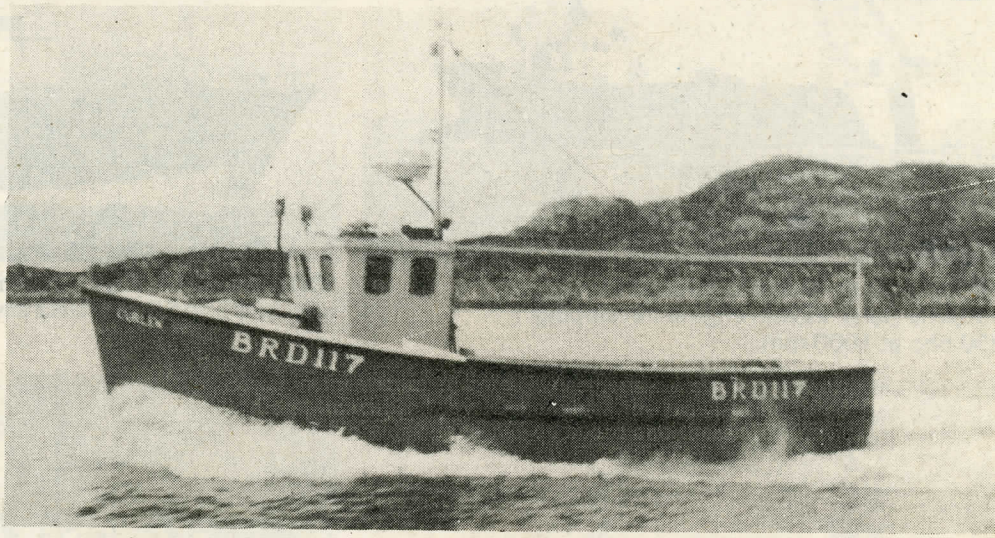
KYLE YARD'S FIRST BOAT

A NEW 36ft. long GRP boat designed for prawn and lobster potting, plus longlining, is working off the Scottish west coast.

Curlew (BRD117) is based on Halmatic's Mk. II GRP hull and has a GRP deck and wheelhouse. She is the first fishing vessel fitted out by Maclean and MacRae of Kyle of Lochalsh, Ross-shire, and is being skippered by a local man, George Lowe. The yard previously specialised in repairs.

The potter has a C-Power marine diesel, type 6/380, of 108hp at 2,500 rpm driving through a PRM 3:1 reverse reduction gearbox.



***Curlew* is based on Halmatic's 36ft. MkII GRP hull moulded in Orkney. Mackay and Macloed supplied her hydraulic pot hauler.**

Hatch

With the offset GRP wheelhouse being shorter than the full-width wooden ones fitted to most Halmatic 36-footers in service, the yard has been able to fit a flush engineroom hatch aft of the wheelhouse.

This enables the engine to be removed for repair without disturbing the wheelhouse. Many other craft have been fitted with detachable wheelhouse roofs. The engine was, in fact, installed through the hatch.

The wheelhouse contains a two-ring grill and oven, stainless steel sink and a range of electronics including Decca Super 101 radar, Kelvin Hughes MS.39 Mk.II sounder, Kelvin Hughes Falkland SSB radio telephone and 'Sailor' 46T receiver.

Formica is used to face the wheelhouse and forward accommodation, while the wheelhouse top, accommodation deck head and the backs of bunks are lined with quilted vinyl. Heating for both accommodation and wheelhouse is by a Reflex oil heater.

All fittings above deck, including mast, derrick and hatches, are galvanised. Stainless steel is used for bolts and fastenings.

Capstan

The hydraulic pot hauler and capstan is by Mackay and Macloed and there is a dual wheel for the Wills Ridley type T50 hydraulic steering gear within easy reach of the working position.

Curlew's tough GRP hull has a keel reinforced by a steel shoe runnings its whole length. A shoe has an advantage over a keel strap as it protects the edge of the GRP keel.

