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St Malo Start Wrap Up

First penalty and shifty winds, but they're off.



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St Malo, France -- 3 Jul 2001 18:43 GMT Light winds, calm seas and clear skies made for a picture perfect start today for the start of the *EDS Atlantic Challenge* off St Malo today.

After a brief delay when two boats, *La Rage de Vivre* and *FILA*, were late to the starting line, the boats got underway with *Sill Plein Fruit* taking an early lead from the weather side of the course. The fleet was split with *ECOVER*, *Kingfisher* and *Gartmore* off closest to land, perhaps looking for some land effect breezes, and the others keeping to the weather side of the course.

At the first weather mark, *Sill* made it round the mark three and a half minutes before *ECOVER*; *Gartmore* and *Kingfisher* followed. Not far behind, the women on *AlphaGraphics* followed ahead of *FILA*, with *La Rage de Vivre* in the middle of the fleet.

After rounding the mark, the fleet spread out, with *Sill* maintaining her lead. The wind remained out of the east and the boats peeled their spinnakers with a few minor glitches. *Sill*, *ECOVER* and *AlphaGraphics* all had problems releasing the chutes, with the sock hanging up at the mast. *Sill* sent a crewmember aloft to sort it out with some success. The problem caused *AlphaGraphics* to lose ground, with *FILA* overtaking her. *La Rage de Vivre* -- after a reasonable start and rounding -- fell far back, possibly with some gear problems.

It was evident that the girls on *AlphaGraphics*, although performing well, lack the teamwork to be truly competitive, although by the end of this race, this assessment will almost certainly have changed.

At the western mark -- with a scenic backdrop of dark, stormy clouds, cliffs and ancient castles -- the wind disappeared and *Sill* drifted up to the mark, sails flapping as the tide changed. Behind her, *ECOVER* and *Gartmore* drifted in.

And then it happened. *ECOVER*, with no way on, was pushed into the mark, and it took several minutes before she got herself off. *Gartmore*, seeing

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ECOVER's predicament, gave her a wide berth and slipped by. Out at the current line, Sill picked up some wind and took off, with ECOVER and Gartmore trying to catch up. Once out in the wind field, ECOVER did her first, and hopefully her last, 720-degree penalty turn.

Back at the mark, FILA tacked to make it, battling the current that had caused havoc with the first three boats. After her came Kingfisher, then the women close on her transom. La Rage de Vivre was still a long way back as the foremost boats turned east and headed for Cuxhaven.

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