



LOGBOOK

Friday 18th February 2011

THE CALL OF THE WILD

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MINI MIRABAUD

RANKING: 7th

WEATHER: Violent squalls and heavy seas

WIND: South-westerly, 35 knots

BOAT SPEED: 15 knots

BREAKFAST: Mango cereal

MEAL 1: Mild beef curry, chocolate mousse

MEAL 2: Shepherd's pie

THE CALL OF THE WILD

French-speaking Swiss media were lucky enough to have the opportunity to talk directly to Michèle and Dominique on Wednesday this week. The live link up was hosted at Mirabaud's main offices in Geneva and the sound quality was so good, the co-skippers could have been speaking from the room next door!



But Dom and Michèle are well and truly in the Southern Ocean. The conditions were reasonable during the connection but have since gone from bad to worse, and Mirabaud now finds herself sailing in severe conditions with southerly gale-force winds, rough seas and freezing temperatures.

The question "Have the high pressure systems driven you to depression," posed by one journalist was met with hilarity by the sailors, the gathered press and their host, Associate and CEO of Mira-

baud, Antonio Palma. "We're not putting any pressure on them," clarified Mr Palma. "We are delighted with the efforts they have been putting in since the beginning of the competition. From our side, the most important thing is for them to put as much energy as possible into the race and to share this incredible adventure with us, which they do extremely well."

The radio link lasted a good half an hour, during which Dominique and Michèle described the conditions, their match race with adversary

Neutrogena, their diet and their general level of morale. After discussing skier Didier Cuche's broken thumb, the lack of snow in the mountains and the current misfortunes of Swiss sportsmen and women, the journalist from Swiss Radio (RSR) concluded that "when snow melts, at least it becomes water!"

The lines of communication were cut at around 1pm Swiss time, or midnight on a wild and windy night in the Southern Ocean. The guests then availed of canapés and a glass of 'Priorat – cuvée

spéciale Mirabaud – Barcelona World Race'. Any feelings of guilt for enjoying all this on a comfy sofa in the warmth of the Mirabaud offices were assuaged by the energy and 'joie de vivre' that Dom and Michèle had transmitted during the brief link up with the boat.

PIT STOP

The small port of Wellington (New Zealand's bucolic capital) is a hive of activity that will only get more fevered over the next few days when several teams from the Barcelona World race make a brief stop-over.



The rules allow one stopover (Wellington is the most practical) for a minimum of 48 hours. During the stop-over, the competitors can take the opportunity to use their technical team but also to sleep in a comfy bed or treat themselves to a rare steak and a good bottle of red. The only thing they can't do is bring on new sails.

The race leaders Jean-Pierre Dick and Loïck Peyron were the first to stop, soon to be followed by Groupe Bel and others. During yesterday's radio link up with Mirabaud, Dominique wasn't ruling out a stop-over but for the moment it wasn't in the planning.

MINI MIRABAUD

Sailing models of Mirabaud can be ordered from the German company Stockmaritime. The models are beautifully crafted from carbon-epoxy and are available for €999. You can find more details (in German only) at:

http://www.stockmaritime.com/artikel_info.php?search=1&id_bilder=363017&id2=0&m=&id4=0&id5=0&ret=1



THE BUZZ

The video of Mirabaud surfing at more than 25 knots in the Indian Ocean has been downloaded by 4,200 people over the last week. The images will be used by an eminent professor in Germany for a presentation on sleep!

http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=jKJKO8Hlw5A&feature=player_embedded

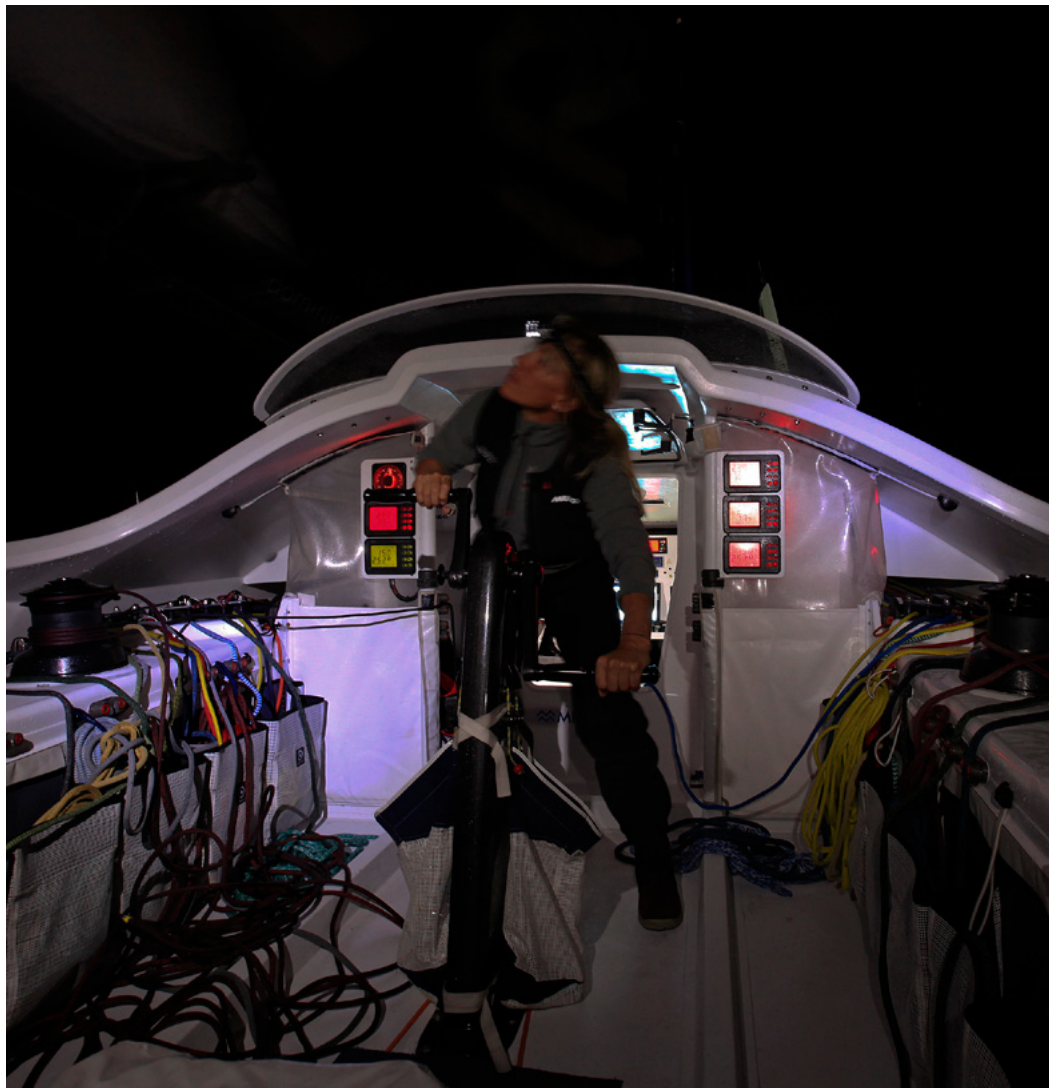
CHECK OUT THE LATEST VIDEO DIARY

<http://www.youtube.com/user/dominiquewavre>

RANKING

THE 18TH FEBRUARY 03:30 AM GMT

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| 2) MAPFRE (+188.5) | 8) HUGO BOSS (+1286.6) |
| 3) GROUPE BEL (+361.6) | 9) GAES (+1506.0) |
| 4) ESTRELLA DAMM (+392.3) | 10) FORUM MARITIM CATALA (+3172.4) |
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