

ARC Europe Rally's second leg ended yesterday in Horta. The first place went to "Fred", a Dutch 57 Beneteau whose young crew took 14 days, 9 hours, 5 minutes and 8 seconds to complete the route. Second on the finish line was the Belgian yacht "Surya", an Oyster 54, which took 16 days, 13 hours, 43 minutes and 26 seconds. The third place went to "Lady Lisa", an Amel from Switzerland, covering the 1800 nautical miles in 18 days, 5 hours, 50 minutes and 32 seconds.

ARC Europe departs from the British Virgin Islands, completing the first leg of the Rally in Bermuda. The second leg ends at Horta Marina, followed by a cruise around some of the marinas in the Azores. The third and last leg connects the Azores islands to Marina de Lagos, in the south of Portugal.

The Prize Giving ceremony, sponsored by the Azores Tourism Board, took place yesterday evening. The party was hosted by Miguel Cymbron, Regional Director for Tourism, and had the presence of Horta's Mayor, Horta Marina's Harbourmaster, the Vice-President of Horta's Yacht Club and also of the owner of Peter's Bar.