



Steven's surf sensation

SUPER surfer Steven King has found the perfect wave – and smashed a world record on it.

The 31-year-old surf fanatic trounced the previous world record for the longest surf on the mighty Severn Bore.

Watched by British Surfing Association officials Steven, of Saul, managed to ride the Bore for a magnificent five and a half miles – more than double the previous record.

Steven picked up the wave on his long board at Weir Green and stayed steady right the way to Maisemore Weir – an achievement not yet officially matched by any other surfer.

"I have been surfing the Bore for years and I have managed to break the record before, but never with officials watching.

"And when I finally did it in front of

the BSA official, it was great – I didn't just break the record I trashed it.

"The conditions were ideal, I found the perfect wave and stayed with it."

Gloucester's legendary surfer David Lawson, the previous record holder had his eye on breaking the record.

Steven said: "David has held this record for such a long time and there has been a few people trying to break it. I felt the time was right for me to do the job properly."

Steven has been surfing for more than 15 years and is an avid devotee of the powerful Severn Bore but has also hit the surf at some of the world's top wave arenas in Hawaii and California.

Now he expects to see his name join surfing legends in the next edition of the Guinness Book of Records. David is now hoping to get his record back.

■ Steven King of Saul surfed his way into the record books by surfing the Severn Bore for a five-and-a-half miles, breaking the previous record of two-and-a-half miles, held by Dave Lawson. The picture, top right, shows Steve and Dave (on the left) enjoying a training session together three years ago.

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