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KENNEWICK, WA - The vintage 1962-65 Miss Bardahl hydroplane, three-time Gold Cup winner and National Champion, set a speed record Saturday for vintage hydroplanes at the HAPO Columbia Cup in the Tri-Cities. Owner-driver Dixon Smith throttled the “Green Dragon” to an impressive average speed of 101.868 mph around the 2.5-mile Columbia River race course.

In contrast, when Miss Bardahl retired from racing in October 1965, it held the all-time competition lap record of 117.870 mph, set on San Diego’s Mission Bay. Miss Bardahl was carefully restored beginning in 2001, relaunched in 2007, and now runs in exhibition events. Her next appearance will be in Chelan Oct. 3rd through the 5th, where she’ll roar alongside other vintage hydros at the 5th annual Mahogany & Merlot Vintage Boat Show.