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## **ICAP LEOPARD STARTS 2009 HEINEKEN CAPE TO BAHIA RACE**

Today, at 1400 local time, ICAP Leopard, the British 100ft supermaxi crossed the start line of the 2009 Heineken Cape to Bahia Race in Cape Town, South Africa. Having negotiated a great start in a 25-30 knot south easterly breeze, ICAP Leopard was quick to lead the IRC racing fleet out of Table Bay. As the largest boat in the fleet ICAP Leopard will be looking to set record pace on this brand new course.

Speaking from the boat shortly after the start, owner Mike Slade commented: "What a fantastic place to start an offshore race. It is sad to be leaving Cape Town as it is a wonderful city, but we had a terrific send off and are looking forward to a thrilling race. Next stop Salvador!"

Having successfully negotiated the short inland course, the fleet has begun its journey west into the South Atlantic. Close behind ICAP Leopard, is 90ft US maxi Rambler, owned by George David. The rivalry between the two yachts goes back to the 2008 Rolex Fastnet Race, where ICAP Leopard took line honours, only to be pipped on handicap by Rambler. With both yachts having the potential to complete the race in under 11 days, you can count on a close fought battle between the two.

Following the Heineken Cape to Bahia Race, ICAP Leopard will compete in the RORC Caribbean 600 and Antigua Sailing Week, before heading to North America for a number of corporate events. She will then return to the UK for the summer racing season and her corporate charter commitments.

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BOW 2	JOE HAYWOOD
BOW 3	JAN DEKKER
BOW / PIT	DAVID ROLFE
MAST	MATHEW RICHARDSON
MAST	DYLAN CLARKE
MAST	ADRIAN KUTTEL
PIT	KELVIN RAWLINGS
PIT	TIM SELLARS
TRIMMER	JASON CARRINGTON
TRIMMER	GIAN ALAWAHAHILI
TRIMMER	DAVID RAE
MAINSHEET	MARK THOMAS
HELM / TACTICS	GORDON MAGUIRE
HELM / TACTICS	MIKE SLADE
RUNNER	HUGH AGNEW
RUNNER	CHRIS SHERLOCK
NAV	ROSCO MONSON
CREW BOSS	PAUL STANDBRIDGE
DRIVER	JEREMY ROBINSON

### Leopard

*Leopard* follows in the footsteps of super-maxi yachts *Ocean Leopard* (1988-1999) and *Leopard of London* (2000-2006). Like her predecessors she is aimed towards top-level race sponsorship, day charters in the Solent and, longer term, charters in the warmer waters of the Mediterranean and the Caribbean.

Farr Yacht Design provided *Leopard's* basic naval architecture and construction engineering, whilst styling and interior was designed by Ken Freivokh. The boat was built by McConaghy Boats in Sydney, Australia, with Chris Sherlock acting as owner's representative.

For more information regarding *Leopard*, please visit: [www.leopard3.com](http://www.leopard3.com)

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