

# OSTAR – COMPETITORS

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SKIPPER	BOAT	SPECIFICATIONS
 Mervyn Wheatley	 Arethusa	Hull: Monohull 40ft Class: Bowman 40 Sail No: GBR6049T Designer: Chuck Paine LOA: 40ft LWL: 32ft Beam: 12ft Draught: 5ft
 Krystian Szyпка	 Hallelujah	Hull: Monohull Class: Delphia 46DS Sail No: POL9590 Designer: Skrzat LOA: 46.2ft LWL: 44.3ft Beam: 14.6ft Draught: 6.6ft
 Richard Lett	 Velocity Girl	Hull: Monohull Class: VQ32 Sail No: - Designer: Dick Koopmans LOA: 32ft LWL: - Beam: - Draught: -

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Ertan Beskardes



Lazy Otter

Hull: Monohull  
Class: Rustler 36  
Sail No: 94  
Designer: Holman & Pye  
LOA: 35.3ft  
LWL: 26.9ft  
Beam: - 11ft  
Draught: -



Tom Amory



Flow

Hull: Monohull  
Class: J120  
Sail No: - 51255  
Designer: Johnstone  
LOA: 40ft  
LWL: 35ft  
Beam: 12ft  
Draught: 7ft



Markus Moser



Lifgun

Hull: Monohull  
Class: Luffe 45  
Sail No: - SUI 4505  
Designer: Oluf Jorgensen  
LOA: 44.9ft  
LWL: 40.4ft  
Beam: 12.6ft  
Draught: 7.4ft

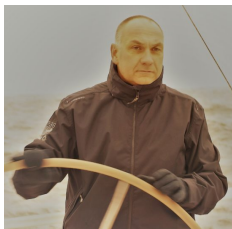


Kass Schmitt



Zest

Hull: Monohull  
Class: Humphreys  
Sail No: - GBR536  
Designer: Rob Humphreys  
LOA: 36.5ft  
LWL: 31.3ft  
Beam: 11.7ft  
Draught: 7ft



Jacek Chabowski



Blue Horizon

Hull: Monohull  
Class: Delphia  
Sail No: - POL10664  
Designer: A Skrzat  
LOA: 47.5ft  
LWL: 46.1ft  
Beam: 14.7ft  
Draught: 7.7ft



Neil Payter



Hull: Monohull  
Class: Lucas 40  
Sail No: - 19  
Designer: Francois Lucas  
LOA: 40ft  
LWL:  
Beam: 14.7ft  
Draught: 9.8ft

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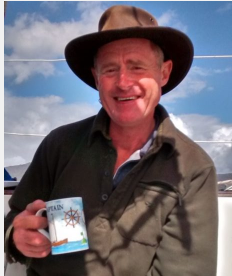


Peter Crowther



Suomi Kudu

Hull: Monohull  
Class: Swan 38  
Sail No: - 8758T  
Designer: S&S  
LOA: 38.25ft  
LWL: 28.7ft  
Beam: 11.5ft  
Draught: 6.25ft



Jock Hamilton



Freya

Hull: Monohull  
Class: Gladiateur  
Sail No: 7067Y  
Designer: K Holman  
LOA: 32ft 10in  
LWL: 27ft 3in  
Beam: 10ft 11in  
Draught: 6ft



Mihail Kopanov



Krone One

Hull: Monohull  
Class: Faurby Yachts  
Sail No: Bul24  
Designer: Niels Peter Faurby  
LOA: 39.3ft  
LWL: 35.1ft  
Beam: 11.2ft  
Draught: 8.2ft



Keri Harris



Rumour

Hull: Monohull  
Class: Waveform 34  
Sail No: GBR 1299  
Designer: Warwick Collins  
LOA: 34ft  
LWL:  
Beam: 9.8ft  
Draught: 7.95ft



Christian Chalandre



OLBIA

Hull: Monohull  
Class: Morning 34  
Sail No: FRA 4497  
Designer: S and S  
LOA: 34ft  
LWL: 24ft  
Beam: 9ft  
Draught: 6ft



## MERVYN WHEATLEY – ARETHUSA OF YEALM

### Mervyn:

Mervyn is a former Royal Marines officer and will be aged 76 for the 2019 OSTAR. He has sailed 245,000nm and has completed 19 Atlantic crossings, including five OSTARs. He has also competed in five and seven solo AZABs. He was a skipper on the first Clipper Race in 1996 and also for some legs of the 05/06 Race. He was knocked out in Tamarind on the last OSTAR and rescued by the Queen Mary. Shortly after his return, he bought Arethusa of Yealm, a Bowne 46DS and has already sailed her to the Azores and back singlehanded and has entered AZAB 19.

He is married with two adult children and lives in Newton Ferris, Devon.

### Arethusa:

*details to come*

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## KRYSTIAN SZYPKA – HALLELUJAH

**Krystian:** (born 1972, Polish) – finisher of OSTAR2013 (3rd in Jester Class), experienced single-handed sailor, yacht master and sailing instructor (sea safety and navigation expert). Organizer of Battle of Gotland, a single-handed race – one of the most difficult regattas on the Baltic Sea. Co-founder of project Ocean Team supporting many challenging ocean projects. Besides sailing: helicopter pilot, scuba diver, father of two sons and husband of a fantastic woman. Occupation: manager in the automotive industry.

Some details about off-shore races:

2010, 2011, 2012 – Singlehanded races Polonez Cup – 200nm nonstop on western Baltic Sea – best result: 3<sup>rd</sup> in Open Class

2012, 2013, 2014 – Singlehanded races Battle of Gotland – 500nm nonstop on east-central Baltic Sea – twice 1<sup>st</sup>, once 2<sup>nd</sup> position, owner of time record for boats below 60ft)

2013 – OSTAR – 3<sup>rd</sup> in Jester Class

Over 30.000nm sailed off-shore including about 9.000nm on

**Hallelujah:** type: DELPHIA 46DS, designed and built in Poland by Delphia Yachts (designer Andrzej Skrzat). Ocean going cruiser, LOA of 14meters and 120sqm of basic sails. Class A. GPR hull and aluminum mast, sloop rigging with furlers and independent sails. Central cockpit and deck saloon give a lot of comfort and safety. Boat well equipped for shorthanded navigation as well as for sailors. Full safety equipment. Even not designed for races qu





especially for long distance passages both upwind and downwind (with additional 150sqm asymmetric spinnaker).

For ocean passage the boat is equipped with: diesel power generator, wind power generator, desalinator, heating system, satellite communication and doubled navigation system,

For singlehanded race: doubled autopilot, radar, active radar and other gadgets including aggressive alarm clock to be sure short sleeping will be controlled.

Of course, such things like SOLAS life raft, grab-bags, EPIRB, AIS SART and other safety stuff is on board. Boat meets all WS OS demands for category MoI.



## RICHARD LETT – VELOCITY GIRL

**Richard**

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**Velocity Girl**

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## ERTAN BESKARDES – LAZY OTTER

**Ertan.** Having sailed most of my life as a solo sailor, I have started sailing full time in 2017, during which I have ended up in South Spain where I still sail. I did managed to make the start of the Globe Race from Sardinia being the last entrant, but as it appeared not ready for the race. I am now entrant for 2022 GGR.

**Lazy Otter.** Lazy Otter is a Rustler 36, purchased in December for the Golden Globe Race.



## TOM AMORY – FLOW

**Tom:** First Capsize- the first time I stepped into an 8' sailing dinghy my father had built for me at age 10. I burst into tears and ran for the woods.

First Search and Rescue was conducted for me: South Freeport, Maine when I went missing while trying to capture a seal pup with a net on some ledges outside of the harbor during a thunderstorm. We went for an island to find shelter and were found eating brownies by the town of South Freeport searched for us.

First Fire onboard: 22 years old while trying to cook breakfast on an alcohol stove on a 30' sloop off Monhegan.

First Time Overdue: 22 years old on a maiden voyage of a 42' IYRU out of Portland Maine in January. We had our radio off because the captain was embarrassed at how poorly we were fishing.

First Sinking: 26 years old when I sank a 50' wooden scow with a 10' mast in the Royal River while tied to a wharf because I went away for a weekend without asking anyone to check the bilge pumps.

First Man Overboard: 49 years old on a 50' sloop on passage to the Azores when I was trying to adjust the lead to the jib by standing on the loaded sheet. A puff came and I was lifted over the lifeline.



found myself hanging on to the sheet with my legs in the water, 10 miles offshore.

First Major Grounding: I put my J/35 on the rocks for eight hours trying to beat through the Little Thoroughfare by North Haven. I was 50. Age 50.

Worst spousal abuse while sailing; age 58. I arrived after a 3,000 mile passage from the Canaries to Antigua and did not call my wife. The fact that I was sailing double handed with a woman half my age may also have been a contributing factor.

These are only the firsts!

**Flow.** Flow is a 1999 J/120 that I purchased late in 2018. She has been going through a major refit since then in Maine where I live. She now has some fancy sails from the Doyle loft in Salem Massachusetts, B&G electronics, new rod rigging, and a new Awlgrip job on her hull topsides. The new code zero is on a furler and requires a bobsprit. There is also another furler for the J4 and storm jib that requires a halyard lock around the second spreaders. All this requires me to learn some new tricks. I hope to get the boat into the water this summer, do my qualifier for the OSTAR with the Bermuda 1-2 in June, send the boat to Plymouth in August via the Azores, and get ready for the return back.

## MARKUS MOSER – LIFGUN

**Markus.** I was born in 1966 and grew up in landlocked Switzerland in Zurich and work as an architect. My father owned a boatyard and I spent my weekends sailing on Lake Zurich rather than hiking in the Swiss Alps.

What followed was a classic sailing career: at the age of five I started at 12 Europe Dinghy, and at 16 Finn Dinghy.

Sailing has always been an expensive sport. When I was 14 I worked as a sailing teacher and accompanied sailing trips as a deck hand on my summer holidays in Danish coastal waters, regularly taking part in races.

Boats at that time were larger (Matcher 31 and similar), with a 4004 finally being ordered and built in 2008. There then followed years' intensive sailing in Baltic waters. In 2011 the decision was made to move over to a Luffe 45 which was then delivered the following year. What a different world that introduced: many ever longer sailboats would follow!

Oslo – Inverness – Oban – Stromness – Copenhagen – Gulf of Bothnia – Stavanger etc.

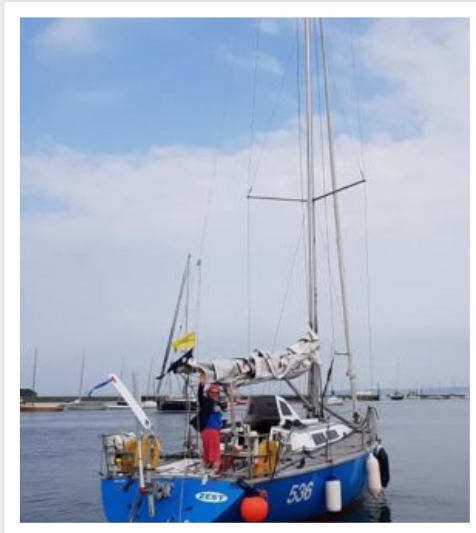
In 2017 and 2018 solo sail around Africa: Valencia – Cape Verde – Freetown – Richards Bay – Suez – Didim (Turkey).



Lifgun, a Luffe 45, now has enough experience to take part in a race. It has mastered many difficult situations, and is ready for what the North Atlantic has to throw at it – as is its skipper.

**Lifgun.** Lifgun is a Luffe 45 designed by Oluf Jørgensen and built by a small boat manufacture in Kolding, Denmark. She is hull number 536, finished in spring 2012. She is built out of Epoxy (Hull and Deck), Carbonfibre mast, Carbonfibre boom. 9/10 rig with 2 spreaders, standing on keel. Rigging ECsix carbon. I sail Lifgun since she was built and logged until now 35'000 nm. Right now, she's berthed in Reykjavik but she saw a lot of places in the world already. Lifgun is sailing under the Swiss flag. By the way – Lifgun has nothing to do with guns – from Iceland and the meaning is (re)activate a hidden place... (Endurlífgun).

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KASS SCHMITT – ZEST

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## JACEK CHABOWSKI – BLUE HORIZON

**Jacek:** Born in 1970 in Gdansk, Poland. Under sail since 1982. Sailing career with many racing successes – Polish Sea Sailing Champion 2015. Winner of the South Baltic Cup in 2014. Winner of the Polish Sea Sailing Cup in 2013. Three times winner of the L.Teliga Solitary Regatta Award. Regular participant of the most difficult solo regatta in the Baltic Sea – Baltic Gotland. Skipper Polled Sailing Team. Many other racing successes achieved with the Polled Sailing Team. Surrounded areas: Baltic Sea, North Sea, Bay of Biscay (4 times, including once alone), Atlantic Ocean, Mediterranean Sea, Adriatic, Saronic Bay. Owner of a sailing school and yacht service – Sailing Factory (sailingfactory.pl).

Total sailing experience about 40.000 NM.

Father of Maciej and Kinga, husband of wonderful woman, Anna.

### Blue Horizon:

Type: Delphia 47 (sloop)

Year of construction: 2010

Length 47 feet, yacht of the ocean class (A).

Designed by Andrzej Skrzat, produced in the Polish yacht shipyard Delphia.

The yacht is well equipped and adapted for solo sailing, including oceanic sailing.



## NEIL PAYTER – CARIBERIA

Details to follow



## PETER CROWTHER – SUOMI KUDU

**Peter:** Retired publican Peter Crowther first entered the OSTAR sailing the 64 year old gaff cutter Golden Vanity. With six cats he took 88 days. In 1996 his junk rigged schooner Galway Blazer after being holed by a container. Peter was in his liferaft for 48 hours before being picked up by a container ship and taken to Nova Scotia. To date he has completed seven crossings from Ireland and at 78 this will be his last time, mind you Peter said that in

**Suomi Kudu:** a Swan 38 designed by Sparkman & Stephens in 1961. Under her present owner David Perkins she has cruised extensively from Brazil to Iceland in the last 30 years. Her primary winches are original with no self tailing. She has no auto pilot and her only self steering is a Pacific wind pilot. This OSTAR will be her sixth



## JOCK HAMILTON – FREYA

**Jock:** Son of Peter Hamilton who did some sailing in the '50s. The Restless Wind – Blackwood Press 1961. He disapproved of Engines and fuss.

I was born in 1960, went to sea in the Merchant Navy at 17 and there now as a Captain on Oil Rig Supply, Towing and Anchor Vessels. Along the way I spent a couple of years as a reservist with the Royal Marines and some time working as a Bush Pilot in Zimbabwe.

I sailed Blue Leopard around the world early in this century as a professional Skipper. Whilst enjoying racing I don't tend to do particularly well. I'm on the second boat of my own, the first, an Elizabethan 32, I sailed locally and to the Faroes. Freya my present I've sailed locally and taken around Ireland.

Intending to spend some time after the race cruising New England and Canada before sailing home in the Autumn.

I live in Tighnabruaich on the West Coast of Scotland.

**Freya:**

Freya is a standard Wauquiez Gladiateur, Monohull, 32.83 ft LOA 10.6ft LWL 27.25ft Beam 11 ft Designed by Holman and Pye, hope well, she seems very sturdy. Sail No 7067Y



## MIHAIL KOPANOV – KRONE ONE

**Mihail:** Mihail Kopanov was born in 1965 in Bourgas, Bulgaria. He has two daughters and a husband to a lovely woman. He started sailing in the optimist class as a child. Then he moved to different olympic national classes, class Finn as well. At the age of 15 he started sailing keelboats. Since then he is a regular participant in various sailing competitions.

He participated together with Dian Zaykov in Twostar 2017 but did not finish. Their boat Furia collided with an unidentifiable floating object near the Canadian coast and began taking in water. The crew was professionally rescued by the ship Thor Magna. The same year the owner of the sunk boat, Rumen Kotoff bought Krone 1, a Faurby 396 Jester Edition, designer Niels Peter Faurby. It is CE certified as class 1 yacht with carbon mast and boom and roll-reef genoa. They both decided to participate with the Twostar 2020. Unfortunately, an unexpected health problem prevented Rumen from participating, and they both decided that Mihail Kopanov will take part with the same boat in the Ostar 2020.

**Krone One:** The sailboat Krone One is a Danish production sailboat manufactured by Faurby Yacht. The model is Faurby 396 Jester Edition, designer Niels Peter Faurby. It is CE certified as class 1 yacht with carbon mast and boom and roll-reef genoa.

## KERI HARRIS – RUMOUR

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## CHRISTIAN CHALANDRE – OLBIA

**Christian:** I've owned Olbia for 27 years. We've cruised together to Scotland, Ireland, Gibraltar, the Antilles, the Azores, Nova Scotia and Newfoundland.

We've taken part in numerous local regattas, as well as in Transatlantic races, singlehanded or not:

- Transquadrasolo (1999 & 2003),
- Etel-Horta-Concarneau (2001),
- Paimpol-Reykjavik (2006),

2012 was dedicated to cruising to Scotland and the Faroe Islands.

The 2009 OSTAR edition was a dream, a marvelous experience. I didn't want to live again in 2013. But after three days of racing, I had to stop up because of electric problems.

In 2014, I raced the Celtic Solo Challenge and in 2015, the AZA Challenge.

In 2017, I raced again the OSTAR, with heavy weather.

This past year, *OLBIA* has been in a shipyard with a nearly interminable "to do" list! She's now ready for the 2021 OSTAR edition. And so am I (I hope!)

**OLBIA:** a 34 feet sloop designed by Sparkman and Stephens. *Cloud's* sister-ship, she was built in 1971 by Aqua fibre yachtbuilding.



the UK. She won the RORC in 1973 and has always sailed in the  
yachting tradition.

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