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First ARC+ arrivals make landfall in Saint Lucia

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On 20 November, 43 rally yachts set sail from Mindelo in the Cape Verde Islands bound for Rodney Bay on the beautiful Caribbean island of Saint Lucia. Seven ARC+ boats are now safely tied up inside Rodney Bay Marina having enjoyed an easy sail across the Atlantic. The rest of the ARC+ boats are due to arrive over the next week, as the established trade winds continue to speed them towards the Caribbean.

First across the finish line on Saturday 30 November at 1044 local time, was Outremer 64' Catamaran Malisi (AUT) who sailed the 2100NM passage in just under 10 days. All crew were very happy to discover they were the first arrival, after encountering some technical difficulties with their communications at sea they were unaware of their position in relation to the rest of the rally boats. 'We really didn't know where we were most of the time, but it meant we kept pressure on from start to finish,' said Malisi's skipper, Rainer Holtorff on arrival.

As Malisi sailed round Pigeon Island and into Rodney Bay, the sun was just rising over the Island making a welcoming sight. Crew were congratulated by ARC+ Rally Control out on the finish line and assisted to their berth inside the marina. Once alongside, representatives from the Saint Lucia Tourist Board presented all participants with a glass of the rum punch and a hamper of local produce providing a very warm welcome to this beautiful Caribbean island. Local dignitaries, press and media teams were also on the dock to take photographs and interview the crew after their Atlantic crossing.

The Malisi crew explained they had enjoyed a fast yet very comfortable passage reporting no real concerns. 'We definitely pushed her, sometimes perhaps a little too much, but she (Malisi) handled it very well' admitted Rainer on the dockside.

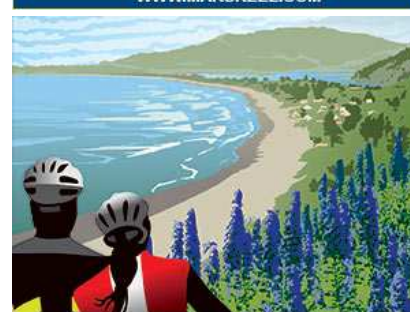
Crew member Mattias Rueleke thoroughly enjoyed the passage on board, praising the combination of comfort and speed of the Outremer 64' for the eight man crew, 'She's a very comfortable boat for a fast catamaran. We were able to enjoy a full BBQ on deck for eight hungry crew, whilst we powered along at 10 knots with a well-trimmed spinnaker.'

36 hours after Malisi's arrival came the second ARC+ arrival; X-Yachts' X-482 LUV (GER) owned by Heiko Tornow. Crews were delighted to arrive as they leapt into the sea once across the finish line to cool off after 11 days crossing an ocean.



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Two other X-Yachts have joined LUV in the top five first arrivals, the X-482 AronnaX (BEL) and the slightly smaller X-442 Mathilde (DEN). All crews have reported some great sailing, and even too comfortable at times, 'Having never sailed a passage of this length and scale, it was actually lot easier than I had expected' said Daniela De Luca D'Elia from AronnaX.

The majority of the ARC fleet that departed Las Palmas on 24th November are still some way off Saint Lucia after ten days at sea. Several of the cruising fleet have called in to Marina Mindelo themselves to refuel after a period of light winds in the first week out of Las Palmas, whilst others have experienced the effects of an intense low pressure system that formed along the rhumb line causing 24 hours of head winds and rain squalls. The unusual weather pattern has divided the fleet into three distinct groups; the larger boats of the racing fleet tracked far North of the rhumb line hoping to catch strong winds behind the low as they headed South, a strategy that is paying off so far for Knierim 65 Caro who could be on course to break the ARC course record if conditions hold.

Meanwhile the Cruising fleet have honoured the old adage of 'sailing south until the butter melts' and attempting to avoid a narrow low pressure system as it tracks through, hoping for the traditional trade winds to re-establish themselves behind. Logs sent in from the boats and posted on the ARC rally website are reporting fishing triumphs, dolphin displays and the SSB-Radio Net providing a great social hub between the boats whilst at sea.

Five boats that departed Las Palmas with the ARC have taken the decision to retire from the rally. Pogo 40 Green has returned to the Canary Islands with electrical problems, whilst Liberte experienced a broken boom and will remain in Mindelo, Cape Verdes. Steering problems on Zenarra has meant they too have decided to divert to Mindelo for assistance.

All of those involved with the ARC were deeply saddened to learn of the sudden death of Nicholas Achy, skipper of Alayat3, who passed away due to a suspected heart attack on 28 November, shortly before reaching the Cape Verdes. The boat is now in Mindelo, and has been joined by fellow French crew and friends from yacht, Marijose.

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Rolex China Sea Race 2014 - nip and tuck for IRC honours by RHKYC and Guy Nowell, Sail-World Asia, Hong Kong
They say that discerning gentleman sailors only sail on boats with a foot of waterline length for every year of their age. At age 87, Syd Fischer has got three years to go before he needs a bigger boat. Meanwhile, and after 57h 31m 18s of racing, he finally steered his 90 foot Maxi, Ragamuffin 90, over the line to claim Line Honours for the 2014 Rolex China Sea Race. ... [\[more\]](#)



Clipper Round the World Yacht Race - Race 11 to get underway to Panama by Clipper Round the World,
In the Clipper Round the World Yacht Race, the PSP Logistics Panama 100 Cup, which is Race 11, gets underway today (Saturday) at 1300 local time in San Francisco (2000 UTC). This very tactical race from the Californian city to Panama will take approximately three weeks to complete. The race sees the teams transit the Panama Canal in its centenary year before starting Race 12 to Jamaica. ... [\[more\]](#)



Rolex China Sea Race - Hi Fi collects the coveted IRC Overall title by RHKYC Media,
The second major prize of the 2014 Rolex China Sea Race was decided in Subic Bay this morning, as Hi Fi held Bryon Ehrhart's TP52 Lucky to a two minute lead on the water to ensure that Neil Pryde's Welbourne 52 collects the coveted IRC Overall title for the second time in four years. ... [\[more\]](#)



Rolex China Sea Race - First arrivals in Subic Bay by KPMS,
At midday on Saturday, five of the 34-strong international fleet had completed the 27th Rolex China Sea Race. 87-year old Syd Fischer's Maxi Ragamuffin 90 claimed line honours at 22:51.18 local time on Friday evening having led the race from start to finish. ... [\[more\]](#)



Rolex China Sea Race 2014 - a sniff of a hat-trick for Neil Pryde by Guy Nowell, Sail-World Asia, Hong Kong
Never underestimate a seasoned campaigner. Neil Pryde's Welbourne 52 HiFi crossed the finish line of the Rolex China Sea Race 2014 at Grande Island, Subic Bay this morning at 1107h, third on the water behind Syd Fischer's Ragamuffin 90 and Bryon Ehrhart's TP52 Lucky, to jump into





the top spot for IRC Overall. Right now, it's looking-over-the-shoulder time, but the next boats due to finish are ... [\[more\]](#)



America's Cup Book Review: Winging It - Oracle Team USA's comeback *Feature by Richard Gladwell Sail-World.com/nz, Winging It by noted America's Cup writers Diane Swintal, Steven Tsuchiya, and Robert Kamins, is not your father's book on the America's Cup. This is not a coffee table book, but more a working primer on the 34th America's Cup, the events that led up to the Match, and the racing itself - summarized in both narrative and data formats. ... [\[more\]](#)



Clipper Round the World Yacht Race: Switzerland drops trou for charity by Clipper Round the World, When it comes to the Clipper Round the World Yacht Race, you may have heard the rumours, but now the evidence is here. The crew of Switzerland have saved two more lives on behalf of Mercy Ships, their official charity, after getting naked while sailing across the cold Pacific Ocean to raise money. ... [\[more\]](#)



Antigua Classic Yacht Regatta - 27th edition underway by Louay Habib, There were hundreds of smiling faces in Falmouth Harbour this morning. The 27th Edition of the Antigua Classic Yacht Regatta kicked off in glorious Caribbean weather, 20 knots of warm Trades' and two metre seas provided exciting conditions for the wondrous fleet of classic yachts that have gathered in Antigua. ... [\[more\]](#)



Rolex China Sea Race - Ragamuffin 90 claims line honours victory by KPMS, In the 2014 Rolex China Sea Race, Ragamuffin 90 has sealed line honours, having led the entire 565-nm race from the start in Victoria Harbour, Hong Kong to the finish in Subic Bay, The Philippines. Syd Fischer's 90-ft Maxi finished the race at 22:51.18 local time, completing the course in 57 hours, 31 minutes and 18 seconds. ... [\[more\]](#)



Saturday June 21st will feature the 39th One More time Regatta by Andy Kopetzky, Southern California Saturday, June 21st will mark the 39th Annual One More Time Regatta. The event is open to all wooden hulled boats and is presented by the Wooden Hull Yacht Club and sponsored by Del Rey Yacht Club. It is the only regatta run in Santa Monica Bay exclusively for wooden hulled vessels. ... [\[more\]](#)



Rolex China Sea Race - Ragamuffin 90 extends unassailable lead by RHKYC, The 27th edition of the Rolex China Sea Race looks certain to feature yachting legend Syd Fischer on the silverware, with Ragamuffin 90 sailing consistently to extend an unassailable lead on the water over her closest rivals and expected to finish just before midnight tonight. ... [\[more\]](#)



Rolex China Sea Race - Commanding lead for Ragamuffin by KPMS, In the Rolex China Sea Race, Syd Fischer's 90-ft Maxi Ragamuffin has a commanding lead some 42 hours into the 27th edition. At 09:30 local time, Fischer's Ragamuffin 90 was 134-nm from the finish line in Subic Bay, The Philippines and closing in on line honours. ... [\[more\]](#)



Antigua Classic Yacht Regatta - An amazing fleet of traditional yachts by Louay Habib, Antigua's Falmouth Harbour has taken on the charm of days gone by, the 27th Antigua Classic Yacht Regatta, sponsored by Panerai, has brought together an extra-ordinary fleet of traditional yachts from all over the world, the beautiful natural harbour is in a time-warp. ... [\[more\]](#)



Bell's Beer Bayview Mackinac Race - Freshwater adventure on tap by Kirsten Ferguson, Affectionately known as the 'Bayview Mack,' the Bell's Beer Bayview Mackinac Race—hosted by Detroit's Bayview Yacht Club—promises to deliver in more ways than one this year when it commences at 11:30 a.m. ... [\[more\]](#)



Why the 49er class is pushing hard to get finals format changed +Video by Ben Remocker, The 49er class has a tradition of pushing sailing forward, aligning to the Olympic ideals and the Olympic business model. The overall Olympic success is a complex tonic, but the core product is live sports. Live coverage of sailing is difficult and expensive. Traditionally it has also been slow paced and difficult to understand for non-sailors, the vast majority of Olympic customers. ... [\[more\]](#)



Alpari World Match Racing Tour: Can Williams surpass Gilmour's record? by Alpari World Match Racing Tour, Ian Williams and his GAC Pindar team begin the 2014 Alpari World Match Racing Tour with the aim, of course, of winning this year's World Championship title. But as was the case in 2013, when Williams disappointingly finished overall runner-up to Taylor Canfield's USone team, victory this year would be significant: To date Williams has won the Tour four times – in 2007-8 and 2011-12. ... [\[more\]](#)



Coastal Cup sets sail from Alameda June 11 by Andrew Kopetzky, Various coastal breezes and fabulous scenery of the West Coast of California await entrants of the 23rd annual Coastal Cup. The ocean race from San Francisco to Southern California will be returning to Santa Monica Bay in Los Angeles. ... [\[more\]](#)



PWA Cold Hawaii World Cup - Massive support from the local community by Robert Sand, With massive local support, the PWA Cold Hawaii World Cup is back on the calendar for 2014. This is due to a three-year agreement made by Thisted Forsikring, a local and acknowledged Danish insurance company, which ensures the foundation for organizing the event. ... [\[more\]](#)



Les Voiles de St. Barth - Weather factors in + Video by Kirsten Ferguson, The Weather Gods had promised more breeze for day two of Les Voiles de St. Barth, and it came in a steady line of squalls moving south to north across the island, presenting challenging conditions for competitors and the Race Committee alike. ... [\[more\]](#)



HUD Vision: An interview with Afterguard Marine's Alex Moret *Feature by David Schmidt, Sail-World USA Editor, Seattle Heads Up Displays (HUDs) have long been the holy grail of the tech-savvy racing sailor. This

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ISAF Sailing World Cup Hyeres - US Sailing Team ready for action by US Sailing,
Following a short break after the completion of ISAF Sailing World Cup Mallorca in Spain, the US Sailing Team Sperry Top-Sider will be in action again April 21-26 at the upcoming World Cup event in Hyères, France. A strong American contingent of over 30 athletes will compete in nine Olympic classes. ... [\[more\]](#)



Volvo Ocean Race - Dongfeng Race Team first official qualifier by Dongfeng Race Team,
The first team to officially qualify for the 2014-15 Volvo Ocean Race is Dongfeng Race Team. Confirmation came direct from Jack Lloyd, Race Director of the Volvo Ocean Race that following the team's recent 18 day training voyage, Dongfeng Race Team has met the official qualification requirements of sailing 2,000 nautical miles non-stop with 60% of the crew members for Leg 1 onboard. ... [\[more\]](#)



Springtime boat buyers need to take care of a few key things by BoatUS,
With the top boat buying season of the year kicking off, springtime boat buyers are on the prowl. The nation's largest recreational boating advocacy and services group, Boat Owner Association of The United States (BoatUS), has some must do tips before you sign on the dotted line. ... [\[more\]](#)



ISAF Match Race Rankings for 16 April 2014 by ISAF,
The ISAF Race Rankings for 16 April 2014 have been released. Taylor Canfield (ISV) and Camilla Ulrikkeholm (DEN) occupy the world number one spots in the Open and Women's Match Race Rankings. ... [\[more\]](#)



ISAF Sailing World Cup Hyeres - World's best to race on French Riviera by ISAF,
The ISAF Sailing World Cup Hyeres will see Olympic medallists, World Champions and ISAF Sailing World Cup medallists compete as the 2013-2014 series draws to a close. More than 1,100 sailors across ten Olympic and two Paralympic events will race on the French Riviera from Monday 21 April through to Saturday 26 April. ... [\[more\]](#)



Rolex China Sea Race - Fleet off to a clean start by KPMS,
The 27th edition of the 565nm Rolex China Sea Race commenced today with a fleet of 34 international yachts. With Hong Kong's impressive skyscraper skyline forming a domineering backdrop, the fleet made a clean start under a steady easterly breeze of eight knots. ... [\[more\]](#)



America's Cup: Expected de Ridder penalty should be reduced *Feature by Richard Gladwell/Sail-World.com/nz, Auckland, NZ
The predicted penalty of a five year suspension from the sport, for Oracle Team USA wingsail trimmer, Dirk de Ridder, would appear to be extreme by international standards. The case is due to go before the International Sailing Federation's Review Board in late April. They will consider the report from the Disciplinary Commission, which is the body believed to have recommended a five year penalty ... [\[more\]](#)



World Youth Sailing Week - Second edition officially presented + Video by Elena Giolai,
At a press conference organised by 'Vela Garda Trentino' together with the sailing clubs involved there was the official presentation of the second 'World Youth Sailing Week' an event dedicated to youth sailing and taking place in the Garda Trentino region during the week of Easter. The event comprises a series of regattas organised in the Alto Garda region. ... [\[more\]](#)



Rolex China Sea Race - Sailing classic returns by KPMS,
Final preparations are underway for the 27th Rolex China Sea Race, Asia's principal offshore competition which gets underway on Wednesday, 16 April. A fleet of 34 yachts from eight countries are expected to make the start line in Victoria Harbour, Hong Kong ahead of a 565-nm race through the South China Sea to Subic Bay, The Philippines. ... [\[more\]](#)



Les Voiles de St Barth - Fired up for battle by Fabrice Thomazeau,
It may be close to the end of the Caribbean sailing season, but the sailors on 70 boats registered for this fifth edition of Les Voiles de St. Barth are freshly fired up for friendly battles against some top competitors before they head north to the U.S. and across the 'pond' to the UK and Europe to chase an endless sailing season. ... [\[more\]](#)



CNN Mainsail Down Under for the 75th JJ Giltinan Trophy - 18ft skiffs by CNN Mainsail,
Shirley Robertson and the CNN Mainsail team have been DownUnder and filed this video report on the 18ft skiffs, their history, characters and current sailors. Robertson, a double Olympic Gold Medalist, talks with several past and present 18ft skiff sailors, including iain Murray, John Winning, Seve Jarvin and 98 year old Billy Barnett. ... [\[more\]](#)



Volvo Ocean Race: North Sails on outfitting the Volvo 65 by North Sails Media,
When it comes to the Volvo Ocean Race (or any ocean race for that matter), Bruno Dubois is North Sails' point man. His thousands of ocean miles and 25 years of sailmaking have something to do with it. A veteran of the Transat Jacques Vabre, Jules Verne and Whitbread Round the World Race, he is a Corel 45 world champion and Mini Transat winner. ... [\[more\]](#)



Image gallery: James Cook High's Royal encounter on Steinlager 2 *Feature by Richard Gladwell,
Soon after HRH the Duke and Duchess of Cambridge had finished their Royal Matchrace on Auckland, the NZ Sailing Trust's Steinlager II passed close by the Royals, as she returned by a day sail with a full crew from Jame Cook High from south Auckland. ... [\[more\]](#)

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