

THE RECORD BOOK

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Hydroptère: French for "freaking fast"

Charging the Channel

It may look like a 60-foot mosquito, but Hydroptère, a French-made hydroplaning sailboat, is starting to knock off speed records, including the fastest average speed over a nautical mile (47.89 mph). At press time skipper Alain Thébault was prepping for a stab at a new English Channel crossing record.



Man Fish

If Hollywood — not just on Entourage — ever decides to make an Aquaman movie, studios should check in with William Trubridge, 27. In April the New Zealander set a new

unassisted free-dive world record to a lungcrushing 82 meters (269 feet). The dive, off the Bahamas, took three minutes, nine seconds.

Is 800 MPH Possible?

In July record addict Steve Fossett will test a new transsonic car in which he hopes to break the world land speed record of 763 mph, making him the fastest man on earth.



Hi, Honey, I'm Home (Almost)

For 13 years Englishman Jason Lewis, 40, has walked, bicycled, skated, swum, and pedal-boated his way across five continents, two oceans, and one sea, and he's now closing in on the final leg of his circumnavigation. If he succeeds he'll be the first human to circle the globe without help from motors or sails.