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EUROPEAN COMMISSION AGAIN SPONSORS ROUND EUROPE YACHT RACE

The Commission of the European Communities is jointly sponsoring the **Round Europe Yacht Race** again this year. The Community first became involved in sponsoring this Race for giant trimarans and catamarans in 1985.

Around 15 of these yachts arrive in Edinburgh today, Thursday 16 July, and tomorrow, Friday 17 July, at the end of the second leg of the **Round Europe Yacht Race**. The yachts set out from The Hague on 12 July on the first leg to Bremerhaven (Federal Republic of Germany), and left there for Scotland on 15 July. There will be a two-day stop-over in Edinburgh before the yachts set off at noon on Sunday 19 July on the third leg round the North of Scotland to Dublin. Saturday 18 July will be an Open Day at the Port of Leith.

Yachts in two classes Formula I 18.28m - 22.85m and Formula II 15m -18.28m are competing.

After the start by the Lord Provost of Edinburgh at noon on Sunday, the yachts will sail past Muirfield where the last day of the British Open Golf Championship will be taking place before heading out to sea on route to Dublin. From Dublin the boats will proceed via Lorient (France) to Villamoura (Portugal), Barcelona (Spain) and Toulon (France) before ending at San Remo (Italy) on Saturday 15 August.

Principal sponsorship of the Race is by TAG-Heuer, makers of sports equipment and watches.

Information about progress of the Race and the Community's involvement in it can be obtained over the period of the Edinburgh stop-over on the following telephone numbers:

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