



Tracy Edwards Log Book

8th January 1990 – nearly there!

We finally crossed the finish line just 57 minutes ahead of L'Esprit at 1227 in the morning of the 8th January 1990. I almost thought I had missed the line at one point – so difficult to see the buoys in the dark with the lights of Auckland behind them. But as we crossed the line we were met with a bizarre sight – the boys from F&P and Steinlager had come on a spectator boat and were lined up along the side all singing:

“There she was just a-walkin' down the street, singin' Do wah diddy diddy dum diddy do

Snappin' her fingers and shufflin' her feet,
singin' Do wah diddy diddy dum diddy do

She looked good, looked good, she looked fine,
looked fine

She looked good, she looked fine and I nearly
lost my mind”

It was just wonderful and really made our day! Brilliant. Bob Fisher was also on board busy writing his famous “Not just a tin full of tarts, but a tin full of smart, fast tarts!” article. We loved him for that one – although sadly you probably couldn't write that these days!

