

Girls on top

The only all-girl Honda Formula Four-Stroke pairing, Shelley Jory and Libby Keir in Team Raymarine, won the final round of the 225hp series in Guernsey on 11 September.

Shelley Jory and Libby Keir started the final race just three points ahead of the team that has dominated this year's 225hp contest - Rob Lister and Will Nocker in Fat Boy Racing. But two phenomenal wins by Jory and Keir ensured they won overall, giving them their first ever championship title. Lister and Nocker suffered a retirement and fifth place in the final race, forcing them to settle for second overall.

"I can't believe it," said Jory. "We'd given up on the title and were really trying to consolidate second or third overall. But after the success in the first race, we knew the championship was in our sights. There was so much pressure on us and I was feeling sick with nerves. But then everything just went right for us in the last race. We got a good start, took the lead at the first buoy and then just had to hold onto it. When we saw the chequered flag we were elated. It's been an incredible season and we've got the result we were looking for. Fantastic."



Home straight

The British Buzz Bullet Team is well positioned for the crucial last leg of the P1 World Championship series in Naples.

Just four points behind Championship rivals, Jolly Drive, they go into the series decider needing to finish ahead of the three Italian journalists to secure the P1 crown.

At the time of going to press Jan Falkowski of the Buzz Bullet team said he was "quietly confident" while team spokesman, Bethan Ancell, suggested that in view of their boat's superior speed (and despite its previous reliability issues) they remain favourites to snatch victory.

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Wight wash



Negotiator, the Lamborghini-powered catamaran driven by Chris Parsonage from Plymouth, has entered the record books by setting a new 'Round the Isle of Wight' speed record in a time of 32 minutes and 22 seconds, at an astonishing average speed of 111mph.

That means it's the first time the 100mph speed average for the 59.84 mile course has been breached. The time obliterates the previous record of 43 minutes set in July 2001.

A starting line-up of 36 boats had gathered at Cowes for the Gillette MACH3 NITRO Gel Round-the-Island challenge, one of the new initiatives introduced to the Cowes Powerboat Festival. And as the boats set off from Egypt Point in an anti-clockwise direction, thousands of spectators were treated to the spectacular sight of craft of all sizes racing off, led by Negotiator at max chat. The top speed reached during the run was 138mph and with prevailing conditions almost perfect, the record is likely to stand for a very long time.