



PRESS RELEASE

Zaltbommel, 30 January 2015

Disappointment sharpens will-powered Team Brunel for perpetuation

Team Brunel has confidence in the perpetuation of the Volvo Ocean Race. Despite the disappointment about their fifth place in the third leg, the team is very motivated for the following legs. Schouten Globals team coach Anje-Marijcke van Boxtel marks that the team possesses a lot of will-power and focuses completely to the upcoming legs.

According to Bekking, the atmosphere on board was very good, despite the disappointing ending. "We're all still in one piece and the boat is still in good condition. You win some, you lose some. Unfortunately we lost this time."

Jan Schouten, who was invited to Sanya by the board of the Volvo Ocean Race and navigated to the boats in a rib welcomed the crew in China, where Schouten & Nelissen also has agencies at Beijing and Shanghai (Schouten China). "I'm proud of the crew. Just like Schouten Global they travel around the world. You have to go step by step to win, dealing with setbacks is also part of that.**"

Anje-Marijcke van Boxtel, director coaching at Schouten Global and Team Brunels coach: "Of course there is disappointment about the results, but the race counts for another six legs and almost lasts another six months. Look at the victory in Abu Dhabi. It may sound strange, but the crew wasn't very excited about that, because they very well realized that it was 'just' a leg win. The team puts short term glory into perspective and focuses on the long term results, winning the race as the ultimate challenge."

Van Boxtel declares that, during the coaching sessions, she primarily focuses on the bigger context. "The sessions aren't any different from the former ones. A positive and confronting approach is crucial in the Schouten Global policy. We analyze what went right, what went wrong and how we learn from that together. That means no finger pointing or blaming each other, but searching for improvement in an open and honest way. Preparations for the fourth leg are in full swing already. I notice that the team has will-power and is positively looking to the future."

** Check also the interview with Jan Schouten and Anne Schouten-van Hoofst:
https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=UY6sljpJ_UA

(Note for the editorial office, not intended for publication)

For more information and visual material, please contact
Rik van Aalst, Marketing, Communication & Press Volvo Ocean Race/Schouten Global,
e-mail: rik.vaalst@schoutenglobal.com, phone: +31 (0)6 22 41 25 05

Or check out: www.schoutenoceanrace.com. Follow us on twitter: @schoutenglobal