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Alessandro Di Benedetto passes Cape Verde and heads toward the equator .

Alessandro Di Benedetto' voyage is continueing on board Findomestic Banca.

Yesterday afternoon Alessandro sailed past the islands of Cape Verde leaving Fogo on his left and he is now sailing toward the line of equator: *'... I am now beginning to sail through a difficult way because of the winds, unsettled due to the relief of the islands with its highest points at 3000 meters; as a conclusion I have to change direstions quite often'* Alessandro explains : *'...I am now heading for the 'pot au noir'*

Which is a calm area just before the crossing of the line of the equator. This is what is going to make me go slower. The sun is hotter and hotter and higher and higher. The North Star is right ahead, always lower and lower on the skyline , hardly as wide as the palm of the hand. The temperature of the air is 28°'

There are still problems with the automatic pilot. Alessandro had to sew to repair his favorite spinnaker.

' I am trying to use as much as possible the big spi I inherited with the boat, it is the largest sail I have got on board ; it has already crossed the Atlantic; I have a lot of fun with it in spite of the drawbacks when I have bear away! '

As he is now 900 miles away from the equator line, Alessandro Di Benedetto seems satisfied with the average speed he sailed these past two days as he 'crossed' the islands of Cape Verde (from San Paulo to Fogo it is at least 150 miles) Findomestic Barca is sailing correctly in the different weather conditions she has met so far.

Let's say it again that every Monday at 7.15 p.m. Alessandro is on air, live, on Caterpillar to relate his life with the dolphins and make you take part to his adventure.

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