

Press Announcement

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Team BSS embark on final training race

With the Fastnet race 2007 only 2 weeks away, Team BSS embarked on their last training race in preparation for the big event. On the weekend of 28-29 July, and a very grey and overcast morning, a fleet of 91 yachts gathered on the start line for the start of the Channel Race; their last opportunity to sharpen up before the rigours of the Rolex Fastnet Race.

Team BSS, in their trusty Reflex 38, Pink Panther, had a great start, in what had seemingly turned out to be a sunny day. However, on reaching the Needles Lighthouse, things got somewhat cooler and wetter, with the seas starting to increase, along with the wind.

As the weather was predicted to deteriorate even further as the night wore on, the fleet were in for a rapid and rough transit. The forecast was accurate and by the early hours the breeze had increased to around 30-35 knots, with the seas building to match.

Unfortunately, several yachts experienced gear failure, torn sails and broken running rigging, which caused them to retire. This gave a real taste of what offshore racing is about and what Team BSS could possibly expect for the "Round the Rock" race!

However, British Safety Services will be hoping to prove their current motto of 'Doing dangerous things safely' by successfully completing the Fastnet race in 2 weeks' time. And if last weekend's result is anything to go by, Team BSS are well prepared. After racing 3 other yachts right up to the finish line and after around 145 miles of racing, Pink Panther came in 8th in their class and 29th overall. A very respectable result.

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Editor's notes:

British Safety Services (BSS) is a consultancy offering advice on health safety issues nationally and internationally. Based in central Birmingham, the company offers guidance on all aspects of public safety, specialising on workplace legislation. The company also runs a wide range of recognised training courses focusing on safety issues.

A **blog** is now available on British Safety Services website during the race – www.bssukhse.com to keep friends and family up to date

The Fastnet race runs over approximately 4 days and starts on Sunday 12th August 2007. For more interesting background information about the race contact Gemma on 01509 265890.

Team BSS have been able to take advantage of this opportunity of a lifetime, thanks to linking up with Ambition Sailing and Sailing Logic.

Ambition Sailing, a Royal Yachting Association Training Centre, was founded in 2000 to provide high quality services for yacht racing, regattas and corporate events in the UK, Mediterranean and Caribbean. In addition to UK racing events, it specialises in provision of yachts for groups and berths for individuals on Caribbean regattas and is the leading UK provider for Tobago Sail Week participation opportunities.

Innovative bespoke events are offered for corporate hospitality and team building activities in all locations. High quality sail, motor cruising and powerboat training courses are also offered in the UK.

Emphasis throughout is placed on professional delivery and innovative flexible activities. First class personal service is provided across the full range of products and services from initial enquiry onwards. Full details of products and services can be found on the website at www.ambitionsailing.com.

Sailing Logic is based at Shamrock Quay Marina, Southampton, and offers a unique programme of tailor made sailing solutions that is unrivalled in the marine industry. They are a genuine RYA Training Centre and Corporate Sailing specialist as well as offering unrivalled sail training and top-quality yacht racing courses plus coaching at all levels in keelboats. The company objective is to provide people with the opportunity to experience all types of sailing, from the beginner to the advanced, from cruising to racing, from amateur to professional. For more information visit: www.sailinglogic.co.uk