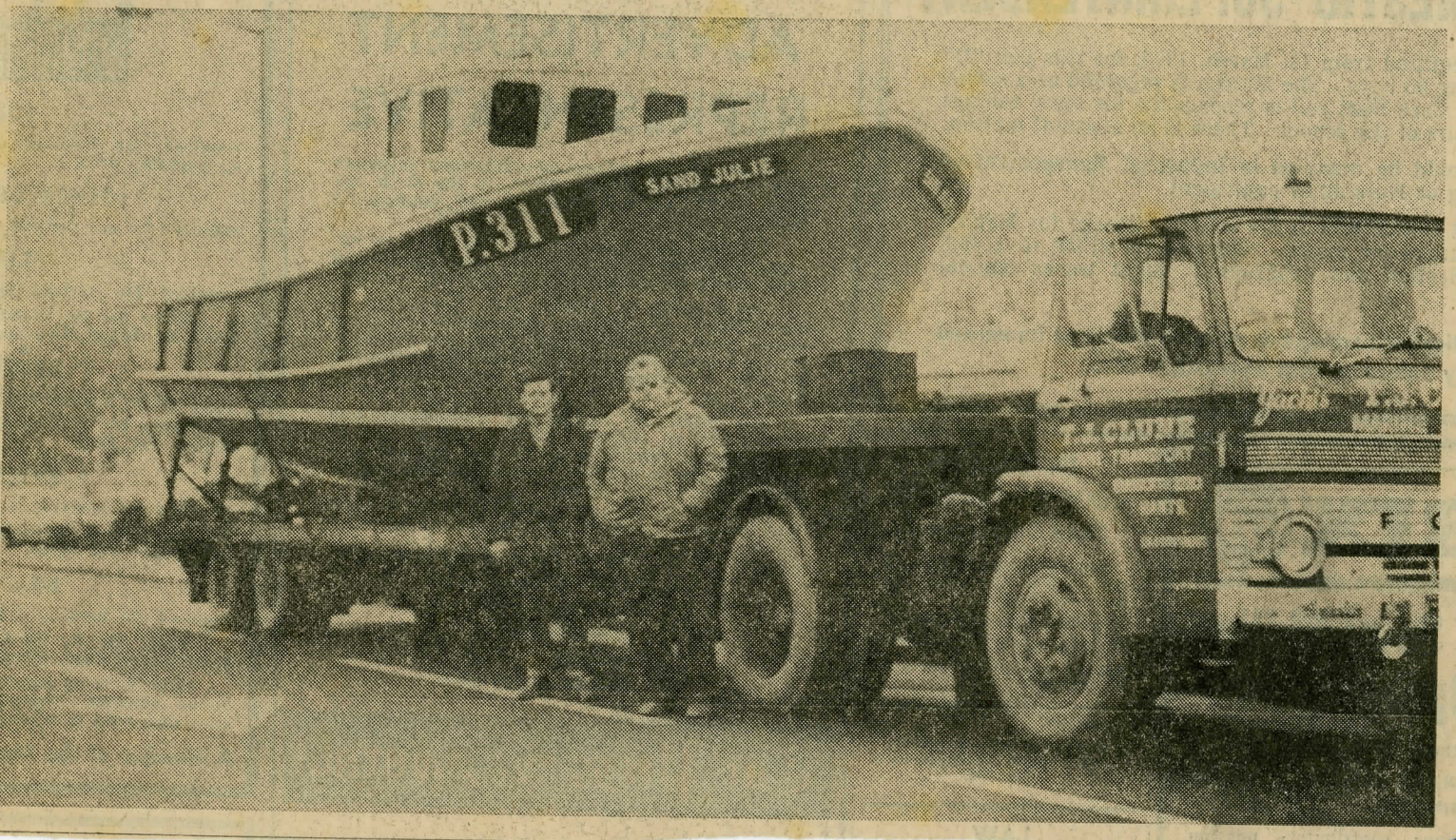
SAILING ALONG THE A9 . . . SAND JULIE



Orkney-built boat for South

SAILING along the A9 on a lorry yesterday was the 9½ ton Sand Julie, 36ft. 10in. long and 12ft. 10in. beam, built on Burray, Orkney, by Mr James Duncan. With her were her owner, Mr Gerald Glover (29), 218 Copnor Road, Portsmouth, and the transport firm chief, Mr Terry Clune, Emsworth, Hants.

The boat is for eel fishing, and Mr Glover said the reason for having it built in Orkney was both economic and practical.

"It costs about £3000 less than boatbuilders in the South would have charged, and also it is much better in performance and seaworthiness. The Orkney firm have an excellent reputation, and the Julie will be able to continue fishing in bad weather when others have to pack up."

'DELIGHTED'

He said he was delighted with her on her trials. They hope to reach Portsmouth tomorrow and start fishing on Tuesday.

He tried several boatyards in the UK and in France before deciding to give his order to the Orkney firm.

The Julie had a police escort and raised some problems for Mr Clune. Her height on the trailer was 13ft. 5in., and they had two bridges, both 13ft. 9in., to pass under.