



The International Yacht Racing Union and Royal Yachting Association Single Handed Dinghy Trials.

I expect most of you know by now that an International Moth in the shape of a self-draining Shelly design put in an appearance during the recent single handed Olympic Dinghy trials on September 13th - 18th at Weymouth.

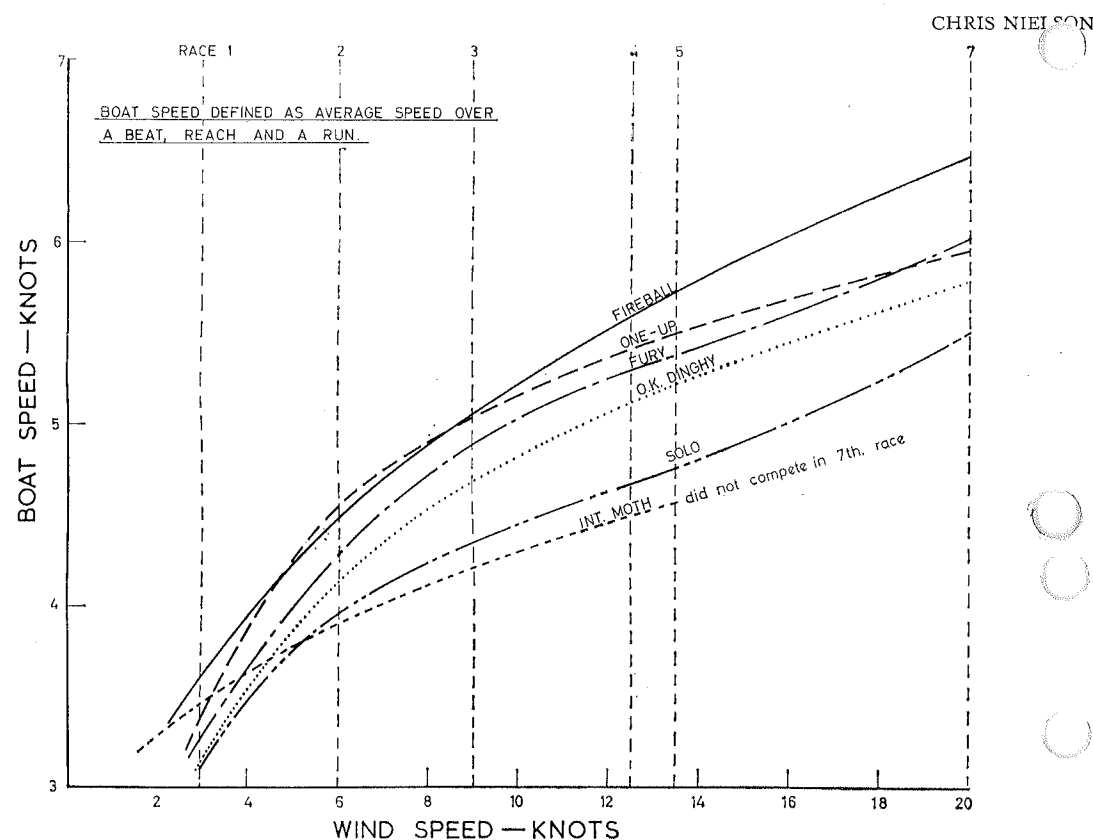
When the opportunity came and Bridget offered to lend me her boat, I, of course, jumped at the chance. I felt that here, at last, was an ideal opportunity to prove that Moths can outsail almost anything. Unfortunately this I was not able to do, mainly because of the unsuitable weather conditions.

For the first three days during which six races were supposed to be sailed, the wind was so light and fickle that in fact only two races could be sailed at all. The very light winds and a nasty chop on the water stopping the boat every few seconds was to me frustrating and hopeless against these 16 foot monsters. I found myself able to stay in front of only five of the 21 boats entered.

However the wind piped up at last on the Thursday to a moderate force four and at once my position improved, in fact I was 5th into the first windward mark in front of such worthy helmsmen as Mike Jackson, Alec Stone, Serg Verneuil, Bachmann and Mike Nokes. Alas the downwind performance of my little boat was quite unable to take on the long ships of all but Alec Stone's Solo and I had the unfortunate experience of watching them plane effortlessly past, almost as if I was going backwards; however the final leg was to windward and I managed to get in front of Mike Jackson's Fury to finish 11th.

It may be of interest to note that all but Mike Jackson's Fury and the Moth had high aspect ratio sails. Final word, big boats go faster than little boats!

Postscript by Bridget. Some helmsmen reading this most modest account by Chris. may be apt to confuse this event with a standard 'one of a kind' meeting, they should remember that these trials were for the fastest single handed boats in Europe with every helmsman a Class Champion. Most boats had either a sliding seat or trapeze to offset their large sail area. A study of the sail areas and size of the leading boats and our Moth is interesting,



Speed Graph I.Y.R.U. and R.Y.A. Trials.

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Canoe L.O.A. 17' $\frac{3}{4}$ " sail area 107.6 sq.ft.
 Cavalier L.O.A. 14' sail area 100 sq.ft.
 Trapez L.O.A. 15' 11 $\frac{3}{8}$ " sail area 132.6 sq.ft.
 Unit 1 L.O.A. 15' 10" sail area 111 sq.ft.
 Moth L.O.A. 11' sail area 78 sq.ft.

Watching Chris. carry his boat down to the beach
 on his back when all the rest needed a launching party
 must have been quite something!

We all congratulate him on a very fine effort.

Certificates

Racing Certificates are issued to owners whose
 boats meet with the Class Specifications and who are
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INTERNATIONAL MOTH SPECIFICATIONS

1. Hull

Not more than 11 ft. overall

Not more than one rudder

Not more than one centre board.

Definition of the overall length of Moth boats to be: From
 extreme forward section of stem to extreme after section of
 the transom, not to include any protrusions.

The use of hiking boards is prohibited at any
 sanctioned regatta. (A hiking board is defined as an
 object which can of itself be extended beyond the beam of
 the boat which would enable the skipper to sit thereon on
 outside of the boat).

2. Construction

No restrictions on design or construction.

Spars. All spars shall be built straight and shall not
 be permanently curved.

Mast. Not more than one. Length not more than 16 $\frac{1}{2}$ feet
 above deck. Mast should not measure more than 3 $\frac{1}{2}$ inches
 in diameter, including sail track.

Boom. Not more than one. Length not more than 9 $\frac{1}{2}$ feet.
 Diameter not more than 3 inches.

The angle of the mast and boom to be not more than
 90 degrees.

Sail limitation Marks $\frac{3}{4}$ inches in width, 15 feet between
 markings must be placed on mast with top of lower marking
 12 inches above the deck. Boom limitation mark to be
 9 feet from after edge of mast. All marks must be on mast
 and boom to compete in any sanctioned regatta.

Sail. Not more than one. Sail including headboard
 and grommet must be set within the markings on the mast and
 from leech roach to be a true round. Leech roach limitat-
 ion: Determine the midpoint of the luff by folding the sail
 back on itself with top of headboard or head grommet even
 with foot rope at bottom of luff. Determine the midpoint
 of leech. With sail on floor and with only sufficient pull
 eliminate wrinkles, distance between above determined
 points not to exceed 66 inches.

Sails shall be fastened to boom permanently so that
 no part of sail is more than three inches from boom.

The Moth emblem shall be placed (painted or sewn) on

both sides of each sail at a distance of about 18 inches from the top of the sail. The Moth Emblem is designed thus: A perfect circle 12 inches in diameter. The circle itself is dark blue and the letter M inside circle is dark red. The width of circle and the letter M inside is $1\frac{1}{2}$ inches.

Battens. Not more than four. Total linear length not more than 92 inches.

Headboard. Headboards in Moth sails are optional. However, if one is used, it must conform to the standard B.A.I.M.R. headboard in every respect. This headboard is an isosceles triangle, consisting of two six inch legs, which will be the luff and leech edges, and a base of $4\frac{7}{8}$ inches. There may be a radius of not greater than $\frac{1}{2}$ inch on the corners of the triangle, if desired. This headboard is offered to strengthen a stresspoint only and shall be ruled illegal if it is cocked in any way to increase sail area. All sails that exceed the specification of this paragraph after January 1st 1964 are illegal.

Sails may be made of any material and no restrictions shall be placed on the price or the number of sails that can be owned by one person.

Measurements taken from the apex of triangle.

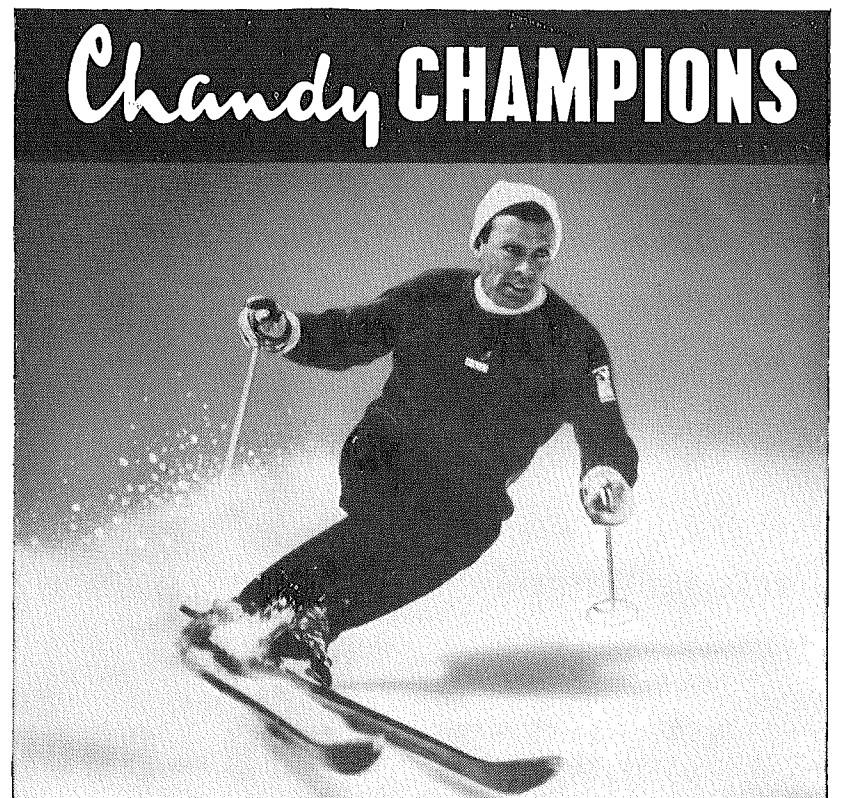
No batten shall be within 6 inches of any spar.

The registration number must be placed on both sides of the sail so as to be easily seen, figures must be at least 8 inches high and $1\frac{1}{4}$ inches in body.

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4. 5.	June.	Hythe(Southampton)S.C.	National Championships.
6. 7.	Aug.	Beaver S.C.Snaith. Yorks.	Northern Championships.
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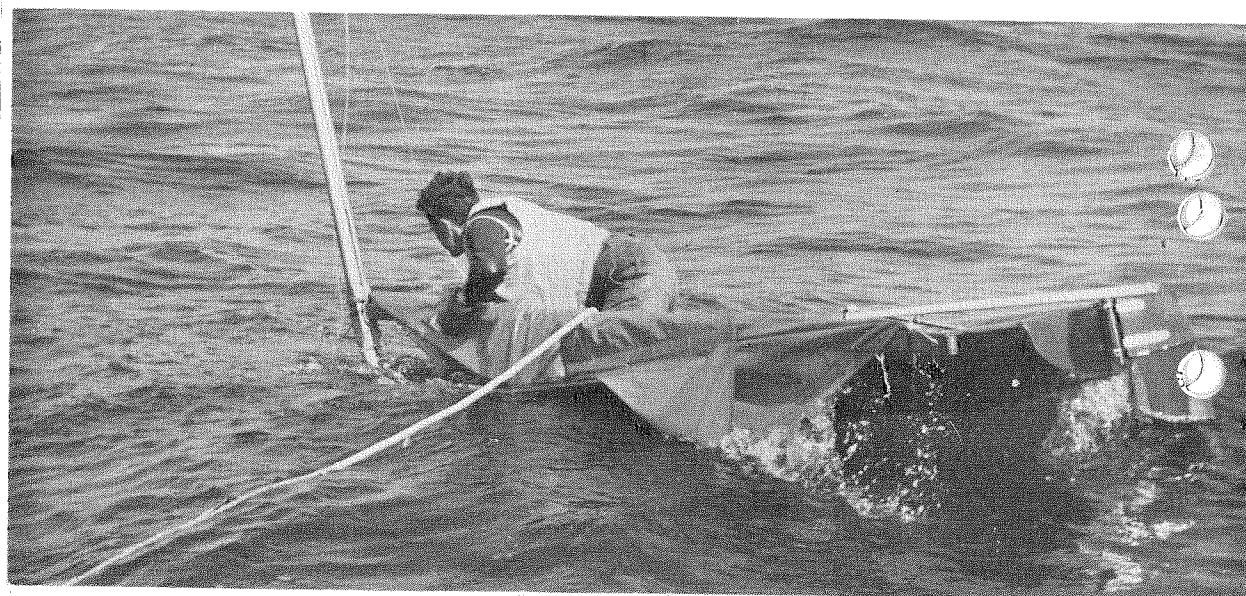
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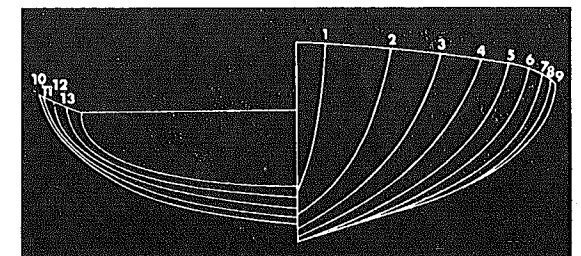
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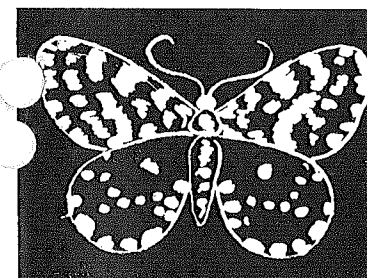
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