.4 litres/Diesel under	G.B.	Major I.M. Floor 15 litres	British	28'10"	Ray Hunt Fairley Marine



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28	GRAYLING Twin Scott McCulloch/Total 84 H.P./1.4 litres/ Under 5½ litres/Outboard	G.B.	S. Ryland	Eric S. Platt	18'4"	W. F. Rayner James & Caddy
29	ARISTOCRAT Twin Perkins/Total 66 H.P./3.3. litres/Diesel under 15 litres/British	G.B.	Henry Clark	John Miller	22'6"	Geoffrey Lord Aqua Craft
30	VANTAGE Lister 100/3.6. litres/Diesel HP. under 15 litres/British	G.B.	John Rupert Dupree	Owner	28'	Cdr. P. Thornycroft Keith, Nelson Co.
31	YEOMANA III Twin Perkins/Total 138 H.P./10 litres/ Diesel under 15 litres British	G.B.	Owen Aisher	Peter Thornycroft	29'	as above
32	LADY EVE Parsons 57/1.7 litres/under HP. 5½ litres/British	G.B.	R. R. Somerville	Owner	20'6"	Philip Bolger Belsize Boat Yard.
33	SANDRA SPENCER Twin Johnsons/Total 80 H.P./1.4 litres/Outboard/Under 5½ litres	GB	J.H. Byles	Owner	19'	Bell Woodwork Woodcrete Industries
34	CHANNEL CRUSADER Twin Austin-Healey/Total 150 H.P./3.2 litres/Under 5½/British litres	G.B.	A.V. Gledhill	Owner	25'6"	W. F. Rayner Jenner
35	BLUE MARLIN General Motors Diesel/Total 180 H.P./	G.B.	D. Watson	Donavon Shead	22'	Colin Mudie R and W Clark
36	LAZY DOLL Twin Volvos/Total 160 H.P./3.2 litres/Under 5½/Inboard litres	G.B.	Alan Charlesworth	Owner	22'	Ray Hunt Dell Quay
37	PER CHANCE III	G.B.	P.R. Parson	D.J. Hemming	24'6"	Owens Yacht Co.
88	GLASS MOPPIE Twin Chrysler/Total 660 H.P./11.6 litres/	U.S.A.	R. Bertram	Sam L. Griffith	31'	Ray Hunt Bertram Yacht Co.
39	EXPLORER Twin Westbend/Total 80 H.P./ 1.4 litres/Under 5½ litres/ Outboard	G.B.	H.C. Notley	Owner	18'6"	R. Coal Botred Boatworks

\* Classified as Inboard



PRESS FACILITIES

Until Wednesday evening, August 16th, press information will be available from:

Press Office,  
1961 International Daily Express  
Offshore Powerboat Race,  
119 Fleet Street,  
London, E.C.4.

TELEPHONE: FLEET STREET 8000, Extension 146.

From 9 a.m. Thursday, August 17th, a Press Office will be in service at Cowes in the Annexe of the Royal Yacht Squadron -

Telephone Numbers: COWES 917 and 927

Press facilities will also be available at Torquay on the day of the race. An office will be established in the Imperial Hotel -

Telephone Numbers: TORQUAY 7534/5/6/7.

COMMUNICATIONS AND RACE CONTROL ARRANGEMENTS

Race Control Headquarters will be located in Torquay and Cowes. At a number of points along the coast public address systems will keep the public informed of developments in the Race.

Commentators in Cowes, Bournemouth and Torquay will make announcements about the Race during the day, and other commentaries will be based on the reports of observers situated at various points along the coast; the commentaries will also supply useful background information for listeners.

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BILLY BUTLIN TO PILOT 50 m.p.h. RACING BOAT  
To be given to the Outward Bound Trust

Mr. Billy Butlin is to present his powerboat "B.B." to the Outward Bound Trust at the finish of the International Offshore Powerboat Race on Saturday 19th August. The boat is a Huntsman 28 built by the Fairey Aviation Company with a scheduled speed of over 45 m.p.h. It has been especially equipped for the Race with two 280 h.p. Chrysler V.8 petrol engines, and its top speed will not be divulged until after the Race. Mr. Billy Butlin and Peter Twiss, the supersonic speed airman, will co-pilot the "B.B." during her gruelling 150 mile race from Cowes to Torquay.

Mr. Butlin's final practice "run" is on Thursday at Cowes, Isle of Wight (August 17th), when he will don his new specially made oil skins and demonstrate his boat skill to Press and Television.

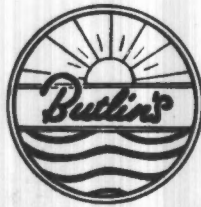
Mr. Butlin is also giving £500 per year, for five years, to pay for the boat's maintenance. The Outward Bound Trust in acknowledging his great generosity announces its intention to put the craft into service at one of its Schools as a safety boat, for which task its exceptional sea-going qualities will be an asset. Some conversion may be needed for the sake of economy, but even if this means a reduction in speed the boat will still be faster and have a far greater range than the safety boats now in use.

Two of the Outward Bound Schools feature Seamanship as part of the 26 day adventure courses, for which the Trust is well-known and which are designed to develop latent qualities of character, such as initiative, courage, endurance and self-reliance. --

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Most of the Sea Training is done in sail cutters, which are handled by the boys in coastal waters in all kinds of weather. Given only the elementary skills of sailing, the boys experience moments when their sturdiest qualities are challenged by adverse and sometimes dangerous conditions. Whilst the cutters are not easily capsized they frequently get off course or go aground and the School safety boats manned by an Instructor and boys on the course are always on call to tow them into quieter waters.

The plans are for Mr. Butlin to present the "B.B." to Admiral Sir Geoffrey Miles, K.C.B., K.C.S.I., representing the Outward Bound Trust at the Race Headquarters at the Imperial Hotel, Torquay at the finish of the race, whatever the result.

The Trust's representative states "Mr. Butlin's enterprise and courage are well-known, as is his generosity. His gift of this brilliant and valuable boat to Outward Bound will provide a challenge to our boys to follow his example and is precisely in the spirit which we seek to generate."

The Race, commencing at 10 a.m., is sponsored by the Daily Express and prizes will be given to owners of boats in the following categories:-

First Boat home	£1,000 and the 1961 Beaverbrook Challenge Trophy
Second Boat home	£100
First Diesel-engined boat	£100
First Petrol-engined boat under 5½ litres engine capacity	£100
First Outboard-engined boat	£100
First British-engined boat	£100

Each boat completing the Course - a Daily Express Powerboat Race Plaque

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