



LOGBOOK

Tuesday 8th February 2011

PERFECT CONDITIONS!

WATCH OUT FOR THE ICEBERGS!

NO-ONE GOES HUNGRY ONBOARD MIRABAUD!

RANKING: 6th

WEATHER: Sunny, moderate temperatures (10°C)

WIND: Westerly, 20 knots

BOAT SPEED: 17 knots

MENU:

Breakfast: Cereal with mango

Meal n°1: Chicken tikka and hazelnut pudding

Meal n°2: Chicken Curry, pasta carbonara and chocolate rice pudding

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Mirabaud is currently sailing in some of the most inaccessible waters on the planet, approximately 4000kms from South Africa and 2500kms from Australia. The nearest land is French territory in the form of the Kerguelen Islands, around 700kms to the south-west. In other words, there's not a lot of company at the moment, but that doesn't seem to bother the team on board Mirabaud.



"The sun is beating down, we've 20 knots of breeze in the right direction, the sea state is good and things are going well on board," explains Dominique. "We had an eventful night; there was hardly any moon and we were speeding along, so pretty scary conditions! But we're happy with the result this morning as we've stretched out our lead in front of our rivals Neutrogena."

The only shadow on this almost perfect picture is that Mirabaud is once again heading north, in order to make the next ice gate, 'Amsterdam', which they should reach in a few hours. There is evidently another large high pressure system lying in wait for them at the gate. "The wind will gradually start decreasing over the next few hours and we're going to lose ground against the

leaders. We're unfortunately going to find ourselves becalmed for a short while, before we can head south again and the wind goes aft for us."

After the difficult sailing conditions of the past few days, Dominique and Michèle are making the most of the clement conditions to rest and carry out some maintenance. "We're under full sail at the moment and the autopilot in handling the

conditions well. We've both managed to sleep and we're now fixing a few little things while the weather is good. But, in general the boat is in good shape."

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The ice gates put in place by the Race Committee can be a nuisance in terms of strategy but they are there for a good reason.



"Last night, we had to alter course to avoid an iceberg," explains Dominique. "We didn't see it but there was a suspect blip on the radar around 20 nautical miles away and we thought it wise to play it safe and steer well clear of it."

Other teams have also had to make similar choices, including Pepe Ribes and Alex Pella on-board Estrella Damm, who have recently adapted their route to avoid a berg. The most dangerous obstacles are often the growlers that break

off the main icebergs. These 'smaller' bergs can weigh in at several tonnes but are often barely visible above the water and don't show up on the radar. "The water temperature is unusually high," observes Dominique. "It's around 14°C at the moment, which means the big icebergs break up more easily and make these waters even more treacherous."

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Dominique and Michèle are now well used to their freeze dried food which now makes up their entire daily food intake.

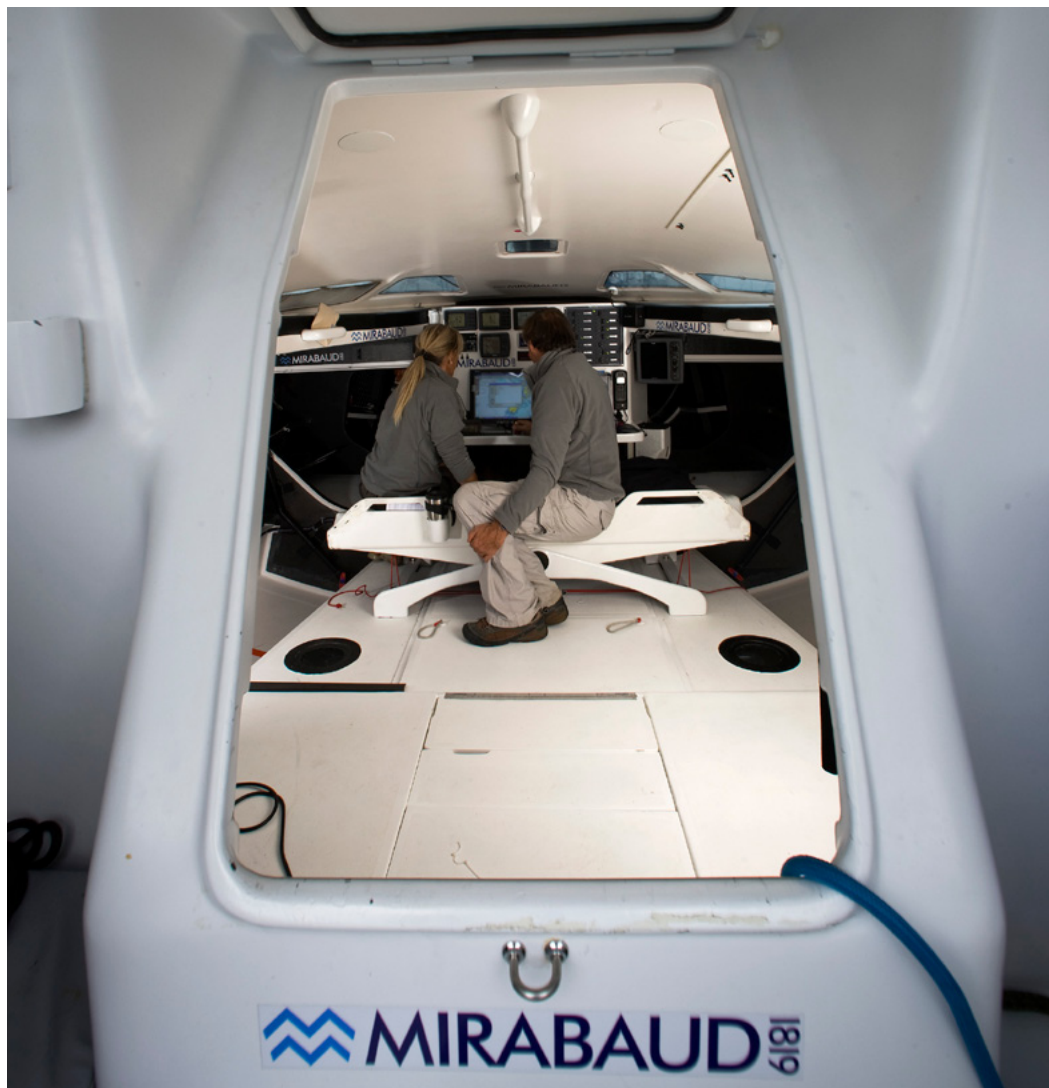


"We start by desalinating the water and boiling it, before opening the food packet and adding some of the precious liquid; we keep a little bit of water for a coffee after the meal! Then we close the bag and wait a few minutes before 'dining'. Whenever possible, we try and eat together, seated on the floor inside the cabin, and we make the most of this brief opportunity

to chat or to talk about our race strategy. Normally our mealtime lasts around ten minutes... hardly your typical romantic dinner for two! We know we won't have a lot left in the larder at the end of the race and we can't go on a binge, but we can eat as much as we need and our stock is well under control thanks to Magali's excellent organisation!

RANKING THE 8TH FEBRUARY 11 PM

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| 1) VIRBAC PAPREC 3 (+0.0) | 7) NEUTROGENA (+1621.0) |
| 2) MAPFRE (+704.5) | 8) GAES (+2318.7) |
| 3) ESTRELLA DAMM (+724.5) | 9) HUGO BOSS (+2382.3) |
| 4) GROUPE BEL (+834.0) | 10) FORUM MARITIM CATALA (+3252.7) |
| 5) RENAULT Z.E. (+1137.1) | 11) WE ARE WATER (+3456.8) |
| 6) MIRABAUD (+1591.1) | 12) CENTRAL LECHERA ASTURIANA (3643.7) |



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