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**November 25<sup>th</sup> 2009 at 9 p.m. 02' 28'' UTC:  
Alessandro Di Benedetto is sailing across the equator line**

*' We are sailing in the southern part of the world'*

Alessandro Di Benedetto exclaimed when he sailed across the line of the equator on board the small but resisting Findomestic Banca.

Exactly one month after his departure Alessandro Di Benedetto has already sailed about 3,450 miles overwhelming successfully all the difficult moments he has met so far. In spite of her small dimensions, Findomestic Banca has reacted very well to the weather conditions like heavy rains, strong wind and the stormy sea.

Here is a message on the current situation on board made by Alessandro:

*' Thursday, November 26<sup>th</sup> 2009 8p.m.05'05'''. Right here the first lights of dawn are appearing . I am navigating full and by with changing winds of 20 / 25 knots that are beginning to get the direction E S E. I am sailing quite correctly but the sea is still composed of prow waves. I have to reduce the sails quite often and then to heave them up again. I am trying as hard as possible to head toward the South in order to find winds that are more regular. Yesterday I had an equatorial shower 27° C.  
I mend a winch that I appeared broken to me. I took it to pieces and the problem was fixed: there were salt chrystals that blocked some gears!'*

