

RORC Caribbean 600 Race

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### Giovanni Soldini and *Maserati* : racing between the islands

Less than 24 hours after the start of the seventh edition of the RORC Caribbean 600 Race, competition between the participants is heating up. Rambler is in the lead followed by *Leopard*, *Bella Mente* and then *Maserati* in fourth position in real time.

This morning Giovanni Soldini told us by phone: “It’s a fantastic race, very competitive. We haven’t had a wink of sleep so far. We can see *Bella Mente* ahead of us and we’re hoping to pass her. After the start, we made up ground on the downwind and then lost a bit upwind. We also had a problem with the spi – the halyard broke and the hook wouldn’t open so Corrado Rossignoli went up to unblock it. Luckily, that issue didn’t lose us much time. Unfortunately though, we had a problem with the sat phone and right now we’re finding it difficult to send video and photos from here. But we’re focusing all our energy on making *Maserati* fast as possible.”

The current RORC Caribbean 600 Race was set by *Rambler* in 2011 (40 hours and 20 minutes).

Updates with video footage and still photographs from the boat can be found at [www.maserati.soldini.it](http://www.maserati.soldini.it) (<<http://www.maserati.soldini.it/>>) and on the following social networks: Facebook (Giovanni Soldini Pagina Ufficiale, over 41.000 friends) and Twitter @giovannisoldini (128.000 followers) and Youtube.

*The challenge is sponsored by the main partner, Maserati, after which the yacht is named, and by co-sponsors Swiss bank BSI and Unipol SAI Assicurazioni.*



*The official suppliers to the challenge are **Z Zegna** (clothing), **Vodafone Italia** (telecommunication services and official website development) and **Boero Bartolomeo S.p.A.** (specialist hull paints and enamels).*

*Also aboard Maserati are **Eataly** (provisioning), **Beta Utensili** (all professional tools), **Corderia Lancelin** (specialist lines and cables), **Jeppesen** (cartography), **B&G Navico** (technical assistance with onboard instrumentation), **Cantiere Picchiotti of La Spezia** (Maserati's home base ashore), and the **La Spezia Port Authority** (Maserati's home port afloat).*

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