



THE OCEAN RACE 2023 LEG 3

*A*s some of you know, I have been following closely the Ocean Race now going on in the Southern Ocean.

The German entry, Team Malizia, skippered by Boris Herrmann, after entering the 3rd leg of the race from Cape Town South Africa to Itajai Brazil, 12,750 nautical miles, suffered a structural crack in their carbon fiber mast. During a lull in the weather, Team Malizia was able to repair the mast and continue racing.

I found the video, link bellow, absolutely amazing. It takes place somewhere around Point Nemo. Point Nemo is the farthest point from any land. The astronauts orbiting the earth in the space station are closer to land than Point Nemo. It is located at coordinates 48°52.6'S 123°23.6'W, about 1,670 miles from the nearest land - Ducie Island, part of the Pitcairn Islands, to the north; Motu Nui, one of the Easter Islands, to the northeast; and Maher Island, part of Antarctica, to the south. In this part of the world in the Southern Ocean 20-foot waves are common as they are able to go around the world unobstructed.

These IMOCAs (International **M**onohull **O**pen **C**lass **A**ssociation) are amazing. They are 60ft long, have 5 crew members: the skipper, 3 crews of which 1 is a woman, and 1 onboard reporter. They are capable of going at speeds over 30 knots and are self-steering.

Team Malizia launched a drone and was really excited watching themselves sail.

I am in awe that we can share their experience in real time even though they are sailing on the far side of the world.

Mates, by the way, Boris Herrmann is extremely good looking and very charismatic. Now that I have your attention here is the link: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=3SZgT-FwyU0>