



Sailing / Oman / Red Bull Extreme Sailing Finishes Third

(R) Oman Hagara and Crew End Season Opener on the Podium!

On the final day of Act One of the 2011 Extreme Sailing Series in Oman, skipper Roman Hagara (with Hans Peter Steinacher, Will Howden, and Craig Monk) faced the world's most successful sailing syndicates. Red Bull Extreme Sailing sailed into 3rd place overall, and not even a collision on the final day was able to stop them. The red-white-red two-time Olympic champions continue their success on the large boats.

MUSCAT/OMAN. The final day began and ended with great emotion for the 8500 spectators in Muscat's sailing stadium and on board Red Bull Extreme Sailing. "In the first race we were hampered from the start and finished in 9th place. In the fifth race, we took a hit on the hull from another team and we thought we were done for," exulted Steinacher, who after the collision had a few choice words for GAC-skipper Ian Williams. "We stuck to the plan," enthused skipper Roman Hagara, "and we were rewarded. For us this is a dream come true. To survive after facing all these teams is not a cakewalk."

Red Bull Extreme Sailing was able to put in a consistent performance over the course of five days. The match race victory over two-time America's Cup winner Alinghi (SUI) and another 14 top-three finishes (in 32 races) laid the groundwork for their third-place overall win behind Groupe Edmond de Rothschild (FRA/skipper xxx) and Artemis Racing (SWE/skipper xxx).

Act Two of the prestigious sailing series begins on April 13th in the Olympic Village in Qingdao, China. Red Bull Extreme Sailing's 40-foot-catamaran is being transported directly by cargo ship from Oman to China. On Sunday the crew is traveling to Salzburg, Austria. Physical training and tests are on the agenda.

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World Series 2011:

Act 1: 20-24 February, Muscat, Oman

Act 2: 13-17 April, China

Act 3: 25-29 May, Istanbul, Turkey

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Act 4: 30 June - 4 July, Boston, USA
Act 5: 6-12 August, Cowes, UK
Act 6: 14-18 September, Trapani, Italy
Act 7: 28 September - 2 October, Nice, France
Act 8: 12-16 October, Almeria, Spain
Act 9: 7-11 December, Singapore

