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represented the Yachtmen's association of America and the International Racing commission of which Charles F. Chapman is chairman.

"We are still working on a research program in speedboat building, and there is every chance for improvement and greater speeds yet unheard of." Wood said.

### Seventy Gallons of Gas

Miss America X burned 70 gallons of gasoline in its four giant 12-cylinder Packard motors in the half-hour between 7 a.m. and 7:30 a.m. when the new record was established.

"Big River" as St. Clair river is called by the natives here was ideal for the race and presented a mirror surface in spite of cloud-covered sky and a drizzle.

There were fewer spectators for the record runs than Saturday morning the first announced time of the trials. State Police estimated that 1,500 cars were parked along M-29 which winds close to the river at this point, and said approximately 5,000 saw the record broken.

Many in the vicinity were aroused by the first upstream run made by Miss America X, and were out to see the return a few minutes later.

There were only a few present Monday morning when Wood made 125.09 miles an hour, faster than his best run today, while "warming up," a collar on the thrust shaft of the gear box burned out.

Mechanics worked in the Wood shop until 12:30 a.m. today repairing the damage. The two motors on the starboard side had to be removed in order to replace the collar.

Gasoline tanks required to carry 350 gallons for the 30 miles in the Harmsworth race were removed last week and only tanks sufficient for the mile trials were left to feed the combined 48 cylinders of the power plant which hummed its way to a new world mark.

Miss America weighed about 6 1/2 tons for today's trial. This weight was pushed to a new record by a nine-ton thrust of the two propellers.

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### Makes Record Easily

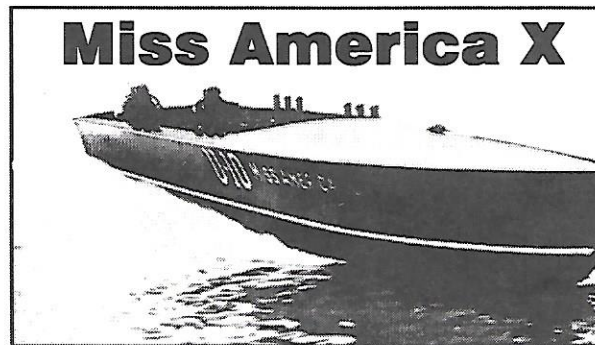
Many persons were surprised at the ease with which the new record was made. The mighty craft shot over the waters at a rapid pace but so apparently without effort that it did not seem to be traveling at record breaking speed.

That there was plenty of reserve power was evident.

Officials believed Wood was not taking any chances after Monday's mishap to the gear box. He was satisfied to make a new record, and he has reserve power to break any one who tops the new mark.

Miss America X has power enough to make 136 to 140 miles an hour, Algonac believes. The throttles handled by Orlin Johnson were not opened full today at any time. The maximum number of revolutions was 2,500 today while the limit is 2,700 revolutions per minute.

Wood refused to say today whether he would attempt to better his own record this winter in Miami, Fla.



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