



Andrea Mura celebrates his epic win on board the Open 50 'Vento di Sardegna'. Copyright Billy Black

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Raymarine: Andrea Mura First to Finish OSTAR

Reported to be the toughest OSTAR ever run due to storm conditions, claiming thirteen retirements and several rescues, experienced Italian yachtsman Andrea Mura crossed the finishing line after 17 days 4 hours and 6 minutes at sea, becoming the first competitor to have won three of these gruelling events since 2012. Sailing the 2800 miles from Plymouth UK to Newport USA single handed, Mura endured the extreme conditions of the North Atlantic, said to be the worst ever for the event.

Mura's Open 50 Vento di Sardegna was fitted with a comprehensive Raymarine navigation system and Raymarine Evolution autopilot, which were put to the ultimate test in these horrendous conditions, a testament to the advanced technology and rugged quality of Raymarine products. The autopilot maintaining the course through giant waves and vital navigational information made available despite vibration, impact, extreme low temperature and constant water attack.

Following the race, Andrea Mura commented, "I am proud of being a sailing ambassador for Raymarine and have contributed to electronic instrument development for more than ten years. In this very difficult OSTAR, with conditions very harsh and close to marine survival, my Raymarine tools performed continuously and never failed me. In particular, during the blizzards, the Evolution Autopilot worked at its best without stopping. Thank you to Raymarine for the support!"

Gregoire Outters, Vice President and General Manager of FLIR Maritime said, "We are very pleased for Andrea who has deservedly won a place in the record books. To win a race where so many other vessels retired, were abandoned, damaged or even sunk is a remarkable achievement. We are delighted to hear that our Raymarine products performed so well in those conditions and Andrea was able to rely on accurate navigational data to assist him through to the finish."

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