

bordeaux 60

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2nd CNB Bordeaux 60 rendezvous in Puerto Portals (Mallorca): one design racing between friends

July 9, 10 & 11: 10 Bordeaux 60 owners had decided to meet again in Puerto Portals for their 2nd annual rendezvous organized by CNB, with the precious collaboration of *Sunbird* (the local representative), in partnership with *Raymarine* and *Volvo Penta France*.

Unfortunately, harsh weather conditions (respectively in Gibraltar and in Greece) made it impossible for *Eolic 6* and *Si Remote* to join the fun.

British, German, Swiss, Spanish and French skippers and crew (with many children), enjoyed a "meet & greet" cocktail on the evening of the 9th.

On July 10 at 12:30, the Bordeaux 60s start a middle distance race in Palma Bay, with a very light breeze, rising to an agreeable 15 knots by the middle of the course.

Dumia and *Marijosé* (the only lift keel Bordeaux 60), immediately lead the fleet. Behind them, *Nina* and *Kismet* are in 3rd and 4th positions. *Marijosé*'s strategy seems to be the best as she takes the lead for a moment. But *Dumia*, one of last year's best boats, shows her reaching speed potential and wins the race, followed by *Marijosé*, *Kismet*, *Nina*, and the others.

The whole fleet then decide to enjoy the 25 to 27°C water of the little Bay of Port Vells.

The evening dinner is spent at sea under the setting sun onboard... a catamaran.

On July 11, *Sunbird* had organized an olympic triangle for 2nd race. It seems at first that the fleet will play the same scenario as the day before, but *Soñador*, after an impressive leg in spite of her in mast furling mainsail, benefits from some spinnaker mess by *Marijosé* to take the 2nd position. Then it's *Soñador*'s turn to have spinnaker problems, so that *Marijosé* goes away. *Dumia*, that lead the race, commits a navigation error. Finally, *Marijosé* wins the 2nd race in front of *Kismet* and *Nina*.

A last swim in the end of the afternoon, followed by the prize giving during the "goodbye" cocktail party.

8 boats and 8 crew with a mix of experienced racers and complete families made this 2nd Bordeaux 60 rendezvous exactly what it should be: an exceptional opportunity to meet, sail together in a beautiful bay while becoming friends... see you next year!

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