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Jim Kropfeld didn't have to wait for his record. He got it yesterday when the *Mr. Bud* turned five miles in an average speed of 91.790 miles per hour, smashing the previous mark in the 2.5-liter class by about three mph at Lake Maggiore.

It was only the second time the new boat had been in the water, but Kropfeld had driven ancestors of the current *Mr. Bud*. He knew the offspring had plenty of juice.

"The first time I got in it, I told the owner that was it . . . with the right propeller, it'll go 94.

"The boat is light on the water. It doesn't lose speed."

The *Mr. Bud* was designed by John Staudecher, and is similar to *Country Boy*, a boat Kropfeld drove to the national championship last year in the 225 class. Yesterday's showing served notice that Kropfeld is in town to win two national titles this year.



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The powerboats at Lake Maggiore were on line toward national titles.