

Florida Ranks Seventh

The National Boating Binge

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RETAIL SPENDING in recreational boating during 1959 continued the spiraling upward trend by totaling \$2,475,000, a gain of almost 20 pct. over 1958.

The dollar total includes expenditures for new and used boats, engines, accessories, insurance, fuel, maintenance, docking, safety equipment, launching, storage and repairs.

The dollar rise was spurred by the influx of two million more people into the sport, up almost five pct. over the 37 million persons who participated in boating in 1958.

There were an estimated 5,845,000 outboard motors in use during 1959, compared to about 5.5 million in 1958. The 1.75 million boat trailers in use last year topped 1958 by 150,000 units.

Florida ranks seventh in the number of outboard motors in use in the state, with an estimated 280,000 as of Dec. 31, 1959. At the top of the list is New York with 527,000 motors.

Those in between include Michigan, California, Illinois, Ohio and Texas.

THE AUTOMOTIVE-TYPE fin styling that has been popular for outboard runabouts is waning for 1960, while the use of both fiberglass and wood lapstrake construction of conventional design is gaining, according

In My Wake

to a survey of the outboard boats slated for display in the National Motor Boat Show in New York Jan. 15.

Builders seem to be concentrating on boats offering more comfort and room, permitting a broader range of activity afloat. Many boats will have optional seating arrangements, and the ordinary runabout in many instances could be used as a utility for fishing and overnight camping.

An innovation for 1960 is a trend to install permanent gasoline tanks in the larger boats. This will allow more room for gear instead of separate gasoline tanks for extra fuel.

Two of the pioneer aluminum boat manufacturers—Grumman and Alumacraft—will show fiberglass models for the first time. Fiberglass seems to have caught on so well that a new firm, Sock Boat Corp., has come out with a new process for building glass boats at home. It will exhibit a 15-ft. runabout that can be built in 20 hours during a four day period.

Creek who had a string of specks that would weigh about 60 lbs. and were caught in about four hours. There is plenty of good fishing in this area and many fishing camps in the vicinity that can help by pointing out the good fishing spots and furnishing the equipment.

THERE IS DEFINITELY an art to rigging and handling a sail boat. The art may be learned through experience but it will come



TOOK THE FAMILY on a very enjoyable short boat trip the other Sunday through the headwaters of the Okiawaha River.

We put in on Lake Apopka at the Winter Garden municipal ramp. This is a very good ramp with plenty of parking space for the autos and trailers.

Going across Lake Apopka you could spot throughout the area boats anchored while the occupants fished for specks. We went on through the Apopka-Beaulair locks, into Lake Dora and through the Dora Canal.

Through the edge of Lake Eustis we went to Haines Creek where we had a picnic lunch.

We recommend this trip for a Sunday afternoon. In making the return trip you should keep a close watch on the time as the Apopka-Beaulair locks close at 5 p.m. during the winter and you surely wouldn't want to get caught on the other side after they are closed.

We met some people fishing in Haines

much sooner through the advice of an expert or if none is available, by reading a book of instruction.

The Arco Publishing Co., 480 Lexington Ave., New York 17, N. Y. is re-issuing its popular Sail Boating, by Gerald Taylor White, world famous naval architect and boating editor.

Divided into three sections, Sail Boating, covers all the general information essential to safe and enjoyable sailing. The first section, How To Sail, covers all the basics from rigging sails to racing tactics in addition to an illustrated glossary of boating terms.

The second section, Miscellaneous Information, tells how to get a boat on and off a trailer, reefing, stropped blocks and maintenance hints.

The third section, One Design and Development Class, presents a comprehensive round-up of all the leading small boats, more than 25 classes are described and fully illustrated.

AROUND THE WORLD WITH Delaplane

"... SOME RESTAURANTS in Rome, please? And where can we buy a silver tea service?"

You'd better do some of the best-known places, of course. There are three Alfredo's but ask for Alfredo All'Augusteo and order the fettuccini. Alfredo no longer does the little dance with golden fork and spoon before this dish of pasta. But I imagine the quality is still there.

Passetto's is excellent. Hostaria Dell'orso is the "21" of Rome, a little expensive but loaded with big names and old atmosphere. Palazzi is very elegant. It is the former home of Carletta

Petacci — that was Mussolini's girl friend.

The headwaiter will get huffy if you ask to see the upstairs bedrooms and the marble baths. But I had a feeling that a generous tip would have dried his tears. Food is very good.

I am strong on smaller restaurants in the workmen's section.

Across the Tiber where the food is more garlicky and the wine is full of Tuscan sun. Romulo's is in a garden arched with grapevines.

Another is Antica Pesa. And Alfredo's in Trastevere looks out on a Roman square.

I bought a silver service at Fornari's at Via Frattina, 71. The price was right and the design is excellent. Roman silver is 800/1000 (instead of our sterling 920/1000.)

But I don't see how you can tell the difference. And the higher percentage of other metal makes it less likely to dent.

You might remember that gloves are a good buy in Rome—about half the price of Paris. Anything in silk is good, too: Silk scarves, dressing gowns, shirts made to order. I stock up on ties there.