



A very clear cut view of the lines of Jaffa Orange Juice.



At speed in the Solent just after launching.



Jaffa Juice's crew (from left to right) Adrian Ewin, John Davey, Richard Lawson, and Don Brightman.

JAFFA'S FLYING OFFSHORE ORANGE

QUITE A few boats are being specially built for the rapidly approaching London - Monte Carlo powerboat race. The first of these to be publicly launched was Jaffa Orange Juice, a 30ft Ray Hunt designed, Souter built craft.

Jaffa Orange Juice was christened at Souter's yard in Cowes on Saturday, April 29 by actress Susana Leigh who ceremoniously 'coshed' the bows with a bottle of orange juice.

The boat is owned by 29-year-old Richard Lawson, a London clothing manufacturer. Formerly, he raced the

Class II cabin boat, Justin Tyme, a 23ft Seahunter.

The four-man crew for Jaffa Orange Juice in the London-Monte Carlo also consists of John Davey (co-driver), Don Brightman (navigator), and Adrian Ewin (engineer).

Regarding sponsorship of the craft, a spokesman for Jaffa said: "There is, in our view, a natural link between drinking pure orange juice and taking part in tough outdoor sports such as offshore powerboat racing."

As far as organisation goes, the Jaffa team appear to have things pretty well sewn up. Their back-up crew consists of two light aircraft which will follow the course with spares and technicians. Also there is an overland team, mainly female, to look after the domestic needs of the crew.

One of the aircraft will be piloted by an ex-world war 1 fighter pilot, Baron Derek de Sarigny, so the adventures of the team will not be without a touch of the old Errol Flynn.

The boat is powered by four Mercury 140 outboards and has a top speed of about 65 mph. Certainly, it is the sort of hull and engine combination which should show its worth in a race of such magnitude.