

RACING DARE-DEVIL . . . I. W. Thompson, left, president of Thompson Industries in Torrance, shows some of the many trophies he has won in his 20 years of hydroplane racing, to Kenneth Harman, Commodore, Southern California Speedboat Club and member of the American

Corporaton Chief Leads Double Life

directors of Space Equipment Corp., of which TI is a division.

the aerospace field.

AMONG THE other major competitions the sea-weathered driver has won are the Sahara Cup Race in Las Vegas, 1956; Newport Harbor championship, 1958; Belmont Shores Lion's Club Memorial Day Regatta, at Long Beach, 1957 and 1959, and the Fourth of July race in Long Beach in 1959.

Before he bought his own boat he raced for other owners, principally Eddie Meyer and Kenny Harman. He drove Meyer's "Avenger V" in 1959 to win the Southern California Speedboat Club's coveted highpoint trophy.

Why does an engineer-industrialist get into speed boat racing?

"FRANKLY," she adds, "I feel he is safer in the boat than on the freeway."
Another reason she doesn't mind his racing is that she likes to travel and accompanies his racing is that she waroun races. This also gives her an opportunity to share have highly shown. "I much prefer it to being a golf widow," says Mrs. Thompson.

THE ENTIRE family enloys howing off the 135-cubic-inch hydroplane "Cumon Baby II" which Thompson purchased last year. This boat has won the Inboard National Championships four times, although Thompson drove it only in the 1961 race.

All ion in polishing its sleek.

BIRTHS

I. W. Thompson is a conservative corporation president of a Torrance firm five days a "After spending so much time at a desk wrestling with papers it is a wonderful feeling to meet the pure physical challenge of racing."

Weekdays he serves as president of Thompson Industries and corporate vice president and member of the board of directors of Space Equipment

THE ONLY injury he has to the corporate vice.

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Corp., of which TI is a division.
This Torrance company designs and produces ground-handling equipment temperature control devices, fluid systems, and ballistics devices in the aerospace field.

THE OCLY INJUTY he has refered to the sport occurred in 1953 during a Fourth of July race at Long Beach. While driving the world competition record holder "Little Joe," a coupling broke and the shaft and propeller ripped into the rudder.

With control some the boat

IN ORDER to get back to earth after spending so much time with the problems of space Thompson takes to the water where he has made quite a national splash as a hydroplane racer.

He has won an international reputation and a wall full of trophies since he took up this sport in 1941.

His most recent accomplishment was in the 1961 Inboard National Championships held in San Diego where he drove his hydroplane "Cumon Baby II" to victory.

With control gone, the boat flipped over and Thompson was uncermoniously dumped into the water at 60 miles per hour ("there's no Culligan man out there — that water's mighty hard"). He suffered a gashed leg and spent a few has suffered no serious injuries even though he has had his share of accidents.

What does his lovely wife, Dorothy, think of all this?

She loves it. "He is a fine driver and like all competitive racers he is very careful." With control gone, the boat

"FRANKLY," she adds. "I

All join in polishing its sleek hull, but none of the others dare touch the power plant. That's strictly Thompson's

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