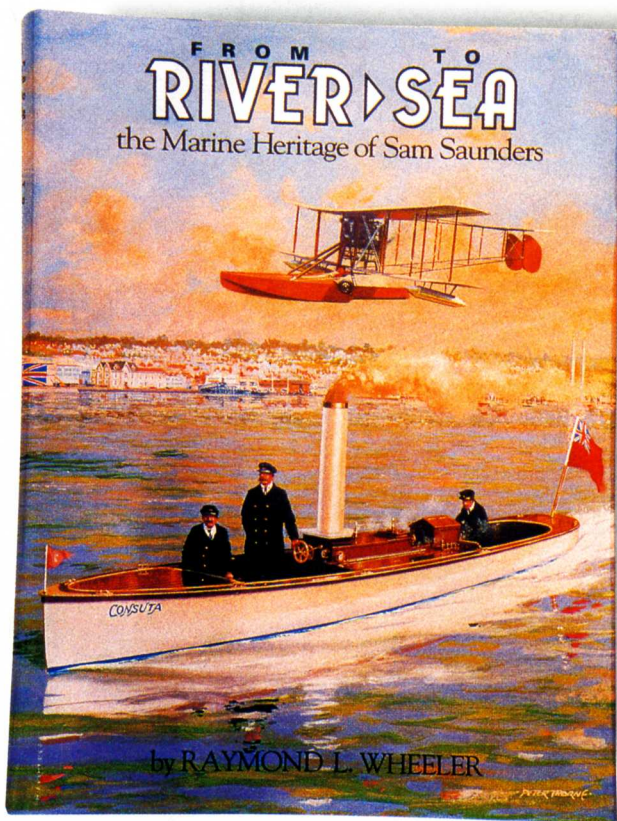


Comparison between a monohull and suspension boat passing a wave. see how the suspension system smoothes out the waves without lifting the boat.



Bluebird series of record breakers, to name but a few. Some of the oddities illustrated include aero-hydroplane ideas from the early days of motorboating, the hydroski project mentioned earlier, and the 'walrus' which was an odd looking amphibious survey craft propelled, both on land and water, by two long helical screws, somewhat like caterpillar tracks. In addition, approximately one quarter of the book covers S E Roe's involvement in the development of the hovercraft, as the company became part of Westland and went on to from British Hovercraft Corporation.

Finally a completed model.

Lastly, in this round-up of weird and wonderful watercraft; the photo of Craig O'Neill's water-ski 'Bat Boat' design just goes to show how alternative boats can become once you let the imagination off the leash! This photo was sent over from the USA by the builder, at which time the model was still very much in the early stages of development, but we hope to hear more from Craig in the future on it's performance.

A 1/4 scale model of Peter Webb's proposed twin jet powered 'White Knight 11" boat for an attempt on the World Waterspeed Record, currently held by Ken Warby (Australia). The radical craft employs hydroplaning suspension to smooth out swell. This model, at the National Motorboat Museum, has only a 2ft beam but is 22ft long!

