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From the iBoattrack Discussion Board "Captain's Log" of the Hinkley SW 59 *Cetacea* racing in Class B of the Marion to Bermuda Race. [www.iboattrack.com](http://www.iboattrack.com)

## **High Seas Rescue**

*Cetacea* jump starts *Anjaneya*

As with any offshore journey you can expect the unexpected. Friday the crew of *Cetacea* experienced mechanical and rig issues that we dealt with. Tonight we had the more, rare encounter of coming to the assistance of another vessel in trouble.

As we were maximizing our headway in light air we noticed a small light in close proximity to us, at around 2200 hours. First, we thought it was a flare then noticed a flash from a small light and upon further inspection of our radar we confirmed a target that was a small vessel without any navigation lights on an intercept course with us. We hailed the vessel who identified themselves via handheld VHF as *Anjaneya*, a 42' Beneteau and fellow competitor in the Marion to Bermuda Race.

*Anjaneya* requested assistance, explaining that they had no power aboard and no way of starting their engine. Without power *Anjaneya* had no electronics or proper navigation equipment to safely sail the boat back to her home port or to Bermuda.

After dousing our sails we approached *Anjaneya* and carefully laid abeam, being careful not to have the masts hit as the 2 boats rocked side to side and we tossed lines to each other so as to tie up and offer assistance. This is the first time I was grateful for light winds in this race, if you can imagine 2 sailboats side by side in a rolling sea. Not a very comfortable nor safe position.

After we secured *Anjaneya*, we removed our starting battery and carefully transferred it to the tired and welcoming sailors aboard. After successfully starting their engine and getting *Cetaceas'* battery placed securely back in its place we reset our sails and continued on with the race. We have documented our assistance in our log and will request relief from the race committee for the hour that we spent rendering assistance.

It's late and we have extended our watches to assist *Anjaneya*, our crew is exhausted and its time to get some much needed shut eye.

Before signing off, I want to wish a happy Father's Day to my father who was responsible for getting me into boating and who taught me how to sail. We all have great stories and one of my father and son stories is the memory of being about 9 years old and driving our 16' runabout across the Straits of Mackinaw, steering a rhumb line in a storm, with 0 visibility, with a small compass as my dad worked on the engine to keep it running.

Great memories and great life experiences. Dad without you I wouldn't be sailing to Bermuda.

Happy Fathers Day to all!

Christopher J. Culver and the crew of *Cetacea*

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#### **Captain's Blogs on Marion to Bermuda's iBoattrack Web site**

Five skippers in the 2007 Marion to Bermuda Race have agreed to post "Captain's Blogs" on the Discussion Board. Yachts asked by the committee to write and post reports include Cetaca, Checkmate, Galileo, Kathleen and Seaflower.

The Captain's Blogs are posted at <http://www.iboattrack.com/forum/index.php> and here is the first report on the first blog. Cetacea is a Hinkley 59.3 racing in class B.

Spectators can follow the race on iBoatTrack <http://www.iboattrack.com/>

The Bermuda Department of Tourism, Globalstar, Gosling's and Kingman Yacht Center have supported the 2007 race as presenting sponsors for this year's event. As in 2005 be sure your friends and family track your progress on-line through iBoattrack from Horizon Marine.

#### **iBoattrack**

Spectators on shore can track the action of the entire Marion Bermuda Cruising Yacht Race from start to finish. When the race starts June 15th in Buzzard's Bay, every boat entered in the 2007 Marion Bermuda Cruising Yacht Race will be provided with a GPS transponder linked by iBoattrack and the internet to every computer round the world. This is the second time the Marion to Bermuda Race has had a complete GPS tracking of racers. A demonstration site is available to preview iboat at <http://www.marionbermuda.com/>

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