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## Ferrari F430-Engined Speedboat: The 'Prancing Seahorse'

### Lead

Well-known powerboat racer Eugenio Molinari brought something special to the deep waters of Lake Como in 2007. As a celebration of a life spent at full throttle on the water, he built a Ferrari-powered racing boat and used it to break two world water speed records.

Named the *Freccia Rossa* ('Red Arrow'), the boat benefited from 490bhp courtesy of a slightly modified Ferrari F430 V8. By varying its weight with ballast, the *Freccia Rossa* competed in two classes for the flying kilometre. In the 1100kg division Molinari managed an average of 123.3km/h. Suitably ballasted, and now running in the 1450kg class, the boat still achieved an average speed of 122km/h.

As a passionate Italian (and Ferrari fan), Molinari dedicated his feat to the company's 60th anniversary, and Ferrari supremo Luca di Montezemolo.

*Photos: Eugenio Molinari*

### Gallery

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