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"It's a bit like balancing
the tip of a 26ft plank on
top of a ball."



Sound tricky? Try doing it at 65 MPH on a choppy sea. That's how Shelley Jory keeps the hull of her Honda BF225 Powerboat airborne when racing. 'Ideally I would have the boat running on the back steps with just the propeller in the water,' says the self-confessed Hondamentalist. Of course you can't avoid all contact with the ocean. This is why Shelley religiously waxes the bottom of the boat beforehand. 'I polish it until it's shiny enough to see my face in it,' proclaims the lady racer. It's a big effort to gain the smallest advantage. But that's what helped Shelley and her co-pilot win the 2005 British Championship; against 28 men.