

Depths of Sea Have Always Had Fascination for Man; Tips Noted

The mysterious world deep down in the depths of the sea has always held a fascination for man.

Hundreds of years before Christ men were exploring this underwater area, seeking sponges, food and precious shells. Expert swimmers and divers were employed to inspect and repair hulls of ships. Some of them became saboteurs of enemy fleets.

Jules Verne excited the imagination of the public with his book, "Twenty Thousand Leagues Under the Sea," but who could afford States Power Squadrons and the submarine to see what went on in this fascinating marine universe?

Even the best swimmers can stay under water for only a minute or a minute and a half without artificial breathing apparatus.

Then around the 1930s Americans began to find an answer to the problem, first along the shores of California and Florida and then in other areas of the United States. Equipped at first with nothing more complicated than masks and spears, these modern pioneers of the ocean depths introduced a new sport and opened up a fabulous panorama to thousands of water lovers.

In a short period of time thousands of persons have become intrigued with the sport. From the ocean it has spread to the lakes and rivers throughout the land, until no area can claim that it is without its skin diver contingent.

What does it take to become a skin diver?

You have to be able to swim, of course. But you don't have to be more than an average swimmer. Your curiosity will more than compensate for your lack of ability.

Perhaps you're afraid that it is too expensive a sport for you to fool with. Don't let this deter you.

All you need to start are three basic pieces of equipment - a face mask, fins for your feet and a snorkel. All three can be purchased for as little as \$16.

Face Mask
The face mask, costing \$6.95 looks like oversized goggles that fit watertight over the area of the eyes. It offers protection and gives you better vision under the water because you have an air space around your eyes.

The fins that cost from \$6.95 to \$12.95 fit on your feet making them like webbed feet of ducks and other water fowl. This provides better propulsion while swimming. It also protects your feet when walking on sharp surfaces and keeps you from slipping on slimy rocks.

The snorkel, which sells for \$1.95 to \$5, is a tube that fits in the mouth of the skin diver and extends above the surface so that he can float face down and obtain air with his nose and mouth submerged. When he sights something he wants to take a close look at, he merely darts down. The valve in the upper part of the snorkel closes automatically so that water will not be drawn in.

That's all you need to start learning this intriguing sport. Chances are you'll want to take along a spear so you can go under water fishing. A simple one might cost you \$9.95 while a spear gun will set you back \$27.50.

Those who want to stay under water longer and submerge deeper than their lungs will permit will soon take to the aqua lung, which provides them with oxygen for an hour or more. The standard size lung costs about \$175. A weight belt to go with this costs about \$10.

For further protection, especially in cold water, the skin diver will probably want a complete diving suit to encase himself in. These range in price from \$35 to \$95.

If you are already a camera fan, the underwater world will present new picture possibilities to you that you never dreamed of before. The technique will be different from what you've been used to and it will take a little time to master the new art. But think of the possibilities! You can get a camera for \$36.90.

While you don't have to own a boat to become a skin diver, you're a step ahead if you do have one. The best skin diving is done from a boat. You can combine both sports. When you tire of fishing from the surface, you can don your mask and aqua lung and go down under with spear in hand. From a more practical viewpoint, you can make use of your underwater equipment to inspect your boat every so often.

If you cannot obtain all these items from your local sporting goods store, they are available by mail from Abercrombie & Fitch in New York, Chicago, San Francisco and Palm Beach.



DISPLAY MANNERS—Cotton knits display town and country manners in these clean-cut separates. The candy-striped shirt has rolled sleeves and elongated placket. Skirt comes in matching spring colors. Both are by Aileen.



ALWAYS A PROBLEM—Dry rot is always a problem at fitting out time. After rotted area has been cleaned out, sometimes it's possible to patch it with fiber glass. Plastic sands smooth.

Local Numbering Laws Change in Several States

During 1960, the boat owner should check the local numbering laws that are applicable to his particular boat because there is a strong possibility they may have changed since last year, according to the National Association of Engine and Boat Manufacturers, guiding authorities of the pleasure boating industry.

The association pointed out that 31 states have passed new boat registration laws as of Jan. 1, 1960, under the option given them by the Federal Boating Act of 1958. As of that date, the U. S. Coast Guard had approved 13 of the 31 systems proposed, giving those states the right to number boats on all waters within their borders.

The Federal Boating Act requires the numbering of all motor boats equipped with engines over 10 horsepower rating. The states have the right to adopt numbering systems of their own that conform to Coast Guard standards or leave the numbering task entirely to the Coast Guard. The states also have the option to number all boats, regardless of power rating.

The states have until April 1 to adopt acceptable numbering systems before the Coast Guard begins the process in states without such systems.

States that have passed new boat numbering laws as of Jan. 1 are: Alabama, Arizona, Arkansas, California, Colorado, Delaware, Florida, Illinois, Indiana, Kansas, Maine, Michigan, Minnesota, Missouri, Montana, Nebraska, New Mexico, New York, North Carolina, North Dakota, Ohio, Oklahoma, Oregon, Rhode Island, South Carolina, South Dakota, Texas, Utah, Vermont, West Virginia and Wisconsin.

The Coast Guard has approved the numbering systems of the following 13 states: Florida, Montana, Utah, North Carolina, South Carolina, Texas, West Virginia, Minnesota, Michigan, Oregon, Arizona, Kansas and California.

New Innovation in Boat Motors to Be Displayed at Fair

One of the newest innovations in marine engines will be on display this week end at the Crater Lions Sportsfair.

It's an 80-horsepower motor designed to combine the quiet and economy of an inboard, with the speed and performance of an outboard. The new "Volvo-Penta Aquamatic" trans-mount will be displayed in the Bell Boy Bonanza boat.

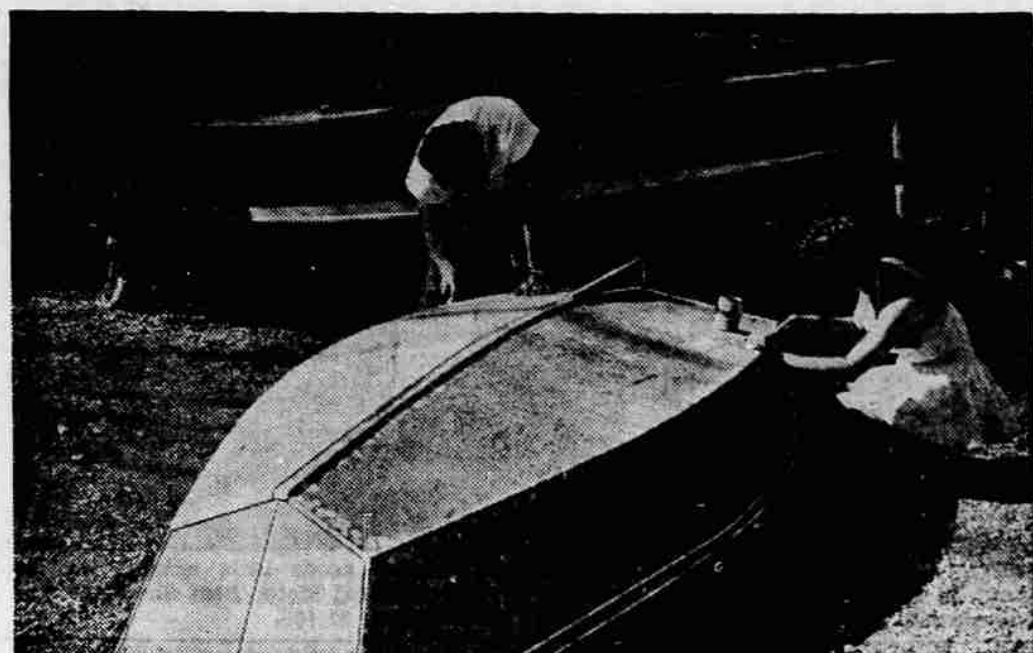
Counter Balance
The new Volvo-Penta has an average cruising fuel consumption of only 1.9 gallons per hour less than one-third the fuel cost of conventional outboards. Full height transom gives increased safety and protection from engine

swamping and gives a lower center of gravity.

The engine weight and propeller thrust are in counter balance which reduces stress on the transom to a minimum.

Reese Marine center, which is displaying the new motor, states that Sweden's centuries old tradition of nautical craftsmanship is combined with America's ingenuity and pioneering to produce the new trans-mount model.

A boat owner has the tilt protection for beaching and trailer hauling provided by an outboard, coupled with the economy of inboard engines. The Volvo-Penta has a 12-volt electrical system and includes starter and generator. The weight of the engine and drive is 440 pounds.



CAN BE FUN—Fitting out can be fun for the family, even if it involves work. Youngsters especially like to get in on the job, and often learn much about boats. The pram above will soon be ready for sanding and painting.

Cool, Abbreviated Style Noted in New Lingerie

Cool and abbreviated styling marks a youthful freshness in spring's crop of new lingerie. Opened necklines, open sleeves, bare midriffs and bikinis offer spring-into-summer comfort.

Designed for easy care and serving practical needs, spring lingerie appears in a variety of delightful shapes. New intimate apparel, sleepwear and loungewear may be simply tailored, luxurious or playfully frivolous.

Nylon tricot is still a favorite; however, there are many different nylons—some crepe, sheer and the new satin sheer plus nylon blends. Addition of a new faceted yarn to nylon tricot gives a crystal-like sparkle.

All Cotton
All-cotton drip-dry batiste or plisse attracts prints and bright colors while cotton blends are mostly solid pastel shades.

Silk crepe and nylon georgette star in full-length gowns and matching peignoir-type robes, often highlighted with lace at the bodice. An Oriental flavor is dramatic in deep-floral print mandarin coats, some pleat-

ed at the side, imperial hostess gowns and rich brocade pajamas. These, together with full length gowns, are slated on long-side minority of spring's sleep and loungewear. **Short Cuts**

Short cuts to sleeping comfort are the short boxer style pajamas worn with sleeveless tops. Cool and brief is the popular baby doll style of gown, featuring a lovely neckline with full sweep of material from a wide yoke.

Note the bed-to-breakfast fashions, which combine aprons, jumpers and pinafores with gowns for practical beauty. Culottes, dress-like dusters and shirt-like coats share honors.

Slips are mostly nylon or synthetic-cotton blends, seen in full and half length, tailored simply or richly trimmed with lace, eyelet embroidery, deep flounces or pleats. Novelty monogramming and various whimsical motifs add variety for the younger set.

STICK WITH YOUR BOAT
If your boat should capsize, cling to it until help arrives. Don't strike out for shore unless it is only a very short distance away.

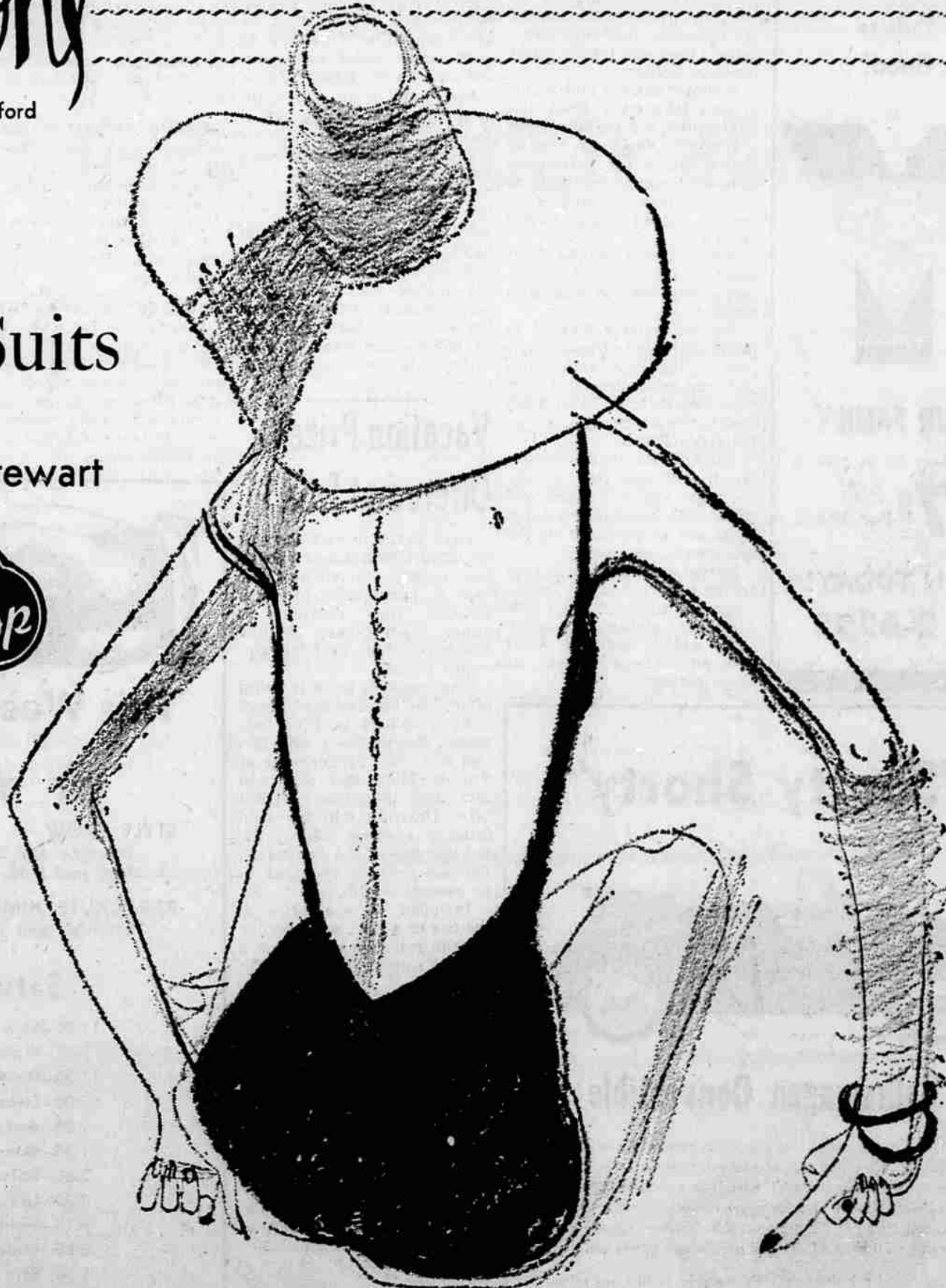
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