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Aronow's new entry broke the record despite wandering off course with compass trouble.

Miami-Nassau Race

BY JACK SEVILLE

Even in calm seas the 185-mile grind took its toll in equipment, and the winning boat might have made a better showing

The 1965 running of the Miami-Nassau Ocean Power Boat Race in April promised to be spectacular. The event is billed as "The Most Rugged Ocean Race in the World" and there were hints of dark-horse entries involving strange new hulls with mysterious new power plants. In the overall picture, however, the outcome was somewhat less than spectacular. Mother Nature showed her gentle side and the adversities of the contest were entirely man-made.

500-hp Holman-Moody engines, shaved 45 seconds off the old record for the 185-mile course. I can't say that he was elated by his win. While he told me he used only about 80 percent of his available power, he had the opportunity to really smash the record until his compass went haywire. He went nine miles off course at one check-point and then missed the harbor entrance by eight miles.

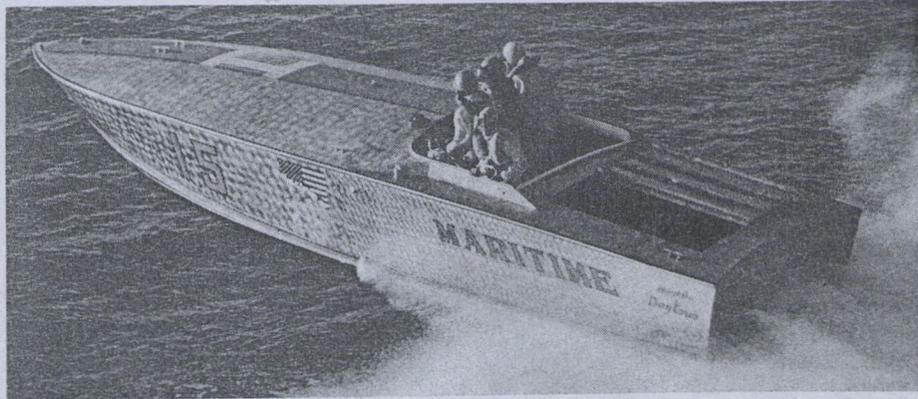
Don Aronow, in a 28' Donzi called *Donzi 007*, powered by twin

In 2nd place, about 17 minutes behind, was a new 32' aluminum hull named *Maritime*, powered by twin 400-hp Daytona Scarab en-

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The very consistent Jim Wynne designed an aluminum boat and drove it to 2nd place.

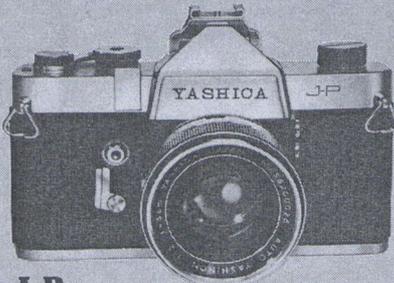


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Miami-Nassau Race

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gines, driven by Jim Wynne. The new boat was rushed to completion from drawings barely dry—another credit to the design team of Jim Wynne and Walt Walters.

A British entry, a 25' Halmatic hull with twin 400-hp Interceptor engines took 3rd place, and an Italian entry, a 32' Canov with twin 500-hp Holman-Moody engines, was 4th.

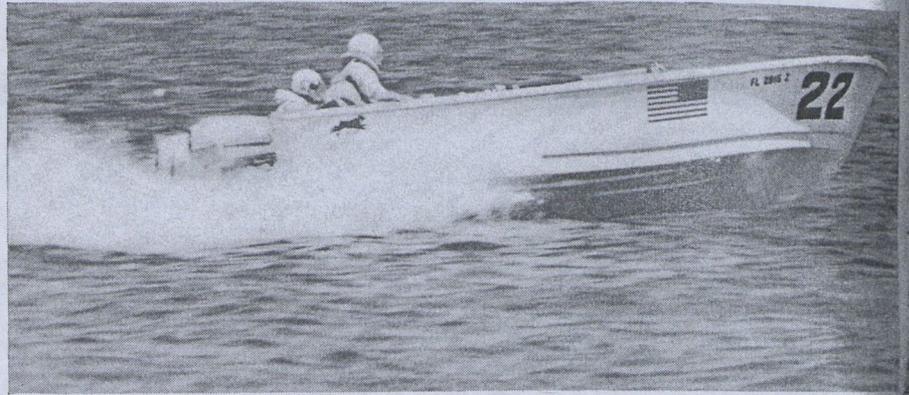
The 1st diesel-powered boat to finish was Richard Bertram's 36' *Brave Moppie* (see Design Section). His position was 7th overall.

The 1st outboard-powered entry to finish was Howard Weiler in his 22' North American *Wildcat*, pow-

ered by two 90-hp Johnson outboard motors.

Among the disappointments was *Rum Runner*, Ogden Phipps' new entry, which finished 16th after engine trouble. *Holocaust*, certainly one of the fastest boats entered, spent enough time on a sandbar to put her back into 30th place. A 20' Rayson Craft entered by Texas sportsman John Mecum spent the night stranded on the flats, 30 miles off course.

Out of 44 boats entered, 36 finished, seven were unable to make it to Nassau under their own power and one was disqualified for failing to round a marker. ⚓



Howard Weiler's familiar entry topped the field of outboards by finishing 18th overall.

FINISHERS—MIAMI-NASSAU RACE

Finish	Entry	Driver/Owner	Boat	Power	Time
1	007 Donzi	Don Aronow, Miami, Fla.	28' Donzi	2/500 hp Holman-Moody	3:19.36
2	15 Maritime	Jim Wynne, Miami, Fla.	32' Maritime	2/400 hp Daytona Scarab	3:36.19
3	30 Thunderfish	A. G. Figgins, Southampton, Eng.	25' Halmatic	2/400 hp Interceptor	3:51.59
4	16 A'Speranziella	V. Balestrieri, Rome, Italy	32' Canov	2/500 hp Holman-Moody	3:52.29
5	44 White Marlin	Jim Meyer, Miami, Fla.	27' Marlin	2/500 hp Holman-Moody	3:53.05
6	4 By-Now	Bud Dawson, Jr., Miami, Fla.	28' Prowler	2/500 hp Chrysler Hemi	3:54.30
7	77 Brave Moppie	Richard Bertram, Miami, Fla.	36' Bertram Spec.	2/550 hp Detroit Diesel	3:55.10
8	107 Little Sea Deuce	Gene White, St. Petersburg, Fla.	22' Aztec	1/500 hp Holman-Moody	4:00.35
9	19 Lucy Too	William Shand Kydd, London, Eng.	28' Donzi	2/400 Daytona Scarab	4:01.10
10	34 Enterprise	Jim Breuil, Jr., N. Miami Beach, Fla.	36' Breuil	2/500 hp Detroit Diesel	4:02.37
11	66 Surftrider	R. E. & C. E. Gardner, Sussex, Eng.	31' Bertram	2/380 hp Daytona Scarab	4:03.30
12	48 Migrant	John Bingham, London, England	23' Formula	1/400 hp Daytona Scarab	4:10.10
13	14 Empirical	George Peroni, Miami, Fla.	23' Formula	1/310 hp MerCruiser	4:10.20
14	79 Ragin' Cajun	Robert Young, Jr., Abbeville, La.	36' Breaux	2/471 hp Cummins Diesel	4:11.12
15	3 Miss Amazon	Gale and Rene Jacoby, Miami, Fla.	31' Prowler	2/400 hp Interceptor	4:36.20
16	99 Rum Runner	George Strahle, Miami, Fla.	28' Donzi	2/600 hp Holman-Moody	4:36.50
17	17 Donzi Diesel	Jim Mander, Miami, Fla.	28' Donzi	1/550 hp Detroit Diesel	4:37.05
18	22 Wildcat	Howard Weiler, Miami, Fla.	22' N.American	2/90 hp Johnson	4:39.05
19	59 Lady Rosa III	H. Ungerleider, Miami Beach, Fla.	23' Gulfstream	1/400 hp Chrysler	4:47.10
20	33 Swiftwater	James P. Lewis, Rat Cay, Bahamas	31' Bertram	2/400 hp Holman-Moody	4:49.50
21	111 Miss Supercharger	N. R. Latham, W. Palm Beach, Fla.	22'6" Scottie Craft	1/290 hp Chevrolet	5:03.30
22	117 Gay 90's	K. G. Fulton, Ft. Lauderdale, Fla.	21' T-Craft	2/90 hp Johnson	5:07.30
23	21 Seren Dipity	William R. Lewis, Oxford, Md.	23' Formula	1/210 hp Chrysler	5:10.40
24	11 Marina Seven	Bob Cox, Ft. Lauderdale, Fla.	19' Donzi	2/75 hp Johnson	5:20.10
25	23 Broad Jumper	Bill Wishnick, Scarsdale, N.Y.	28' Donzi	2/400 hp Interceptor	5:22.05
26	105 Miss Pinky III	George Griley, Miami, Fla.	27' Alim	3/100 hp Mercury	5:26.05
27	166 Grifo	Carlo Roncallo, Sr., Miami, Fla.	23' Santana	2/83 hp Volvo Diesel	5:45.05
28	6 Maritime Too	Dick Lotze, Miami, Fla.	20' Maritime	2/90 hp Johnson	6:02.00
29	10 Langer's Outboard	Jerome Langer, Miami Beach, Fla.	19' Donzi	3/90 hp Evinrude	6:07.05
30	65 Holocaust	Merrick Lewis, Alliance, Ohio	23' Formula	2/325 hp Daytona	6:10.10
31	106 Miss Pinky II	George Blumberg, Miami, Fla.	27' Alim	1/500 hp Holman-Moody	6:37.30
32	20 Crystal Isle	Keith Hazell, Miramar, Fla.	38' Bertram	2/300 hp Cummins Diesel	6:43.40
33	B-1 Bulldog	Drummond Mussett, Opa Locka, Fla.	23' Allmand	1/150 hp MerCruiser	6:57.35
34	101 Sea Deuce	Bruce Wilson, Lake Park, Fla.	36' Pearson	2/500 hp Cummins Diesel	7:35.25
35	63 Mister Smith II	Paddy McKiernan, Stockport, Eng.	23' Trident	2/140 hp MerCruiser	9:07.50
36	36 Tuppence	Bud Tuppen, Lake Worth, Fla.	20' Cobia	2/90 hp Evinrude	9:27.50