

Boris Herrmann nominated for the “German Offshore Award 2009”

Hamburg♦Bremen. The German Offshore Owners Association, founded a year ago in Germany as a community of interests for yachting sailors of the high seas, has nominated Boris Herrmann as a candidate for the second “German Offshore Award”. The “German Offshore Award” is a prize bestowed by the Senate of the City of Hamburg for the best sailing of a German open-sea yacht in an international competition. Aboard the Class 40 Yacht “Beluga Racer”, the 27-year-old skipper, together with his co-skipper Felix Oehme, is currently sailing through the notorious “Roaring Forties”. The German Duo has a very clear lead in the overall rankings of the “Portimão Global Ocean Race”, and following the victory in the initial stage between Portimão (Portugal) and Cape Town (South Africa), the team also has good chances of being the first to cross the finish line in Wellington (New Zealand).

The already distinguished peak performance of Boris Herrmann during this race and his spectacular showing with the award of 2nd Place in May of 2008 in the “Artemis Transat”, the oldest offshore regatta for solo sailors, convinced the jury to place the native of Oldenburg near the very top of the list of candidates for the “German Offshore Award”. “The total sailing performance of Boris Herrmann is outstanding”, says Volker Andreae, the initiator of the German Offshore Owners Association, “the ‘Portimão Global Ocean Race’ is first and foremost in terms of sailing truly a great challenge, and he asserted himself admirably among the best of the “Artemis Transat” as well.

The jury assigns value points to the German yachts taking part in international regattas. These points orient themselves with respect to the sporting value of the regatta, the weather conditions and the achieved ranking in the race. In this year, eight ships and their skippers are expected to be in the final. Representatives of renowned sailing clubs choose the winner. They are being assisted by Dr. Meeno Schrader, advisers of the German Olympia Sailing Team and managing directors of the WetterWelt GmbH, the Weather World Company. In the presence of some 350 guests, the “German Offshore Award 2009” will most probably be presented by the Mayor of Hamburg, Ole von Beust, in the City Hall of Hamburg on Friday, the 6th of February 2009.

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