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WOOD SETS NEW WORLD RECORD

DASH AT DAWN REGAINS TITLE AS SPEED KING

**124.91 Mile Record
Beats Kaye Don's Mark
Over 5 Miles; Predicts
Next Harmsworth Here**

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Algonac, Sept. 20—Gar Wood set a new world speedboat record of 124.91 miles per hour here in gray-clouded dawn today and regained the undisputed title of speedboat king of the world.

Miss America X, Wood's mighty speed creation, a lightning streak of brown thunder over the smooth waters of the St. Clair River to give Wood, Algonac's own, his second decisive victory of the month.

The Labor day week-end saw him defend the Harmsworth trophy and today he won back the official motorboat speed record.

The new record shades by 5.16 miles an hour the record of 119.75 miles an hour by Kaye Don, British racer, with Miss England III in Loch Lomond, Scotland, July 18 this year, preceding the Harmsworth races in Detroit.

The new record, the average of two consecutive, nautical mile runs against and with the current, was made on the first two runs, shortly after 7 a.m. after a short warming up in the North Channel.

On the upstream run at 7:00 a.m. the time over the nautical mile was 33:33 seconds a rate of 124.41 statute miles an hour.

Didn't Run Straight

Miss America X made the new world record despite the fact that it did not travel in a straight line down the course.

Wood wheeled his giant craft on its upstream run to starboard and ran close enough to the United States coast guard boats for motion picture cameramen stationed on the boat to get a "close up". He then ported the wheel and dashed for the finish line to average 124.42 statute miles an hour.

On the down stream run at 7:15 a.m. the time over the nautical mile was 22:05 seconds, at a rate of 125.42 statute miles an hour.

This gave the average of 124.91, the new world record.

The time taken at the statute mile, 800 feet shorter than the nautical mile, gave an average of 124.71 for an American record.

A third run up stream was considerably slower, being clocked at 29:27 seconds at a rate of 122.57 miles per hour.

Wood shut his motors down on the fourth and down stream run when he found he was running short of fuel and this run, was not timed.

The new record figured in nautical miles an hour is 108.48, or 4.44 nautical miles an hour faster than Kaye Don's record.

Wood and Johnson were jubilant. Wood announced he was happy to have broken the record, the first record he has broken in fresh water since 1928, in the Detroit River.

Wood said:

"St. Clair river was an appropriate place to make this new record. It has been the "proving ground" for all the Miss Americas. We have broken records on this river before but they have never been official and never announced"

1933 Races Here?

"The St. Clair river district is an excellent place to lay out a Harmsworth course, and I would like to see the 1933 races if there are any, held between Algonac and Marine City. The water is very rough.

"If we made a course in the middle of the ocean, thousands would come to see it, and they certainly would have excellent opportunity to see the race at closer range from both the American and Canadian sides of the river.

"St. Clair river is a stretch of water dear to all of us who have made our practice runs here." Wood said the light rain stung Orlin Johnson, his mechanic, in the face during the trial, but he was fairly well protected by the steering wheel.

Can Run Faster

"I am well satisfied that Miss America X can run faster. How much more I am not prepared to state. There is plenty of reserve power still left in her."

Today's record breaking speed did not thrill Wood so much as the time back in 1911 when he "raced" at a 30-mile gait for 10 miles over a course on the Mississippi river at Duvall, O., with Miss Leading Lady owned by W. P. Cleveland.

"Mr. Cleveland asked me to help him get the boat under way for the race, in about 15 minutes we were all set, and that race under bridges and through narrow lanes seemed more like 50 miles an hour than 30. It was a thrill I'll never forget, and we won. A boat going 10 to 12 miles an hour was considered fast in those days. "Eddie" Edenburn was official for that race, the same man who was in charge of today's trial."

W. D. "Eddie" Edenburn today

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