



LOGBOOK

Monday 21st February 2011

HEADING FOR COOK'S STRAIT

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RANKING: 7th

WEATHER: Sunny skies, flat seas

WIND: North-westerly, 12 knots

BOAT SPEED: 11 knots

BREAKFAST: Raspberry porridge

MEAL N°1: Chilli con carne and crème caramel

MEAL N°2: Chicken and bacon pasta and
apricot rice pudding

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Dominique Wavre and Michèle Paret should pass through the Cook Strait, between the South and the North Island of New Zealand, some time this Tuesday. They'll be taking advantage of their proximity to dry land to exchange some material with the Race Committee.



They will be dropping a waterproof bag overboard containing the film and photographic material taken since they left Spain, whilst at the same time picking up some medication for Michèle. "Over the past few weeks I've been suffering from anaemia which has left me breathless, tired and with no appetite," she explains. "We have a fabulous doctor, Dr Jean-Yves Chauve, who has been treating me from a distance with a course of medication that has been working very

well. The problem is that this kind of treatment needs to be taken over the long term and we are running out. Even if I'm feeling much better, stopping the course at this stage would be really bad for me, so we are taking more stocks on board just in case."

Mirabaud won't gain any competitive advantage from this pick-up and so won't be penalised. "The Race Rules are very clear," explains Denis Horeau, the Race Officer for the Barcelona World

Race. "Article 4.12 states that an exchange for medical reasons is possible, as long as the boat concerned has informed the Race Committee in advance and the doctor treating the crew member confirms that it's an essential delivery. Medication obviously shouldn't be seen as providing outside assistance and nobody can board the boat. If the boat doesn't stop in port or moor up anywhere, it's not considered a technical stop over."

Dominique and Michèle have no intention of slowing down for the transfer as the pack of boats ahead of them fighting for third place is pulling away. They will need to get out of the Strait, which can throw up violent gusts just as easily as flat calm, as quickly as possible and head for the Southern Ocean once again.

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Dominique and Michèle's Facebook account is proving to be a huge success and allows the Mirabaud fans to post their messages of support. Here are some examples:



"In the face of adversity, take some time to laugh, May the wind in your sails give you the energy you need. We will keep following your amazing adventure, and thank you for your news, you are both amazing!" (Mireille)

"How to you manage to stay looking so beautiful after a month and a half at sea????!! Please share your secret Michèle!! Lots of love." (Delphine)

"I've just seen your latest video (and have forwarded the link to everyone I know!) and there is just one thing to say: Mirabaud is beautiful!" (Olivier)

"Don't let Dom grow his beard too long...otherwise he'll start thinking he's an Imam!!" (Alan)

"You really are the perfect couple...it's beautiful to see! Fair winds!" (Rose-Marie)

"Amazing, keep goin' on" (Oliver)

"Are you in the Southern Ocean? Looks like the atmosphere on board is good and the boat is going well...and you look calm and happy! Well done...we can only dream of what you are doing." (Joel)

"I prefer keeping my feet on terra firma!!!" (Patricia)

"Amazing!!!! God, how I envy you guys. What freedom!! Incredible" (Michel)

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Are you wondering what Dominique and Michèle are reading at the moment? In fact, are there any books onboard Mirabaud? What are their music tastes? Are you wondering what they miss the most, how they manage with the isolation and loneliness, or if they play cards or strum a few chords on the guitar when the seas are calm?

Send us your questions and we'll forward them on to the boat : media@maxcomm.ch

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| 2) MAPFRE (+123.8) | 8) HUGO BOSS (+1194.0) |
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