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**Press release**



**CLS,  
Route du Rhum 2006 partner,  
equips all yachts with Argos transmitters**

*CLS tracks, the 74 competitors of the Route du Rhum 2006, during the entire race. Each yacht is equipped with a MAR YX transmitter. This transmitter is the first component of the Argos system including a constellation of 6 satellites, 40 antennas and 5 data processing centers. The Argos tracking beacon transmits regular messages which enables locating the equipped yachts. Thanks to this location, the race Organisation can establish the ranking but also improve skippers' safety at sea.*

CLS ensures, for the fifth time, yacht tracking for this race. CLS, worldwide leader of data collection and location by satellite provides and check personally the installation of all waterproof and autonomous transmitters on each yacht. The Argos tracking beacon transmits a message to satellite which sends it to land antennas. Then this message is received by CLS processing centers, operational 24h a day, 365 days per year. The center, bases in Toulouse, decodes the messages and delivers results to the organisation.

CLS, a subsidiary of CNES (French Space Agency), Ifremer (French Research Institute for Exploration of the Sea) and several French financial institutions, offers satellite services in location and data collection to a broad range of professionals including: governments, industry and scientific community. Within this context, CLS works in close collaboration with CNES, the US National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration (NOAA), and Eumetsat, (Organization for the Exploitation of Meteorological satellites). CLS is an international corporation with 280 employees: 220 at company headquarters in Toulouse (France) and 60 at its offices and subsidiaries around the world.

CLS is particularly attached to adventurers, whether they are skippers on the Route du Rhum like Alain Gauthier, extreme explorers like Jean-Louis Etienne, science travelers like Stephan Levin or navigators like Maud Fontenoy. CLS equips all of them and continuously tracks their progression.

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