

“AROUND THE WORLD WITH IVECO MOTORS”. 90 days non-stop across the Atlantic.

On behalf of the “**TRANS-OCEAN VEREIN ZUR FÖRDERUNG DES HOCHSEESEGELNS**” (a German association focusing on long trans-oceanic crossings) Otto and Johanna Zimmermann have succeeded in completing the longest trans-oceanic crossing ever made in a small boat. This couple, who are no longer spring chickens, managed to make the 7,000 nautical mile Atlantic crossing from Chile to the Azores in 90 days in a 15-metre boat they built themselves.



For this amazing feat the German association's jury has voted to award the Zimmermanns the popular “**GROßEN TRANS-OCEAN PREIS**” (an award dedicated to the most outstanding trans-oceanic crossing).

This 69-year-old German and his wife had previously tackled a number of long sea voyages: for the past six years they have sailed the Atlantic, from Cape Town to Australia, Alaska to Vancouver, right down to the southernmost point of South America, from Patagonia across to the Azores, then returning to their hometown, Wilhelmshaven in Germany.

For Otto Zimmermann this latest challenge was his third round-world trip from the time he first set sail with the *Astronotus II* in September '98. To date he and his wife have sailed more than 50,000 nautical miles in this exceptional boat named after a tropical fish.

Otto Zimmermann chose to equip the *Astronotus* with an IVECO MOTORS 107 kW (145HP) 8061M14 auxiliary engine.

As Otto Zimmermann comments, *"thanks to the IVECO MOTORS*

service network we have been able to tackle these round-world sea voyages knowing that we could always count on getting help fast when needed – like the time in Alaska when we needed some spare parts that arrived in time for us to continue our voyage in complete safety".



The IVECO MOTORS marine engine range has evolved from the 8000 series to the NEFs, modern engines equipped with advanced mechanical or electronic control injection systems. The range includes a number of models: 4 or 6-cylinder versions, with capacities from 4.5 to 6.7 litres and power outputs from 74 kW (100 bhp) to 294 kW (400 bhp).

In addition to low fuel consumption, other outstanding features of these engines are their noiseless, effervescent, fluid operation and total absence of fumes.

The hundreds of units already in use have confirmed they are highly reliable too.

These power units are fitted with top quality marine components to guarantee users high performance while minimising both dimensions and weight.