



Tracy Edwards Log Book

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5,483 miles to go

Everyone on great form today: lots of jokes and laughing, a perfect atmosphere. The wind slowly came up, and all the boats drew apart again. We kept Schlüssel and Rucanor behind but we just couldn't seem to pass La Poste. Cyclones Nancy and Ofa are heading our way; we have two choices of where to go. We are following Merit which is skippered by Pierre Fehlmann who skippered Maiden in the 1981/82 WRTWR when she was Disque D'Or!

We crossed the dateline today so we are back in the West and were given an extra day!

Although it was cool and cloudy this morning it cleared and ended up being hot. When I got to my Nav Station this morning it was in a mess - again. I don't know who messes around in her when I am asleep but it drives me nuts! But, we had pancakes for breakfast which cheered me up. It doesn't take much! La Poste was only two miles ahead at first light so the main task for the day is get in front of them. Michele said 'we will have them for lunch; and so we did, modestly putting our tops on as we went past!

The wind stayed variable all day, but it was really nice sailing with the flanker up doing 8-9 knots.

In the late afternoon the wind died and started to come aft; we gybed three times before dinner. Tanja injured her ear, she's got a hole in the back or something. Angela's filling fell out and she then she fell down the hatch - just not her day! I broke my bracelet and lost it.

Our gybing is getting better: the atmosphere is still absolutely wonderful, we are all so comfortable with each other. We are called Maiden the Love Boat this leg, as there are so many pining women on board. So, we're looking forward to the SBS (Sleaze Bar Speed in Punta Del Este).

Each day we tackle someone's love life. Eleven women giving advice; it's hysterical, you end up more confused than before. Meanwhile I spent an agonising evening trying to work out whether to go east or south. The wind is right behind us; I decided to wait and see where L'Esprit was when we did the chat show.