

Herald Sports

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RALEIGH, N. C. — Recreational boating like so many other outdoor activities is surrounded by a vast assortment of rules, slogans and regulations. Most of these rules definitely serve a good purpose. That purpose is, of course, the safety of life and the protection of property.

A small percentage of the state's boat skippers know all of the rules — well almost. Too many, however, know few, if any, boating safety rules of thumb. But it is not the intention of this writer to condemn the recreational boating brotherhood to which so many of us proudly belong. And this is not to suggest that a person must pass a 20-page written exam to safely operate an outboard along a given water course. The fact that few if any of us know all the rules is really not very important. Of prime importance is the fact that there are certain easy to understand, easy to apply rules that will see us through. After all we are talking about pleasure boating and not "victory at sea."

National Safe Boating Week, June 28-July 4, for this year is a time for emphasizing these boating basics. Is Safe Boating Week "just another of those weeks?" The man or family who owns a boat should not let the week pass without serious thought to safety afloat.

Safe Boating Is No Accident, the slogan for 1970 describes the situation accurately. Safe boating requires a little effort and time. Governor Bob Scott gave his time when he signed this year's proclamation in a special office session early in the year. The meeting was attended by boating interests from all walks of life.

It also takes a little time on the part of the newcomer to boating to learn the basic safety rules. Attending a U. S. Power Squadron or U. S. Coast Guard Auxiliary course is best. But books, pamphlets, and films are in abundance. State and federal agencies, boating organizations and the boating industry groups all offer educational materials. A lack of this material cannot be used as an excuse for a boating accident.

Read extensively into this material and you will find a thousand pieces of information and a hundred rules that you may wish to retain. This new found knowledge will certainly make you a more confident boater and will insure greater enjoyment from your pleasure boating. But just a few of these rules will offer high quality insurance against accidents. While there is no guarantee, "Safety first and keep to the right," for example, has a lot going for it. Termed the golden rule of boating safety, this slogan means just what it says. Think safety—boating safety, that is, as you step aboard, and steer to the right upon meeting traffic.

Another very important boating safety traffic rule involves the right of way. The boat on your right has the right of way, simple as that. You must reduce speed or alter course to let it pass. In nautical terms, the boat dead ahead or 22½ degrees abaft (toward the stern) the starboard beam has the right of way. The area described is called your danger zone. This rule as does the other, keeps boats separated. Each operator knows what the other is suppose to do.

Slow—No Wake, is the practical boat speed limit. Slowing, in congested areas, to idling speed or to a point where your boat develops no appreciable wake really makes the boating scene look safe. Remember you are responsible for any damage caused by your wake.

There is an old saying from the days of the sailing ships which can be applied to the small craft of today. It goes something like this, one hand for the ship and one for yourself. In other words, take care of your nautical chores but don't fall overboard doing it. Falls overboard are a major cause of boating fatalities.

Keeping a close watch, another well known rule, has prevented many a mishap. It's a cardinal rule but simple enough. Keep your eyes open, stay alert.

Certainly in this type of treatment, we should not leave out: respect for the weather. You don't have to be a nautical engineer to know what type of wind and wave action your boat will stand.

There are a number of other rules that should be included. But by name only consider these: keep things shipshape and out from underfoot; have aboard more than just the required equipment; don't overload your boat (a rule too often violated); leave word about your trip with some responsible person; use navigational light at night; take plenty of fuel; obey the law; and learn to swim and always be courteous to all water users.

Have we left out some rules? The answer to that would have to be yes. I am sure you can add others. We did not say, don't ever stand up in a boat; always wear a life saving device; and don't go out in the rain. Let us not make hard and fast rules on these items. Such topics are always debatable. We might suggest, however, that you use caution when standing in any boat, request non-swimmers and handicapped persons to wear life saving devices and require all hands to don a life saving device when conditions warrant, and don't venture out into a storm but if you must operate in a light rain keep a close watch and beware of slippery deck, etc.

In other words, take aboard your craft an abundance of common sense. Have a safety attitude.

According to records maintained by the Wildlife Commission, boating fatalities to date have decreased by one half as compared to last year. It is, I believe, the presence of or lack of a safety attitude that affects the accident picture.

Remember, basic rules, simple rules, together with a desire to stay safe and to keep others safe will go a long way towards reducing Tarheel boating accidents.



Here's Freddy Smith of Kings Mountain, who has finished high in races at Concord and Charlotte this season. Smith recently led every lap in winning at Concord over veteran Ralph Earnhardt of Kannapolis.

Junior Golf Tourney Begins Today At KMCC

Junior golfers of the Kings Mountain Country Club will participate in a tournament on Thursday and Friday this week.

Division A, grades 5 and 6 will tee off Thursday and Friday at 10 o'clock.

Division B, grades 7 & 8 will tee off at 1 o'clock.

Division C, grades 9 & 10, will tee off at 1 o'clock also.

Friday night the golfers will be feted at a Banquet at 6:30 o'clock at the Club. At this time trophies will be awarded, and a golf movie will be shown.

Participating will be: Robby Bridges, Dana Franklin, Keith Franklin, Robert Hendon, Gary Howze, Mitch Howze, Scott Ledford, Mike McDaniel, David Neisler, Hayne Neisler, Douglas Sincox, Steve Southwell, Tommy Tate, Jimmy Jolly, Bob Mamer, Trip Hendon, Scott Ehee, Jimmy Lybrand, Parks Neisler, Scott Neisler.

All-Star Games Set Saturday At Davidson

A pair of all-star games are set for Saturday at Davidson Park, beginning at 7:30 p.m.

In the first game, there will be a two-inning men's game and it will be followed by the Little Tar Heel League all-star game, pitting the second, third and fourth place teams against first round champion Red Sox.

Buddy Jones coached the Red Sox to the first round title. The Giants and Cardinals tied for second place and the Braves finished fourth.

The all-stars will be coached by Tim Goode and William Manning.

Mounties Sign Another Star Prep Quarterback

BOONE, N. C. — Brian Mackey, a 5-foot-11, 165-pound honorable mention all state quarterback from Evansville, Ind.—the hometown of recent Davidson great quarterback Gordon Slade — has signed a football grant-in-aid here with Appalachian State University.

Mackey completed 90 of 160 passes for 1100-plus yards and 10 TDs and rushed for another six TDs last season for Coach Archie Owen's Bosse High Bulldogs.

Mackey earned all-city and all-conference (Southern Indiana Athletic Conference) honors last season, in addition to being named honorable mention all-state.

"We think Brian will develop into a fine college passer," said ASU head football coach Carl Messner. "He has a strong arm and a very good knowledge of the game."

Mackey is the son of Mr. and Mrs. James Mackey of 633 S. Runnymede Street, Evansville.

Pressley Nips Setzer In Hickory Feature

Hickory, N. C. — Bob Pressley and Ned Setzer fender-duled and swapped the lead nearly a dozen times in the last nine laps of the Sportsman feature at Hickory Speedway Saturday night before Pressley eased ahead to win.

The Asheville Chevrolet driver took the checkered flag for the fifth time this season in a barn-burning finish that kept a crowd of about 5000 on its feet.

The predicted finish was a warm-up for next week's 200-lap National Championship Sportsman race — the track's annual "Japanese Spectacular".

Morgan Shepherd joined Pressley and Setzer in the near-photo finish, threatening to break out and win the race. He finished a close third.

Setzer had won the pole in qualifying and seemed on his way to

his fourth victory when Jara Smith's car blew an engine, requiring a restart. Pressley dipped under Setzer and the drivers began a free style trophy dash.

Behind Shepherd were Richard Brown and Bobby Waddell in fourth and fifth places.

Ray Merritt of Waynesville won the Limited Sportsman feature after Steve Moss of Asheville blew an engine taking out the cars of Henry Barnes and Junior Crouch in the process. Paul War-Rick finished second, Boyce Eckerd won the Rookie feature.

This next week's national championship race has already attracted an entry from Sam Sommers, one of the top Sportsman drivers in the nation. The Savannah, Ga., driver, third in the national standings, drives a Ford Fairlane. Other national ranked drivers are also expected.

1970 Schedule Tough One For Blue Devils

DURHAM, N. C. — Duke football coach Tom Rupp feels the 1970 Blue Devil schedule is one of the toughest ever, and a recent study of statistics proves his point.

Based on statistics of lettermen lost, lettermen returning, returning starters and 1969 results, the 1970 Blue Devil squad faces a tough uphill battle.

Duke lost 26 lettermen and their 1969 squad that posted a 3-6-1 record. The Blue Devils return 26 lettermen and 11 starters for the '70 campaign.

Six of Duke's opponents lost more lettermen than the Blue Devils, seven posted better records in 1969 and in return more starters for the coming season.

Here's a breakdown on the statistics for the 1970 Duke opponents.

Lettermen lost — Florida 27, Clemson 21, Maryland 19, Georgia Tech 18, West Virginia 17, Duke 16, N. C. State 16, Virginia 15, Wake Forest 14, North Carolina 11, North Carolina 7.

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Babe Ruth Stars To Play Lumberton Team In Opener

The Kings Mountain Babe Ruth League all-stars will play a team from the Lumberton district in the opening round of the state Babe Ruth tournament, which begins at City Stadium on Monday, July 20.

District tournaments begin this week to decide the eight-team field for the state event, which will send its winner to the Southeastern Regionals in Gainesville, Ga.

Kings Mountain is the defending state champion and draws a bye into this year's tournament, which is being sponsored by the Kings Mountain Optimist Club.

Mt. Holly will also draw a bye into the state tournament as other teams from its district decided not to enter post-season playoffs.

The other six teams will be decided in district tournaments.

Kings Mountain will play the third game on July 20 at 6 p.m. Teams from districts two and seven will open the tournament on July 20 at 1 p.m.

The tournament was originally scheduled to get underway on Wednesday, July 22, but was moved ahead by two days in case rain should postpone some of the contests. Thus, teams will be arriving in Kings Mountain on Sunday, July 19.

There will be four games the first day, at 1, 3, 6 and 8 p.m.

There will be two winner's bracket games and two losers' bracket games on Tuesday, July 21, then a winner's bracket and one loser's bracket game on Wednesday the 22d.

After Wednesday's play, the undefeated team will draw a bye until Friday, July 25. At 6 p.m. on that day, the survivor from the loser's bracket will meet the unbeaten team for the championship. Should the loser's bracket team win, the championship contest would be played the next day at 8:30 p.m.

Kings Mountain completes its regular season this week and the all-star team and its coaches will be chosen next week. VEV, coached by Don Smith, has already clinched the league title.

July Fourth Family Day Held At Country Club

The annual Fourth of July Family Day was held at the Kings Mountain Country Club, sponsored in part by the Ladies Golf Association.

Winners in the Scotch Foursome were: Class I—grades 10-12 Scott and Harold Cloninger - 1st. Mike and Snooks McDaniel - 2nd. Class II — grades 7-9 Parks Neisler and Charlie Ballard - 1st.

Class III — grades 3-6 Mitch and John Howze - 1st. Steve and Bob Southwell - 2nd. Johnny and Bob Smith - low putts.

Class IV — grades 1-3 Monty Rhea and Wood Grayson - 1st.

Class V — grades 4-6 Chip and Walter Harmon - 2nd. Swimming events were held in the afternoon.

In the evening a Family dinner was served and a Dance at 9:00 o'clock.

Parkgrace Takes Over Top In Little League

With a pair of victories during the past week, defending champion Parkgrace took over first place in Little League play. Coach Ken Cash's team now holds a half-game lead over Tryon Number Two and a game lead over Tryon Number One.

During the past week, Parkgrace whipped the Jaycees 11-1 and Tryon Number Two 5-3. The defending champions coasted after jumping to a 7-0 lead against the Jaycees and overcame a 3-2 deficit to defeat the Tryon outfit.

Against the Jaycees, Parkgrace scored three runs in the first inning, added two in each of the second and third frames and ended the game on the 10-run rule by scoring four in the fourth and holding the Jaycees in the top of the fifth.

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Farmer Enters Hickory Race Set For Saturday

Hickory — Red Farmer, the defending national Sportsman champion, has filed an entry blank for the Jaycee 200-lap National Sportsman Championship race scheduled for Hickory Speedway this Saturday night.

Farmer, voted the most popular Sportsman driver in the nation this past season, isn't resting on his championship laurels. He has a commanding lead in the 1970 national standings and is hoping his return to Hickory will break a longtime lull.

Two years ago Farmer, who shares his hometown of Hueytown, Ala., with Grand National stars Bobby and Donnie Allison, won the pole position in a national championship race at Hickory, but it was rained out before the green flag was put out. His car blew an engine on the post-race rain date.

Another jinx Farmer will be out to break involves his race car. A Ford hasn't won a Sportsman, Grand National or Grand American race at the track this season. Farmer has hopes his Ford Fairlane will turn the tables.

Hanging in the offing is a \$1,000 check for the winner and 250 national champion points.

Another Ford Fairlane driver in the race doesn't figure on making things easy for Farmer. "Silent Sam" Sommers, a Ford Fairlane driver who has been playing havoc with Sportsman competitors at Columbia and Greenville, S. C., and Savannah, Ga., is running

third in the national Sportsman chase. A win at Hickory could improve his chances for the national title.

Sommers, also known as "Sallin' Sam", opened this season at Columbia, S. C., with six straight wins.

Not likely to take a back seat to the national Sportsman leaders are at least three regulars in the Sportsman division at Hickory — Bob Pressley, Morgan Shepherd and Ned Setzer.

Pressley, on a hot winning streak of his own, has won 12 races this season on the Hickory and Asheville tracks. Shepherd, driving his rookie year, is the Sportsman leader in the state.

And Setzer, the old pro, is bad news for the competition inasmuch as he pulls a helmet over his shock of red hair.

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Downtown, Inc. Elects Officers

The Board of Directors of "Downtown Incorporated" met Friday to elect officers.

Charles Blanton was elected president, Bill Fulton, vice president, Larry Hamrick, secretary and Lee McIntyre, treasurer. The Board of Directors also appointed an executive committee including Charles Blanton, Wilson Griffin and Bill Brown.

Charles Blanton stated that a meeting of the executive committee would be held in the near future to develop overall policy and programs.

CARE has started service to Uganda, in East Africa.

Ingram Nips Humphries For Dedmon 300 Win

HARRIS, N. C. — Three different winners and three different winners that's the story of the 3rd Annual Fred Dedmon 300 race staged at Harris Speedway Sunday afternoon.

Jack Ingram of Asheville, piloting a 1967 Chevrolet took top honors, unseating last year's winner, Preston Humphries from Shelby.

Humphries, vying for his second victory in as many years, had to take a second place in Sunday's 300-lap feature, followed up by Charlie Blanton of Gaffney, Eddie Royster of Henderson, and Butch Lynley of Greenville, S. C. Johnny Halford of Spartanburg, who wasn't present Sunday, was the 1968 winner.

The nearly six hours of racing provided five classes of entertainment for nearly 4,000 fans, and culminated one of the most accelerated weekends of racing in the 15-year history of the Harris based Hobby Racing Association. The Spartanburg Piedmont Interstate Fairground track started the action Thursday night as Don Beum of Cherryville came across the finish line in first place.

The Rutherford County Speedway followed up Friday night

with Daniel Warlick of Belwood, driving a '57 Chevy owned by Douglas Painter of Greenville, took advantage of a couple of good breaks to take the checkered flag.

Saturday, the July 4th Championship 60-lapper for the Late Models, staged at Shelby Speedway, suffered a washout, and has been re-scheduled for Monday night at 7:30 p.m. During the action, the big engines will stop long enough for a panel of judges to select Miss HRA of 1970 from among about 20 beauties.

Clyde Dedmon, race promoter for the 6-track association made the announcement after Sunday's race that already things are in the making for the future. At Rutherford County Speedway on July 31st, the mid-season championship for that track will be set with the Late Models trying for \$600 in a 60-lap feature. It will be the first special staged at that track this year.

The Harris Speedway will remain idle for at least two more weeks until the Association will put on another big program. More details on the upcoming special will be available at a later date.

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