She sails the seas with all-male crew

"Is there someone you wish to call?"
The voice, muted by miles and atcapheric static, crackled out of the

mospheric static, crackled out of the telephone receiver. Yeah. KASEDW. She's off the Yeah. KASEDW. She's off the Atores, replied Dr. Earl Weston. 'It'll take me a minute — I've got to swing my beam.'

The Bloomfield Township physician adjusted his ham radio equipment, hearing the "network controllers" voice fade.

"Come in Ruth," he tested.

He paused, waiting for the Oak Park woman to respond, then repeated the call.

don't hear her, so I'll stand by for

I don't bear ber, so I'll stand by for a while.

Weston is one of Ruth Levin's few links to the Detroil area—
band, Dr. Bernard Levin — as she crosses the Atlantic to a 41-foot ketch.

The 55-year old company as et sail on May 15, commanding a three-man crew, bound for Spain.

We've bear being for 20 years and have always talked about doing an excean receing, her husband explained at talk run to Bermuda. She left Detroit with an all-girl crow. That was her first taste of (extended) sailing. She kew she could do it.

She recruited members from the St. Clar Sailing Cub, and spent last winter preparing navigational charts, stocking food and studying for a ham radio operator's license.

"SHE'S VERY DETERMINED.
You've got to be a plumber, navigator
and electrician to undertake a trip like
this. She's able to do it all. I knew she
could do it."

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Levin couldn't take the time off from his podiatry practice to take the four-mouth ocean voyage, but was expected to fly to Spain this week. The couple plans to spend three months in the Meddlerranean where they'll slore their boat this winter. Next year they'll return to tour the Greek isles and then will sail the ship home the following year.

"They didn't have an easy crossing."
"They didn'

two days and headed into a raging storm."

Levin "salled vicariously" by plotting his wife's position on a chart and has kept in touch by ham radio. Weston, a 87-year veteran of the air waves, and William Craig, an Oak Park radio operator, monitor maritime trajfic twice daily, waiting for his wife's call. Weston, a retired physician known as "Doc" to other radio operators, first answered her broadcast on June 7, relaying her location to Levin. Craig charted her progress from Pointe Peelee, Ontarto — where she landed on her first night on the water — through the Eric Canal, the Atlantic Ocean, to the Mediterranean, enroute to Spain. The Mediterranean, enroute to Spain was an elaborate station, so we made up a schedule with times and days," he explained.

"But damn bugger, she doesn't get on when she's supposed to! You can't listen for eight hose as day. She went for three weeks once with no one bearing from her."

If the skipper of "Bel Canto" were in trouble, she could alert another ham operator, notify the Coast Guard or a foreign naval patrol corps. Yee, Craig gets a little edgy when Levin fails to keep her 10 a.m., 6 p.m., daily call-in schedule.

"I USUALLY DON'T operate on the band that she's using — where there's boat traffic," he added. "But since I've been on it, I do enjoy it."

Both men can hook-up three-way conversations between telephone callers, themselves and other ham radio buffs. Or they relay messages from radio operators to other parties. That's generally the way Levin talks with her landlubber husband.

Called "third party traffic," the relay of messages via amatuer broadcast is illegal between some countries and the United States.

"Most European countries won't per-mit it. That's probably because the gov-ernment owns the communication lines and they don't want to lose out on any money," Weston said.

"I used to do a lot of missionary traf-fic in South America. That's my favor-ite. One time a young boy wanted to talk to his (missionary) parents. The FCC (Federal Communications Com-mission), said I had violated a treaty."

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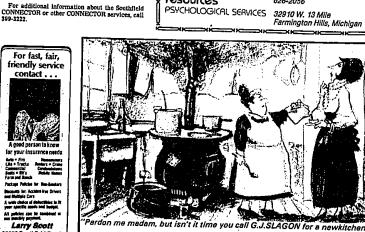
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