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Sandy Wray, only female driver in 145 class, heads toward shore after 3rd-place finish.

Hydros bow to wind on Lake Maggiore

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The assault on the 7-litre and overall inboard speed records continued Saturday, but all attempts were foiled either by the wind or mechanical failure.

As a result, the Southland Regatta completed its first day of final heats at Lake Maggiore with nothing but a few near-misses.

The drivers get one last crack today in the second round of finals starting at noon. Weather and time permitting, two finals heats

will be run in each of 13 classes. Saturday's program had to be cut to a single heat in each class because of frequent interruptions because of wind or disabled boats on the course.

The wind, which switched to the west and strengthened consistently during the afternoon, led to two accidents in the 145 class and cost the 7-litre Division I boats a chance to compete in a final heat.

Race officials called the 7-litre boats off the course late in the afternoon at the urging of *Country Boy* owner Mike Wiener, who insisted that the wind was too strong to conduct the race safely.

Larry Lauterbach, driver of the 7-litre Division I *Lauterbach Special*, is hoping to

take a crack at the overall inboard speed record this weekend. But the choppy water probably would have made that impossible Saturday afternoon.

During an elimination heat Saturday morning, though, while the waters were still placid, Lauterbach took a fast run for a lap and a half before his engine soured on the backstretch and cost him a shot at the class record.

Lauterbach, who holds the record of 111.663 mph over the five-mile course, turned the first lap at a 113 mph pace before his engine sputtered and caused him to limp home in third place behind Earle Hall and Richard Stuphen.

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