



A welcome comfort following three months of unending movement and promiscuity

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FROM THE ONBOARD LOG TO THE NEWSLETTER

Dominique and Michele have shared their amazing journey from the start of the Barcelona World Race through their onboard log. News from the pair will continue to reach you via the monthly newsletter which will have details of preparations for the Transat Jacques Vabre and the Vendée Globe. In total, twenty-two log entries have been distributed to more than 1000 recipients since the start of the Barcelona World Race, in most part to the Swiss but also across the globe to Barcelona, Boston, Wimbledon, Göteborg, Istanbul, Wellington, Sydney and many more.

Several thousand friends and supporters have followed Dominique and Michèle via their Facebook page, while over 25,000 people have watched their videos on YouTube. Finally, more than 59,000 people have visited Dominique's website since the 1st of January, for more than 150,000 page views. The majority of visitors come from Switzerland followed by France, Spain, Germany, the UK and the US.

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The Mirabaud has been thoroughly cleaned after three months at sea

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Dominique Wavre and Michèle Paret are still in Argentina, getting Mirabaud ready for her shipment back to Europe. They are also planning their next projects, including the construction of a new mast.

“It’s the way we sailors tend to look at things,” explains Dominique. “Sometimes we look back at the wake we’ve left behind us to try and find the answers to the mistakes made. But, to move ahead, we need to focus on what’s in front of us, so we haven’t spent too much time mulling over our bad luck. On the contrary, we’ve spent considerable time on the phone with various spar and rigging manufacturers as well as sail lofts. The timing is extremely tight if we want to get things ready for the next project, so there is really no time to lose.”

Over the past few days, Dominique and Michèle have been doing a considerable amount of metalwork, preparing a new steel cradle for Mirabaud in record time. “We had to order the plans from the architect find a specialist welding yard and also supervise the construction. The cargo ship ‘Dolfijngracht’ arrives in Mar del Plata between the 4th and 6th of April; Mirabaud will be loaded onboard for her return journey to Europe which should last around one month. We’ve been extremely lucky as the ship will be stop-



Dominique and Michèle have been looked after by the Argentinian navy

ping off in La Rochelle, which means we can directly offload Mirabaud there.”

Dominique and Michèle will remain in Mar del Plata to safely see the cargo off before boarding a plane for Europe. “We’re going to stop off briefly in Nice before heading to Geneva for a press conference with Mirabaud. We will then have to make some rapid planning decisions for the next steps including confirming the order for the new mast and sails and

discussion with the architect and other suppliers. There will be a lot to organize in a relatively short space of time but once things are finally set we will be able to take a few days holiday. I’m not sure where we will go yet, but we may end up cycling in the southern part of the Alps or in Switzerland.”

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Dominique and Michèle continue to follow the Barcelona World race from the pit lane, with the keen eyes of recent competitors. “It’s a fascinating race, especially up at the front with the boats battling for the first three places,” comments Dominique.

“I’m really impressed by the Spaniards onboard Mapfre: they haven’t made any stopovers and are sailing brilliantly! The team onboard Renault Z.E. are also sailing a great race. We know that the teams following them have some technical difficulties and it’s difficult to analyse the situation as we don’t have all the information to hand. Finally, I’m not surprised by Jean-Pierre Dick and Loïck Peyron’s performance as we expected good results from them. The end of the race should prove to be very interesting, although I don’t think we’ll see much in the way of position changes, especially since the final stages will be upwind.

CHECK OUT THE LATEST VIDEO DIARY

Dominique and Michèle's final video diary recaps the highs and lows of their last few months at sea and is now available at: www.dominiquewavre.com

A 26 minute summary is currently being edited and will include all the drama of Mirabaud's Barcelona World Race. The French speaking television channel TSR2 will show the documentary on the 13th of April at 8.05pm



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