



The ROYAL WESTERN YACHT CLUB of ENGLAND

OSTAR 2005



the
FARADAY MILL
ORIGINAL SINGLEHANDED
TRANSATLANTIC RACE

29th May 2005
12:00

Organising Authority: The Royal Western Yacht Club of England

2005 FARADAY MILL OSTAR

Following the decision by the Royal Western Yacht Club to split the OSTAR into two races, the 'grand prix' race for the 50 and 60 ft classes was held in 2004 under the 'Transat' name and organised by Offshore Challenges Events Ltd., and the 'Corinthian' race for yachts up to 50 ft was held in 2005 continuing the OSTAR name.

The return to the Corinthian spirit of the original single-handed trans-atlantic race brought out an entry of 42 (32 monohulls and 10 multihulls). Many of the skippers were experienced OSTAR competitors back for more; including Peter Crowther sailing his seventh OSTAR, Bertus Buys on his fifth, and Franco Manzoli for his fourth trip. This race also saw the reintroduction of handicaps with the classes determined by IRC/MOCRA ratings with separate classes for Open 40 and 50 yachts.

34 yachts came to the start but a collision with *Chivas 3* forced Jacques Dewez to retire *Blue Shadow* from his third OSTAR attempt. Hannah White made a good start in her Open 40 *Spirit of Canada*, setting a challenge to Lia Ditton and Anne Caseneuve for youngest finisher and first female honours. There was interest also in the seven strong Open 40 class – how would the new Class 40s perform against the unlimited 40s of the experienced Ronnie Nollet and Michel Kleinjans – and whether the North Atlantic weather would favour the smaller boats.

The light conditions favoured the smaller boats on the first day but the wind then increased on the nose and the first retirements soon came. Anne Caseneuve was leading the fleet when her dream of breaking the 50ft record was shattered by a fall which badly damaged her knee. Roger Langevin in the remaining Open 50 (*Branec IV*) became favourite, but Pierre Antoine in the 43ft *Spirit* and Franco Manzoli in his 40ft *Cotonella* would prove strong contenders for the multihull honours.

Over the next few days six of the Open 40s retired with a variety of failures leaving just Nico Budel to win the class. Hanna White's retirement due to autopilot failure left Lia Ditton in the small 34ft tri *Shockwave* as the sole female competitor. Two storms later, when halfway across the Atlantic, damage forced Michel Jaheny (*Chivas 3*) to become the last of the 16 retirements from the 34 starters.

The race settled down as predicted with *Branec* just leading *Spirit* and *Cotonella*, and the 50ft *Olympian Challenger* well ahead of *Atlantix Express* and *Hayai*. At the finish Langevin and Antonine went south but Franco Manzoli held course to the north and passed the other two to take line honours. *Olympian Challenger* came fourth to be the first monohull finisher. Lia Ditton crossed the line in eleventh place to become the youngest female finisher. Mervyn Wheatley (*Tamarind*) led the Eira class, the only class not to have any retirements.

Quest II's arrival in sixteenth place was greeted warmly. Gerry Hughes is profoundly deaf and overcame many problems to finish (including the loss of electrical power which restricted his ability to text his position). Cees Groot completed the arrivals finishing just before the time limit some 41 days after he started.

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Plymouth - Newport

29-May-05 12:00

Started: 34

Finished: 18

Classes

Pen Duick - Open 40

Manureva - Open 50

Gipsy Moth - IRC 1

Three Cheers - MOCRA 1

Jester - IRC 2

Eira - IRC 3

Skipper	Yacht	Type	LOA	Class	Elapsed Time	Corrected Time	O/A Place	Class Place	Corr Place	Nation
MANZOLI, Franco	COTONELLA	T	40	TC	17 21 41	29 14 16	1	1	3	ITA
LANGEVIN, Roger	BRANEC IV	T	50	M	18 06 07	--	2	1	-	FRA
ANTOINE, Pierre	SPIRIT	T	43	TC	18 08 43	27 17 29	3	2	2	FRA
WHITE, Steve	OLYMPIAN CHALLENGER	M	50	GM	20 05 24	23 07 11	4	1	1	GBR
LEPINE, Yves	ATLANTIX EXPRESS	M	45	GM	21 04 40	27 18 52	5	2	3	CAN
BUDEL, Nico	HAYAI	M	40	PD	21 18 17	--	6	1	-	NLD
RUBRIGHT, Phillip	ECHO ZULU	M	45	GM	23 22 50	26 13 29	7	3	2	USA
BART, Leon	HOUD VAN HOUT	T	37	TC	25 16 45	27 07 36	8	3	1	NLD
REGNIER, Lionel	TROIS MILLE SABORDS	M	30	J	25 23 48	25 22 33	9	1	1	FRA
WHEATLEY, Mervyn	TAMARIND	M	42	E	26 02 48	23 07 06	10	1	1	GBR
DITTON, Aurelia	SHOCKWAVE	T	34	TC	27 09 19	40 11 31	11	4	4	GBR
KEIG, Peter	ZEAL	M	38	E	27 11 31	25 07 09	12	2	2	GBR
GRATTON, Stephen	AMELIE OF DART	M	32	E	30 04 32	25 10 47	13	3	3	GBR
HATTON, Richard	CHIMP	M	31	E	30 18 07	27 22 57	14	4	4	GBR
SWETS, Huib	VIJAYA	M	40	GM	32 05 04	34 00 22	15	4	4	NLD
HUGHES, Gerry	QUEST II	M	34	E	34 04 15	31 20 28	16	5	5	GBR
HEINEY, Paul	AYESHA OF ST MAWES	M	35	E	35 14 19	32 00 02	17	6	6	GBR
GROOT, Cees	REALITY	M	38	J	41 16 15	39 01 14	18	2	2	NLD
JAHENY, Michel	CHIVAS 3	M	43	GM	Retired -					FRA
CARPENTIER, Patrice	VM MATERIAUX	M	40	PD	Retired -					FRA

BOOSMAN, Bart	DE FRANSCHMAN	M	30	J	Retired - broken shroud	NLD
WHITE, Hannah	SPIRIT OF CANADA	M	40	PD	Retired - auto helm broken	GBR
CROWTHER, Peter	SUOMI KUDU	M	38	J	Retired - broken forestay	GBR
KLEINJANS, Michel	ROARING FORTY	M	40	PD	Retired - bulkhead problems	BEL
ARDIAANS, Pieter	ROBOSAIL	M	40	PD	Retired - boom, vang problems	NLD
WALDECK, Tony	ADRIENNE MAY	M	43	J	Retired - mainsail luff cars failed	GBR
NOLLET, Ronny	LA PROMESSE	M	40	PD	Retired - previous back injury	BEL
CHATELIN, Pierre	DESTINATION CALAIS	M	40	PD	Retired - problems with boat	FRA
CASENEUVE, Anne	ACANTHE INGENIERE	T	50	M	Retired - injured knee	FRA
GIROIRE, Etienne	UP MY SLEEVE	T	40	TC	Retired -	USA
BUYS, Bertus	SEA BERYL	M	40	J	Retired - mainsail damage	NLD
VAN DE LOOSDRECHT, Bram	OCTAVUS	M	39	GM	Retired - dismasted	NLD
HOBSON, Ross	MOLLYMAWK	T	43	TC	Retired - broken daggerboard	GBR
DEWEZ, Jacques	BLUE SHADOW	M	40	GM	Retired - damaged at start	FRA

Yachts entered but did not start: ALACRITY; WINGOVER; KRISTINE II; EUROMOBILAIRE; GWALARN V; OLBIA; CITTA DI SALERNO; PERSEVERANCE .

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