

States Move to Prohibit Overpowered Motor Boats

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The same fellows that like 400-horsepower cars apparently like the zip of big power in outboard motor boats too, whether they need it or not. But the rise in boating accidents has brought about a cry for more safety, particularly to reduce overloading, and "overpowering," two of the major reasons for boating mishaps. At least three states have now adopted new rules designed to make boating safer, and more fun for every one.

The newest state to take action is Wisconsin. After next Jan. 1, all new craft under 26 feet sold there must carry a plate that gives these vital statistics: total safe weight capacity of the boat under normal conditions; maximum number of people that can be carried safely, allowing not less than 150 pounds per person; and, if the craft is designed for use with an outboard motor, the maximum horsepower the boat can accommodate.

California and Idaho have similar rules in effect, and prospects are that other states will follow suit.

10-Mile Route Selected For Fiesta Boat Parade

A parade route that will cover nearly 10 miles of channels throughout Los Angeles Harbor was established this week for the Fishermen's Fiesta's traditional Parade of Boats. The parade, with an anticipated 30 to 40 boats taking part, will consume slightly less than an hour and a half when it is held Sunday, Oct. 17, as the colorful climax to the four-day Port of Los Angeles celebration. As laid out by fiesta chairman Marty Jaconi, the boats will traverse a route that begins at Fishermen's Wharf, snakes out past the Marine Exchange building, circles near Cabrillo yacht anchorage and turns back to head north in the main channel. The parading boats veer right under the Vincent Thomas Bridge and head up

the East Basin, turn around at the Matson terminal and sail back under the bridge past the major viewing areas—Goleta Point, Consolidated Marine Terminal, Municipal Ferry Building, Norm's Landing and Port O' Call Village—to the starting point. During the time they are touring the port facility, the decorated boats will pass before a major share of the 250,000 persons expected to attend the fiesta. Many of these will be in private yachts and other small craft, allowed this one day only to anchor at vantage points along the parade route. Jaconi said spectators will be allowed to view the colorful parade from scores of locations on San Pedro, Wilmington and Terminal Island land bounding the harbor waterways.

PLASTIC GROWING — Plastics used to be considered low-cost, second-rate substitutes for other materials. But today plastics are widely accepted materials in their own right. And the industry will keep right on growing, according to John T. Whitley, president of Amerace Corp. Amerace is a rubber, plastics and chemical company that recently was labeled one of America's fastest-growing corporations. Whitley has announced plans to expand its plastics operations even further. Products of the plastics industry are increasingly popular in the business machine, telephone and building construction fields. The auto industry, according to Whitley, soon will use many more metal-plated plastic parts, now that metal and plastic can be firmly bonded together. There are at least 270 possible uses for plated plastics on automobiles alone, including grillework, door handles, control knobs, and instrument clusters. Plated plastics are coming up fast. Whitley says they may save 25 per cent in production cost, and they weigh only one-sixth as much as all metal parts.

THINGS TO COME — Portable still to use energy from the sun for making fresh water from salty water. Easily assembled without tools. Electric shaver with energy cells that can be recharged in

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SHALE OIL OUTLOOK — Economic forces and incentives — combined with the need for national self-sufficiency — will stimulate the growth of the commercial oil shale industry in this country, in the opinion of a leading industry spokesman. Hein I. Koolsbergen, president of the Oil Shale Corp.,

better known as TOSCO, cites rising capital investment and operating cost requirements of the conventional petroleum industry as factors behind the current oil shale activity in Colorado. "Capital investment requirements have risen from a figure of more than \$3,000 for every daily barrel of production in 1954 to more than \$5,000 currently, an amount more than twice the projected investment per daily barrel of production of oil from shale," Koolsbergen said. He pointed out that the operating costs of producing petroleum from conventional sources also have been on the rise in recent years, and have continuously exceeded the operating costs of producing crude oil from shale.

SCIENCE NEWS — Atomic energy is being used for first time on a fog horn and two beacons installed on an off-

shore platform in the Gulf of Mexico. The warning system will operate unattended for five years. Portable respiratory machine for use by rescue teams measures a patient's lungs, then breathes exactly the right amount of oxygen into his lungs without any adjustments or controls. Pulse radar system for battlefield use locates moving vehicles 22 miles away, a moving person nine miles distant.

BITS O' BUSINESS — Survey of statisticians and economists showed widespread opinion that gross national product in 1966 will rise more than four per cent over the \$669.8 billion projected for this year. One of the world's largest nuclear power plants, in upper New York state, should be ready in late 1968, and ready to send electricity to more than a million consumers.

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