

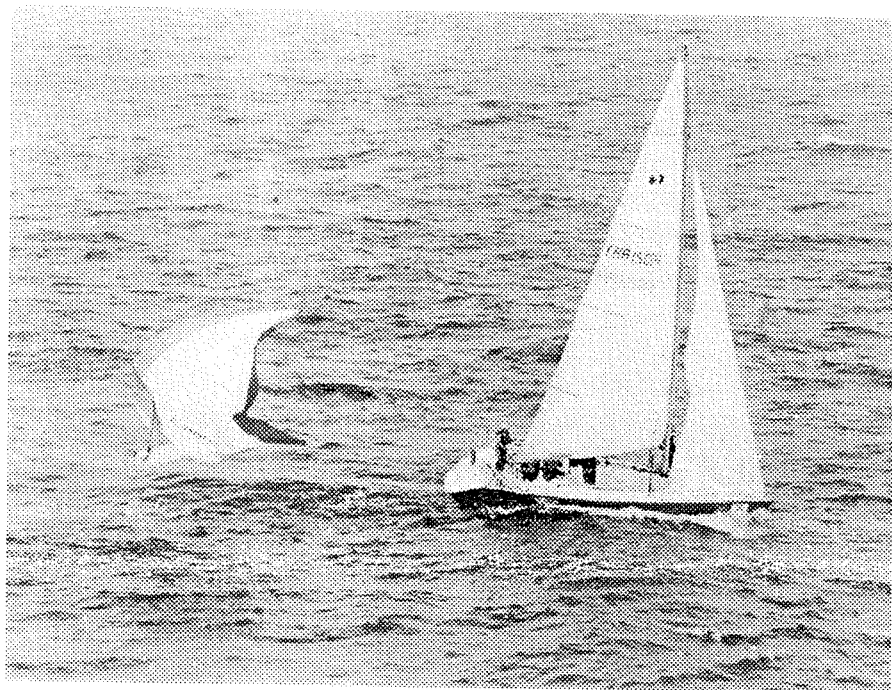
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RAFALES



COURSE DE L'EUROPE

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THE RUSSIANS THROWING THEIR FISHING NET



ENGLAND DEFINITELY IN FRONT, ON MONDAY, BUT...



EDITORIAL

Yesterday, I went and saw the race on board of a security boat. The turn around the buoy are as impressive as ever. I haven't understood the tactical options of the different crews which is not outstanding : yesterday morning, I even didn't know what windward and leeward ... (which means that I'll go to bed less stupid than the night before). Apart from this, I have been a bit disappointed. I have been told that Russians were very strong to fish sardine with the spinnaker: I haven't seen anything like that. During the whole afternoon, I have been waiting for the arrival of the off-shore boat, doing circles on the water. I wasn't even seasick: there were only boats, sea and seagulls, those ever stupid birds. All this to say that it will not happen again, next evening when you're on your boats, I'll be cuddling with my pillow, you'll be fighting against the elements, under a moonless night, within thick mist... I hope it will help you in your effort to know that the whole organising team will be there to greet you with hot chocolate at your arrival.

BRIEFLY...

T-SHIRTS FOR SALE

They are lovely, they are dark blue, they have either long or short sleeves. And the prices are 60 or 80 francs.

You can buy them on the podium truck or at the hotel.

ARTICLES

We are still waiting for your articles and annonces, so that this Rafales be a bit more yours...


OYSTER BED

Yesterday, as there wasn't any wind, the American team decided to go and visit the oyster beds in the area. They had a nice barbecue on their boat, a huge seafood plate is always better than ham sandwiches.

LEAKS


The Bretons did well while coming back to the harbour, their boat scratched the bottom. Panicked, they discovered a leak, and had to be towed by the committee boat. After an inspection, they discovered they had forgotten to bail out...

AUSTRIAN INTERVIEW



The Austrians have admirably summed up everybody's opinion about yesterday races: it was a crap shoot, a jest, it would have been better not to sail. About their brilliant third place in the offshore race, they'd like to emphasize the fact that they've been sailing only for a year, and that it's difficult for them to train because there isn't any sea in Austria, and because their main occupation consists in singing in the mountains or in climbing, dressed in these great shorts you could admire during the teams' presentation sketch. Incidentally, they'd like to precise that the sow they sacrificed for you for the crews' feast was named BRUNHILDE and not MATHILDE, that it was teir fatest (350 Kg), that she was the most famous sow in Austria. They were so sad to have to sacrifice her for this great event that they drank 10 liters of home-made schnaps; actually they're still so sad that they missed the second race...

GERMAN INTERVIEW




The Germans found today's race very difficult (only those training on the Lemane lake may appreciate such weather conditions...). Since yesterday, they found a new tactician, to replace theirs who was wounded monday. Of course, he's not as good, and it'll need time for the team to be as efficient. Anyway, they'll do their best to defend their cause. For the night race, they fear bad weather conditions (strong wind announced), which would make this race

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still more difficult: indeed, everybody has to take care to what is done, especially not to lose any team member (i didn't know sailing could be so dangerous). They'll bring everything necessary to hold on, tea, coffee, and soup.

CRUISE ON THE SEA

 Yesterday, we were on board of one of the boats surveying the race beside the buoy in the wind. One can say that it was a strategic position (no, no, we didn't puke...) because the boats tacked three times around the buoy. Some novice remarks: nice Swiss come back, twelveth on the first passage, they finished in second position; thrilling duel between the English, Portsmouth and Plymouth, too bad for the PMS...; nice spi launching by the Japanese (we could give them lessons...). On the whole, we admired the teams' skills, they fought well in this first race. Let remind you of our bravery on this raging sea, write down the numbers of the boats and pick up the buoy were a real exploit.

Thank you to all the volunteers who help for the race and who take care of the tourists like us, and thanks a lot to all the boats for the show.

GRANY

RANKING

THIRD RACE

- 1 Plymouth
- 2 Finlande
- 3 Autriche
- 4 Slovénie
- 5 Portsmouth
- 6 Suisse
- 7 Portugal
- 8 Polytechnique
- 9 Pays-bas
- 10 Hongrie
- 11 Allemagne
- 12 Russie
- 13 Danemark
- 14 Brest
- 15 Turquie
- 16 USA
- 17 Espagne
- 18 Suède
- 19 Japon

Here is the analysis of the 3rd race by our specialist, Nicolas Urien. There wasn't much wind. It didn't stop shifting, going left most of the time, which means South. At the end, it came back to the West. Three options were possible: the coastal option, the option in the center and the option far outside. The last one, chosen by the Japanese did not pay. The coastal option chosen as radical option by Portsmouth and Switzerland allowed those teams to do important come-backs. Central option gave victory to Plymouth and second place to Finland.

WEATHER FORECAST

NOVEMBER 2ND

Weather: Cloudy weather ,could be rainy.
wind: South eastern
10 TO 15 knots, becoming 20 to 25 in the evening.
Sea: Fair(3 to 5 feet swells)
Visibility: 2 to 4 miles.
1 mile in the rain.

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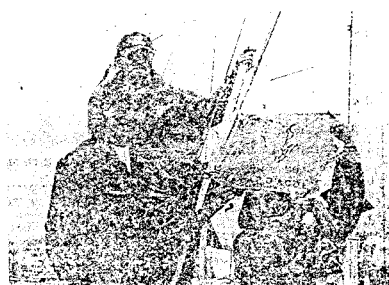
EUROPE IS SAILING AWAY

BEFORE THE PARTY ON LAND, THE FIGHT AT
SEA WAS SEVERE

midi-libre, regional newspaper, monday 1st

L'Europe met les voiles

*Avant la fête à terre la bataille sur l'eau a été
rude. Plymouth, champion sortant, l'emporte.
Messieurs les Anglais, virez les premiers !*



La compétition, façon Japon ?...



...ou version "Perfide Albion" ?

ENGLISH STUDENTS COME FIRST.

Students from the Plymouth university fly over
the first race.

Yesterday, at 1pm, in front of the Cap d'Agde,
with a E/NE wind, 3 or 4 strong wind, the 19 teams
involved in the XVth Course de l'Europe -Student
World Yachting Cup- started the first race disputed on
a Olympic triangle.

Ignoring, from the start, the individual call
launched by the race comity, the students from
Portsmouth took the lead followed by their
countryfellows from Plymouth. The Swiss team
which started in 13th position made a spectacular
come-back to be in 3rd place passing on the wind
buoy.

At the end of the race, the Portsmouth team,
winners of last year's edition, were disqualified,
giving first place to the Plymouth team. The first
French boat, Ecole Polytechnique, came in 6th
place.

PROGRAM

WEDNESDAY NOVEMBER 2ND

06h00-07h00 Breakfast

07h00 Buses leave the hotel

08h00 Boats leave the
harbour

11h30 Back to the harbour,
lunch at the harbour

13h30 skippers' briefing

14h00 Boats leave the
harbour

15h00 Beginning of the night
race

THURSDAY NOVEMBER 3RD

coming back from the regate
during the night

9h00-11h30 brunch

12h30 buses leave the hotel

13h00 boats leave the
harbour: triangle AGPM

18h30-19h30 AGPM gives
its trophy at the hotel
cocktail

21h30 dinner at the hotel