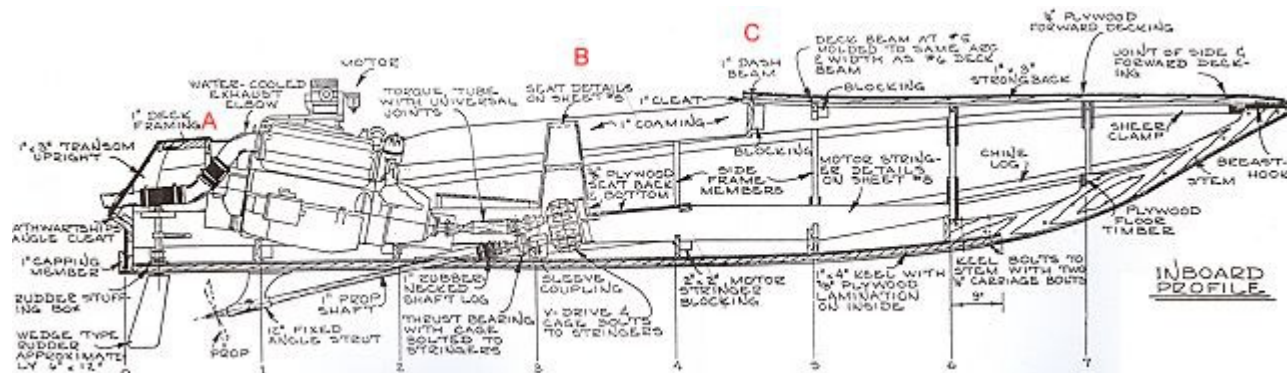


Thunderbolt Notes

Inboard Profile



Cockpit dimensions:

Aft edge of cockpit (A) to front of V-Drive (B): 5' 5"*

Aft edge of cockpit (A) to Dash Beam (C): 7' 9"

**Note: This dimension will vary with the installation.*

Pearson Brothers

Racing the Glen-L Thunderbolt - "Yogi Bear III"



● PEARSON POWER

Canberra's boating brothers — Bob (from Hughes) and John (from Braddon) Pearson have done it again, with their boat Yogi Bear 3.

Competing at Glenmaggie Weir near Sale in Victoria at the weekend, Bob drove Yogi Bear to victory in the two 10-mile heats to win the Australian Unlimited Racing Runabout Championship.

Yogi Bear 3, fitted with a 7-litre Chevrolet A motor and the new SK-type hull, races with Sydney's Cabarita Club, because there is no local water to race on.

Over Christmas the boat won the Yarrowonga title in Victoria. The Pearsons will defend the Stuart Doyle Gold Cup, which they won at Cabarita last Thursday, on March 8 in Sydney. Last year they won the Caltex Shield, which they will defend in Sydney in April.

The meeting will give Sydney boats a chance to have a look at Canberra screamer, *Yogi Bear* which showed a wide wake to local boats in the Stuart Doyle Gold Cup last year. *Yogi Bear* will be coming back to Sydney to defend the Cup at Cabarita on March 8 and the Colonel Coates will allow the local quickies to size the boat up.

Jo Blo will be running as well as *Brandy* (Peter Hammond), *Miss Debbie* (Ron Ansell), Barry Chaplin's *Ark Furn*, *Melodee* and also possibly Ian Byrnes' *Byrner* and a new boat with Tom Fells at the wheel.

With this concluded by 10 am (it is hoped) the Cabarita Club are arranging for the Australian Outboard Hydro Club to keep the action going with the small hydros until normal racing in the afternoon. Nobody could be greedy enough to want more than this glut of top-class racing and a big crowd is expected.

Letter: May 1971

Brandon 2601
Canberra
Australia

Dear Sir;

I am using a Halibrand Series 250, 12° V-drive in my Glen-L Thunderbolt boat, "Yogi Bear".

During a race, the bottom V-drive shaft broke off flush with the split sleeve coupling, forcing the safety collar back, the propeller shaft came back against the rudder, which in turn spun the boat around violently throwing my brother and I into the water. Then the boat sunk down stern first into the water.

I had a large truck tube tied up under the deck of the boat, which kept the stem up, allowing a rope to be tied to the boat.

I am pleased to say that there was no damage to the boat.

John Pearson