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Justitia breaks record

SOUTHAMPTON—Intrum Justitia, the leading boat in the Whitbread round-the-world race, has smashed the world monohull 24-hour speed record twice in 24 hours, officials said yesterday.

In the 24 hours from 0809 local on Tuesday until the same time yesterday the yacht covered 423.3 miles.

And in timings taken between 1355 local on Tuesday to the same time on Wednesday, she covered 425 miles — at an average speed of 17.7 knots.

The records were set on the eastward second leg of the race from Punte del Este in Uruguay to Fremantle in Western Australia — a distance of 7 558 nautical miles.

The previous record distance covered in 24 hours was 411 miles, set by Fortuna on the same leg of the round-the-world race four years ago.