



History repeated itself in the 216 mile Sam Griffith Memorial powerboat race in Miami, Florida, recently when Bill Wishnick drove 'Boss O Nova', a 32ft Bertram hull powered by twin 475hp Mercruiser engines, to a new world record of 70.2 miles per hour. This must be approved by the Union of International Motorboating in Belgium before becoming official. It was the same Wisnick, driving in his first ocean race, who won the 1965 Sam Griffith race.



Bill Wishnick roars out of Biscayne Bay for Key West, closely tailed by Sammy James.

## Bill Wishnick Miami-Key West Winner

The Hennessy-sponsored Miami-Key West race got off to an unusual start on November 7, when the pace boat aimed the whole 14-boat fleet in the wrong direction, headed north. World Champion Don Aronow led the fleet in a high-speed 180° turn, and his 32' Cary *The Cigarette* held the lead as far as Fowey Rock, where engine trouble knocked her out of the race.

Sammy James took over the lead in the 31' Bertram *American Moppie*, and stayed in front for over 100 miles,

until a ruptured fuel line forced him to drop out, only 35 miles from the finish. From then on it was Bill Wishnick's race. His 31' Bertram *Boss O Nova*, powered by twin 475 hp Mercruisers, crossed the finish line 2h 53m 20s after leaving Miami to set a new record for the 184-mile course.

Dr. Bob Magoon took second place 19 minutes later in his 32' Cary *Andrea*, powered by four 140 hp Mercury outboards. Third to finish, but disqualified for failing to show up for the inspection the day before the race,

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was the 27' Magnum *Miss Dexter*. Official third place went to Ron and Bud Tuppen in *Tuppen's Torino*, a 28' Memco with four 140 hp Mercury outboards. The Tuppens' time was 3h 22m 23s.

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