

SHERIFF'S DEPT.

Marine Safety Division Patrols County Waters

If you are a boater in distress in the waters of Wayne County, you may well be aided by a member of the marine safety division of the county sheriff's department.

Under the direction of Sgt. Fred Reiman, 10 men are assigned seven days a week from May 1 to Nov. 1 from 12 noon to 8 p.m. to patrol the county waters, although there is someone "on call" 24 hours a day year-round.

The division's main responsibility is the recovery of persons who drown, but the patrols are there to enforce marine laws and assist boaters in need of help.

Each officer is a trained diver and has gone through a 16-week course in search and rescue operation, boat handling and underwater body recovery.

They patrol in six boats from the Macomb County line in Lake St. Clair to the Monroe County line in Lake Erie and out as far as the international boundary line.

The longest run the marine safety division would be required to make would be from its land office in Westland to the farthest point of Grosse Ile, according to Sgt. Reiman. "We could be there within 40 minutes," the sergeant reported.

Asked if he had enough men to patrol such a large area, Sgt. Reiman said, "I could use 14 men year-round." His staff is reduced to two persons during the winter months whose main duties are to teach boating safety classes to youngsters aged 12-15 throughout the county.

By state law persons from 12-16 years of age must possess a "safe boating certificate" in order to operate a motorboat of more than six horsepower. The certificate can be earned only by successfully completing this free six-hour state-prescribed course.

Topics include motorboat registration, safety equipment, life preservers, lights, capacity, traffic rules of the water, what to do in case of fire and accident, weather warnings, man-overboard procedures and water skiing rules.

Sgt. Reiman reported that the

largest single cause of boating accidents is operator negligence. "They just don't drive well enough." The biggest cause of drowning, he continued, is the failure to have the required Coast Guard - approved safety devices aboard.

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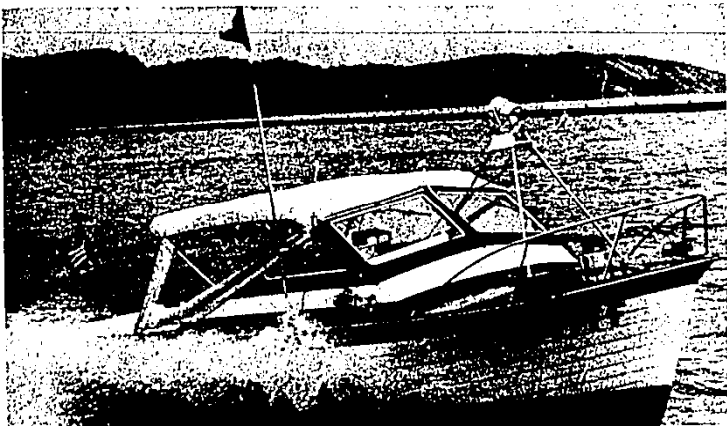
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