

PEDAL FOR THE PLANET

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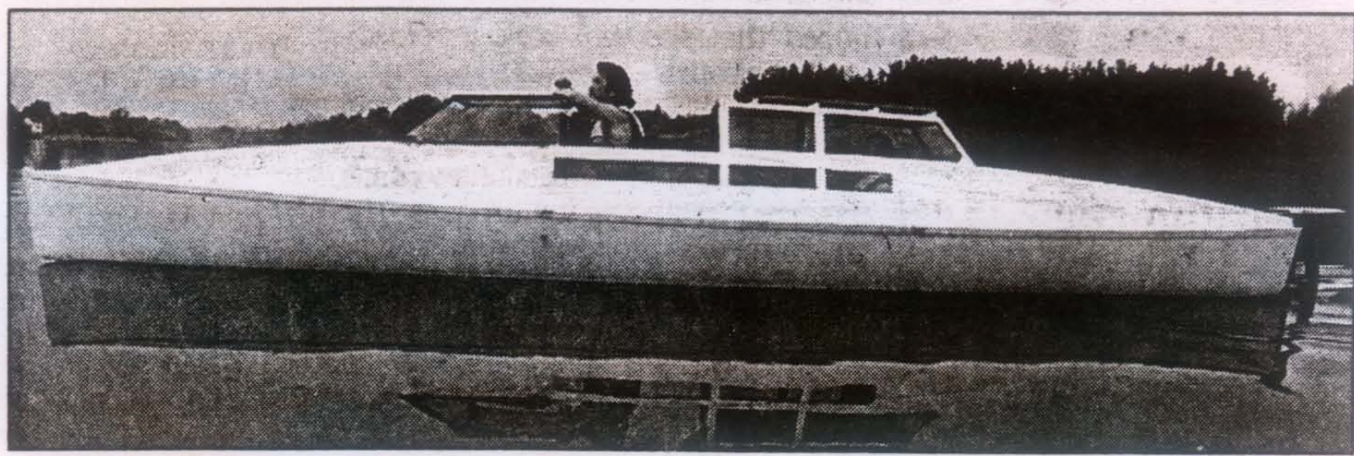


With Steve Smith at the pedals, and Jason Lewis keeping a lookout the pedal-boat goes out on test at Ardleigh reservoir, near Colchester, Essex

Around the world by pedal-oh

JASON LEWIS and Steve Smith took the boat they plan to pedal around the world for its first trials on the calm waters of an Essex reservoir yesterday. Next April they set off from London on the first pedal-powered journey round the world, taking the boat across the water and bicycling over the land. Their wooden pedal boat, built at Exeter Maritime Museum, is an eight-metre self-righting craft which can carry up to 90 days

supplies. It has distilling equipment to make fresh water from the sea, a canvas hood, a single berth, and solar powered radio and navigation equipment. The pedals drive a single propeller. From London the two men will cycle to Russia, and then through China to Vladivostock, and a sea crossing to Japan. Then by boat to Alaska, and by cycle across America, finishing with an Atlantic crossing to arrive in Britain in September 1996.



The boat may be larger than a beach pedalo, but it still runs solely on footpower