

Portimão Global Ocean Race:

A perfect victory in the 2nd Stage

Position 41 ° 17' South, 174 ° 47' East.

These two guys simply can not be conquered. No high-pressure are and no low-pressure can stop them. Boris Herrmann and Felix Oehme are the very first to arrive in the “Windy City”, the windswept City of Wellington (New Zealand). Aboard the “Beluga Racer”, their Class 40 yacht, they crossed the finish line on Thursday, the 15th of January 2009 at 15.01 am German time – the local time there, where it was already Friday morning, is 12 hours ahead of the CET.

Currently, Boris Herrmann and Felix Oehme have mastered approximately 7,500 nautical miles and thus the longest stage of the “Portimão Global Ocean Race”, as they now enjoy their second stage victory and their lead in the total ranking of the regatta. The second-placed team, the Chilean duo aboard the “Desafio Cabo de Hornos”, is expected to arrive several hours later. After a few days of rest and relaxation, Boris Herrmann and Felix Oehme will soon return aboard for the purpose of inspecting the “Beluga Racer” and undertaking important maintenance tasks. On Saturday, the 21st of February 2009, at the beginning of the stage leading from Wellington around the legendary Cape Horn towards Ilhabela (Brazil), the thrilling “race around the world” will resume.

Via their online podcast transmitted upon arrival, the two skippers have expressed their appreciation for all of their loyal supporters and sponsors as well as for the many visitors of the website www.beluga-racer.com. “It makes us proud to know that so many people are strongly backing us, and it is simultaneously a very special form of motivation”, say Felix Oehme and Boris Herrmann in the live conversation aboard their vessel.

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