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America: How Campbell broke record

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On Lake Mead, Nevada, this is how the jet speed-boat "Bluebird" set out for that record-breaking run that crowned the efforts of speed-ace Donald Campbell, after a month of disappointment and disaster.

With winter fast approaching, it was now or never for Campbell - as he sent Bluebird speeding over the ~~kilometer~~ course.

A fantastic run that was clocked at over 239 miles per hour.

On the return journey, Campbell battled desperately against rising winds and rough water. But his courage was rewarded. He raised his world record to 216.2 miles per hour. Well Done, Donald Campbell!