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# Agenda



- ▶ Overview
- ▶ The Regatta
- ▶ Ship called 'Cheri Raffay Hamburg'
- ▶ The Route (across the North Atlantic)
- ▶ The Raffay Ocean Racer Crew
- ▶ To Point ALPHA (the first storm)
- ▶ To Fair Isle (the second storm)
- ▶ Racing down the North Sea (full throttle)
- ▶ The Finish in Cuxhaven (a warm welcome)
- ▶ Finally in Hamburg (the big party)



# At the NYYC Newport, RI



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# Sponsors and Organizers



Race Director:  
Alan Green





# The Ship



- ▶ Cheri Raffay Hamburg
- ▶ Nautor Swan 51 CB (Center Board) 15.5 m
- ▶ Design: German Frers
- ▶ Built 1984
- ▶ Owner & Skipper Ronni Wulff
- ▶ New set of regatta sails
- ▶ 3,400+ sq ft spinnaker





# Painting the ship



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# Lunch at the dock



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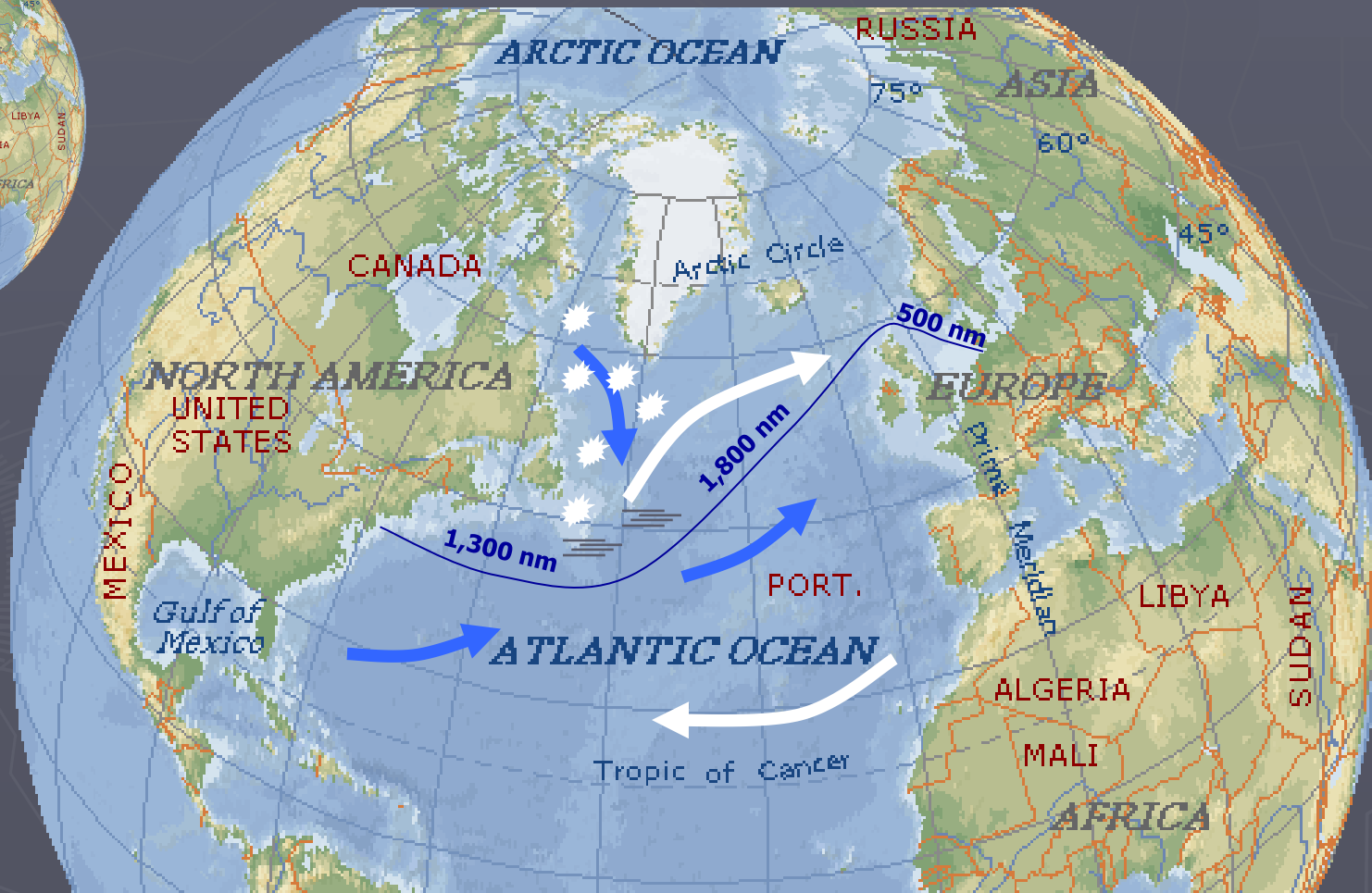
# Getting ready



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# Chart overview





# The Route





# Goals (Priorities)



- ▶ Making a safe passage ✓
- ▶ Go on board as friends and leave as friends ✓
- ▶ Be in front of the crowd at the finish line ✓

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# The Crew before the start



Thorsten

Andre

Dietmar

Ivo

Henning

Ronni  
(Skipper)

Leo

Rainer

Rollo



# Provisioning





# Just to get an idea...



We estimated 20 – 23 days on sea!

- ▶ 200 l of bottled water
- ▶ 140 l juice and 90 l milk
- ▶ 400 l freshwater in tanks\*
- ▶ 250 kg food, not include canned meat
- ▶ 50 kg fresh produce and fruits
- ▶ 45 chocolate bars and more sweets & snacks

*\* used for cooking*





# The Competition



- ▶ 24 boats (2 DNF)
- ▶ From 44 to 177 ft (min 40 ft)
- ▶ No nonsense racing machines like 'Outsider', 'ChiefTain', 'Rambler', 'BonBon', and luxury racers like 'Parsifal' and 'Grey Goose'
- ▶ Some Cruizers like 'Charisma' and 'Cheri Raffay Hamburg', 'HSH Nordbank', KPMG\*
- ▶ And one very old ship the 'Peter von Sestermuehe' build in 1936



# Pictures from the start

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# Team structure



- ▶ Sole responsibility of the skipper and his deputy
- ▶ 4 teams at 2 persons
- ▶ A team on the watch - the last watch remains on standby
- ▶ Watch is responsible for the safe operation of the ship
- ▶ Major tasks like changing sails require 'all hands on deck'
- ▶ Special tasks:  
sail maker, communications, mechanics, story teller...





# A typical two day schedule



| <u>Time</u>          | <u>Watch</u>          | <u>Watch</u>          |
|----------------------|-----------------------|-----------------------|
| 0:00 – 2:30 (2.5h)   | Ronni/Henning         | <u>Rainer/Dietmar</u> |
| 2:30 – 5:00 (2.5h)   | <u>Rainer/Dietmar</u> | Andre/Ivo             |
| 5:00 – 7:30 (2.5h)   | Andre/Ivo             | Thorsten/Rollo        |
| 7:30 – 10:00 (2.5h)  | Thorsten/Rollo        | Ronni/Henning         |
| 10:00 – 13:00 (3h)   | Ronni/Henning         | <u>Rainer/Dietmar</u> |
| 13:00 – 16:00 (3h)   | <u>Rainer/Dietmar</u> | Andre/Ivo             |
| 16:00 – 19:00 (3h)   | Andre/Ivo             | Thorsten/Rollo        |
| 19:00 – 21:30 (2.5h) | Thorsten/Rollo        | Ronni/Henning         |
| 21:30 – 24:00 (2.5h) | Ronni/Henning         | <u>Rainer/Dietmar</u> |





# Fleet tracker





# At night



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# The basics



- ▶ It sleeps
- ▶ It eats and drinks
- ▶ It does watches on time

*Adequate crew keeping on the 'Cheri'*







# Ocean shower



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# Ocean shower



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# After the 1<sup>st</sup> Storm



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# Before the next one





# Chart plotter



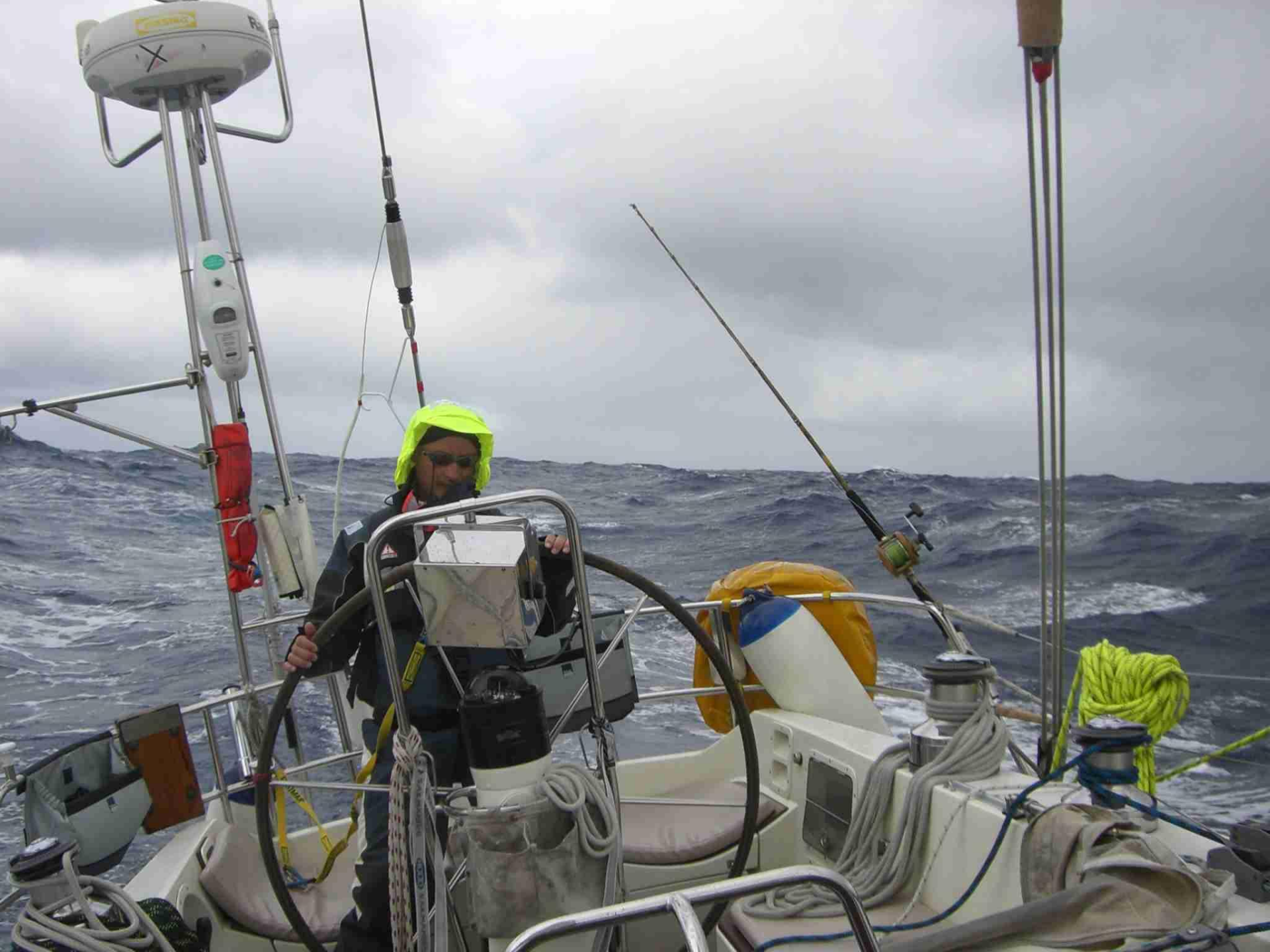




# The second storm



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# Skipper on the Helm



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# Across the North Atlantic

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# Fair Isle toast



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# Sailing and living



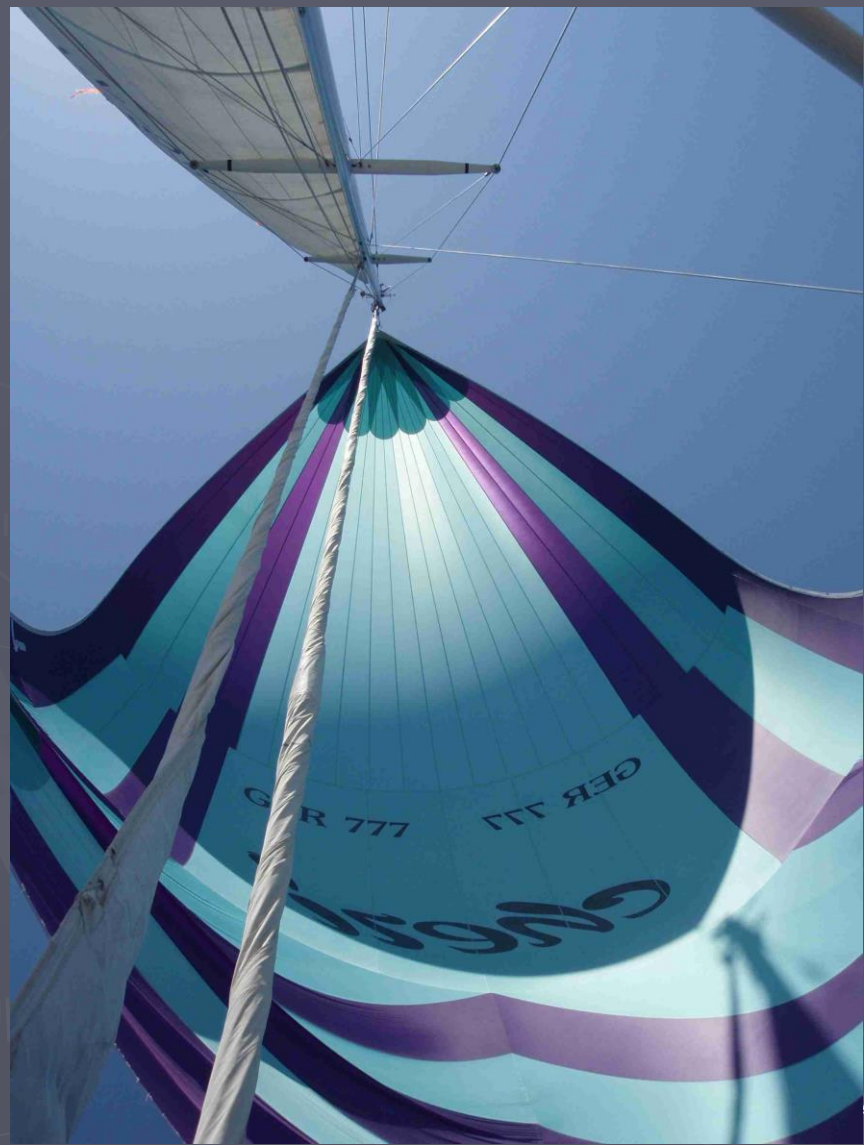






# North Sea Impressions

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# Running down the North Sea



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DEPTH 6.8  
SPEED 1.6





# Comparison



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# The finish line



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# Results



## Class: IRC overall (IRC) 1.R.

| PI.      | SAIL NO.  | YACHTNAME            | HELMSMAN              | TYPE            | TCC    | ELAPSED      | CORRECTED    | CLASS |
|----------|-----------|----------------------|-----------------------|-----------------|--------|--------------|--------------|-------|
| 1        | USA 25555 | RAMBLER              | David, George Reichel | Pugh 90         | 1.6790 | 11d 16:13:59 | 19d 14:30:41 | 1     |
| 2        | GER 5676  | OUTSIDER             | Hansen, Tillmar       | Elliot 52       | 1.4000 | 14d 20:14:10 | 20d 18:43:50 | 2a    |
| 3        | USA 50062 | BON BON              | Reith, Johann-Stephan | RP80            | 1.5360 | 13d 14:08:03 | 20d 20:56:32 | 1     |
| 4        | IRL 5005  | CHIEFTAIN            | O'Rourke, Ger         | Cookson50       | 1.3300 | 16d 15:57:04 | 22d 03:56:06 | 2a    |
| 5        | GER 77    | PETER V.SEESTERM     | Reibnitz, Christoph   | 1936 Oceanracer | 1.0060 | 22d 06:57:46 | 22d 10:10:21 | 2c    |
| 6        | GER 777   | CHERI RAFFAY HAMBURG | Wulff, Ronald         | Swan 51CB       | 1.0850 | 21d 11:49:19 | 23d 07:40:01 | 2c    |
| 7        | GER 5625  | CHARISMA             | Claviez, Constantin   | Swan 441        | 1.0390 | 22d 10:42:09 | 23d 07:42:43 | 2c    |
| 8        | GER 5148  | LUV                  | Tornow, Heiko         | X-482           | 1.1320 | 21d 07:10:34 | 24d 02:39:05 | 2c    |
| 9        | GER 5500  | NORDDEUTSCHEVERM     | Hilbert, Torsten      | Andrews56       | 1.2630 | 19d 07:06:00 | 24d 08:53:43 | 2a    |
| 10       | GER 4840  | SEEADLER             | Schinzler, Helge      | X-482           | 1.1270 | 21d 15:43:34 | 24d 09:43:53 | 2c    |
| 11       | GER 45036 | ISKAREEN             | Bruhns, Arnt          | Swan 45         | 1.1820 | 20d 15:49:30 | 24d 10:03:55 | 2b    |
| 12       | USA 52599 | SNOW LION            | Huntington, Lawrence  | Ker 50          | 1.2640 | 19d 07:48:36 | 24d 10:15:21 | 2a    |
| 13       | GER 5225  | VARUNA               | Kellinghusen, Jens    | IMX-45          | 1.1550 | 21d 04:37:32 | 24d 11:27:45 | 2b    |
| 14       | GER 5609  | TUTIMA               | Ebert, Thomas         | DK46            | 1.2050 | 20d 08:42:07 | 24d 12:53:09 | 2b    |
| 15       | GER 4810  | HASPA HAMBURG        | Nodop, Gerd           | X-482           | 1.1460 | 21d 10:38:28 | 24d 13:46:43 | 2c    |
| 16       | GER 5555  | BANK VON BREMEN      | Persch, Rainer        | JV53            | 1.2800 | 19d 08:11:49 | 24d 18:10:19 | 2a    |
| 17       | GER 5488  | HSH NORDBANK         | Friedrichs, Martin    | Luffe 48        | 1.1270 | 22d 09:37:57 | 25d 05:54:43 | 2c    |
| 18       | GBR 509R  | BOATMEN              | Blunck, Steffen       | Bermudian SI    | 1.2170 | 20d 21:11:28 | 25d 09:56:59 | 2b    |
| 19       | GBR 1418  | MAIDEN               | Goedeking, Hilmer     | Whitbread 60    | 1.1750 | 21d 18:51:51 | 25d 14:21:55 | 2b    |
| 20       | GER 4561  | KPMG                 | Braunschmidt, Inken   | X-612           | 1.2320 | 20d 20:37:59 | 25d 16:46:48 | 2b    |
| 21       | GBR 8000L | GREY GOOSE           | Koenig, Tobias        | Swan 82FD       | 1.3940 | 18d 14:26:55 | 25d 22:20:58 | 2a    |
| 22       | GER 1800  | ALBATROS             | Kerstan, Manfred      | Swan 82RS       | 1.2140 | 22d 02:43:24 | 26d 20:17:53 | 2b    |
| (DNF) 23 | GBR 9414R | PARSIFAL III         | De Kock, Barry        | Perini Navi     | 1.4970 | DNF          |              | 1     |
| (DNF) 23 | GER 5810  | TAONGA               | Claussen, Jochen      | Marten 49       | 1.2660 | DNF          |              | 2a    |



# The whole story



- ▶ 21 days
- ▶ 3,600 nm (4,140 miles)
- ▶ A lot of fun
- ▶ Abdication
- ▶ Some torture (lack of sleep)
- ▶ New good friends

*What an experience...*



# Arrival in Hamburg



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Thank you!