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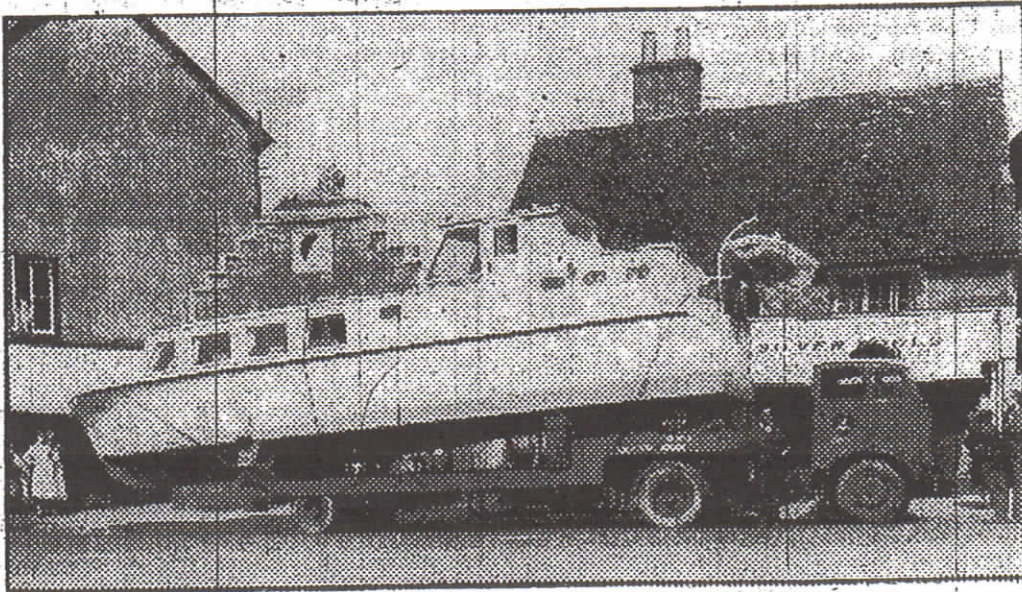


Photo by Hutchins, Princes Risborough

**T**HE romance of the sea and ships was brought home to residents of Princes Risborough on Monday when they saw a streamlined and very new-looking launch being driven through the streets on a lorry en route for the coast. The launch had particular interest for most of them, for it is the property of Mr. Eric H. Chambers, of Up Lane, Whiteleaf and in the grounds of his home he has reconditioned it from a Dunkirk "veteran" air sea rescue launch into its present luxury state. On Monday it was on the way to Ramsgate for final fitting-out before starting on a Mediterranean cruise.

Mr. Chambers, a well-known golfer, bought the boat at Ramsgate. It is christened "Trilene," is 40ft. long and will average about 25 knots. It was built in 1938 and at a cost of about £3,000, including its purchase price, Mr. Chambers has remodelled it into a "floating palace" with cocktail cabinet, radio, and up-to-date galley fitted with sink, refrigerator, cooker, etc. He was helped by a shipwright, cabinet-maker and upholsterer.

There is room for six persons in all and the five-ton launch is driven by two 100 h.p. engines. The launch has taken 19 months to renovate since Mr. Chambers bought the hulk and set to work in building up the super-structure. This is not the owner's first attempt at building anything. He constructed his own aircraft and flew it just before the war. Twenty-one years in the U.S.A. found him lumberjacking and owning the first broadcasting stations in Oregon. He has lived in Whiteleaf since his return from America in 1928 and is now retired.

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