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Dutch Squires of Lakewood, Colo., pilots *Mega Bucks* to a world record Saturday at Lake Maggiore. He won the 2.5 Litre-Stock class at a speed of 83.217 mph.

Records bashed at Southland

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ST. PETERSBURG — Boat racers in the Southland Regatta anticipated that Lake Maggiore's new mile and a quarter course would be fast. The question was how fast.

One day of racing answered that.

Drivers, race officials and about 5,000

sun-soaked fans could barely keep up with the record breaking as 13 different boats turned in 17 times which bettered previous world-bests Saturday, though only the top one in each of the seven classes stands as a record.

By comparison, only two records were set over two days at last year's regatta.

None of the times will be official until the boats are inspected at the close of

racing tonight, but drivers couldn't help but gush over their speeds at the lake, located near Ninth Street and 38th Avenue S.

"I've always loved the St. Pete race course, but I never loved it as much as I love it today," said John Devos of Detroit, Mich., whose *In Cahoots* broke the previous record in the 2.5 Litre-Modified class by 9.194 mph with a clocking of 100.144

mph. "Seventeen records and still a day to go. It's pretty wild."

"I figured we'd see some records fall, but I never imagined this many," said Mark Tate, who dedicated his record of 91.547 mph in the 5 Litre class to David Sutton, a racer who remains paralyzed after an accident at last year's Southland Regatta. "I told Davey before this race

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