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LADYCAT POWERED BY SPINDRIFT RACING TAKES THE D35 TROPHY

Since the first event of the circuit in May and the resulting first place for Ladycat powered by Spindrift racing, Dona Bertarelli and Yann Guichard's team has kept the pressure up for the whole season and has dominated the competition.

The helm of the black and gold catamaran Xavier Revil, one of the trusted sailors that form the Spindrift racing team, with his crew of five other sailors has completed the Championship ahead of the big names in the circuit – some 8 points ahead of Alinghi and 12 points ahead of Tilt, who take second and third places respectively. Well known for its tricky and shifting winds, Lake Geneva did not disappoint and delivered conditions for battles that were in turn tactical and technical kept the highly experienced teams on their toes.

This Championship victory is particularly sweet for the team as it represents the first time that it has claimed the top podium position since the team's first participation in 2007, despite a number of podium finishes and winning the prestigious Bol d'Or three times.

Four first places out of eight Grand Prix Events

The Grand Prix de Cloture marks the end of a spectacular season on Lac Lemman in which ten catamaran teams competed in the eight events.

The onwater battles on the Lake have been typically intense and the simplest of mistakes on the water can impact on the final team ranking. The six crew of Ladycat have been fully aware of these intricacies and have consistently shown good tactical decisions, pinpoint maneuvers and high levels of concentration. As a result the team claimed victory in four events this season: Emil Frey Grand Prix, the Geneva-Rolle-Geneva Grand Prix Realstone and the Bol d'Or Mirabaud.

Bol d'Or Mirabaud: 3rd title for the Spindrift Team

This season the D35 Trophy saw the 78th edition of the world's largest regatta in enclosed water, the Mirabaud Bol d'Or. This event sees some 520 yachts of all sizes and classes participate and the Spindrift team managed a display of skill in a complicated race punctuated by many twists and turns. The tactician onboard, Erwan Israel played a decisive role at times making daring decisions that allowed the crew to lead out of testing transitions.

Xavier Revil, helm of Ladycat powered by Spindrift racing

"It was a very busy season for Spindrift racing, we had to deal with very different wind conditions from light and fluky to strong wind at the end. We managed these well and were always able to be at the head of the fleet, whatever the conditions. My overall impression is very positive, we were fortunate to have a very strong and determined crew that all the time tried to recover positions when we were behind and, this makes

a difference at the end of the season. We knew what to expect at between the marks on the longer legs and with our wins in the Geneva-Rolle-Geneva, the Bol d'Or Mirabaud and the full season - the team is very happy. "

Dona Bertarelli, co-founder of Spindrift racing

"I am very happy and very proud. The Ladycat adventure began in 2007, and we are now in our 10th year, so to win the championship after 10 years gives me huge personal satisfaction. This season reflects real teamwork. When Yann and I started Spindrift racing in 2011, it was important to know that we had the right people and to put in place the right tools to be able to get results like this today, so we are very happy.

The whole team sailed a perfect season by staying at the top of the table throughout the Championship and I thank them warmly for bringing this victory to the Spindrift racing team. "

"Mirabaud warmly congratulates all crew of Ladycat powered by Spindrift for their sporting achievement. This is the first time they have won the Championship, and how! The crew has sent a benchmark in this very competitive championship, in particular winning the Bol d'Or Mirabaud. The sporting success of Spindrift racing are just reward for the great human adventure that Dona Bertarelli and Yann Guichard have led, " comments **Antonio Palma, Managing Partner of Mirabaud.**

"The victory of Spindrift racing in the D35 Trophy emphasizes once more the excellence of this team and its co-founder and skipper Ms. Dona Bertarelli. Zenith is proud to partner with a team with which it shares so many values. The entire team at Zenith congratulates Spindrift for this wonderful new success! " Said **Aldo Magada, President & CEO of Zenith.**

D35 ranking on the Grand Prix de Clôture

- 1: Alinghi
- 2: Ladycat powered by Spindrift racing**
- 3: Team Tilt
- 4: Ylliam Comptoir Immobilier
- 5: Realteam
- 6: Zen Too
- 7: Mobimo
- 8: Swisscom
- 9: Racing Django
- 10: Okalys

Ladycat powered by Spindrift racing ranking on the D35 Trophy

- Grand Prix Emil Frey : 1st
- Open de Versoix : 6th
- Genève Rolle Genève : 1st
- Grand Prix Realstone : 1st
- Bol d'Or Mirabaud : 1st
- Open de Crans : 2nd
- Open du Yacht Club : 2nd
- Grand Prix de Clôture : 2nd

The crew of Ladycat powered by Spindrift racing

Xavier Revil, helmsman

Erwan Israël, tactician

Jacques Guichard, headsail trimmer

Malo Bessec, bowman

Benjamin Amiot, mid-bow

Fred Moreau, mainsail