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Today: Storm Charles puts the Algarve under a red wind warning for tomorrow, Corentin Horeau closes on an IMOCA win in the Route du Rhum as Guirec Soudée takes fourth in the Ultims, the Golden Globe fleet is down to ten, and Admiral hands over the 53.5m hybrid *Silvia*.

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LEAD STORY

Storm Charles: red wind warning for the Algarve tomorrow

The weather that closed bars along the coast at the weekend is about to get worse. IPMA has raised the Faro district to a red warning, its highest level, for Wednesday 11 November, as depression Charles crosses mainland Portugal. O Jogo reports that the red wind warning for Faro, Setúbal and Beja runs from 09:00 to 21:00, with gusts of up to 120 km/h and around 140 km/h in the most exposed spots. Five more districts, including Lisbon, are on red from midday. Faro also has an orange warning for heavy rain from 05:00. IPMA's most likely track takes the centre of the low ashore between Sines and Peniche, and the storm is now expected on Wednesday morning rather than in the afternoon.

The government has declared a *situação de alerta* for the whole of Wednesday. Schools and non-essential public services will close, outdoor activities are suspended and people are being asked to stay at home. Civil Protection has gone to its level 4 readiness and warns that power and phone cuts are likely. The head of the environment agency, APA, named Faro, Albufeira and Tavira among the towns at risk of urban flooding.

Out at sea, IPMA's current warning for the western Algarve gives waves of 4 to 5 m, and up to 4 m from the south-west along the Barlavento coast. Wave forecasts for Wednesday itself differ between reports, so check IPMA directly. For anyone on a berth here, today is the day to double up lines and springs, add fenders, take down canvas and sprayhoods, and tie or remove anything that could blow away. Bar status can change by the hour; check the Marinha's Estado das Barras page before thinking of going out.

Source: O Jogo / RTP / Postal, 10 Nov 2026

Admiral hands over hybrid Panorama *Silvia*

The second yacht in Admiral's semi-custom Panorama line has been delivered. *Silvia* is a 53.5m steel and aluminium yacht of 499GT, built by The Italian Sea Group at Marina di Carrara and launched in July, a few days after the first Panorama, the 50m *Spribe*, was handed over. She is the first of the line with hybrid propulsion: two MAN diesels work with electric alternators and lithium polymer batteries, and the batteries can run the hotel load for about eight hours with no local emissions. She sleeps 13 guests in six cabins, with the owner's suite on the main deck, and has a beach club with a sunken pool and fold-down terraces. Piredda & Partners drew the exterior, its first job with the yard, and Ramón Alonso of RADYCA did the interior, which has not yet been shown. FGI Yacht Group's Frank Grzeszczak Sr. represented the owner throughout.

Source: BOAT International, 9 Nov 2026

Baglietto starts an ice-class 48m explorer

Baglietto has begun building hull 102777, a 48m custom motor yacht for an owner who wants to cruise in colder waters. The owner came to the coin ceremony that marked the start of work. The steel hull is being built to Ice Class 1D, which allows for light, loose ice in open water. She will run on Volvo Penta's IPS Professional system, which can start and stop individual engines to match demand, and the yard quotes a range of 5,000 miles at 10 knots. The 10m tender will be launched from a retractable platform inspired by Italian launching methods of the 1940s to 1960s, with the system built by Besenzoni. Floating Life, whose co-founder Andrea Pezzini is also the owner's representative, leads the design team with Satura Studio and Zero13.

Source: Megayacht News, 9 Nov 2026

Swan 115 *Glafki IV* sold off-market

The 35m Nautor Swan *Glafki IV* has changed hands in an off-market deal. She was delivered in 2015 as a raised-saloon version of the Swan 115, designed by Germán Frers, and has a carbon Southern Spars rig and a lifting keel that draws 5.75 m down and 3.5 m up. She takes eight guests in four cabins plus a full-beam owner's cabin aft, with room for six crew. George Ertsos of Atalanta Marine acted for the seller and Lorenzo Bortolotti of Nautor Swan Brokerage introduced the buyer. No price was given.

Source: BOAT International, 9 Nov 2026

Benetti *New Star* finds a buyer

The 30m Benetti *New Star*, built in 2003 as the second of the yard's Tradition 100 series, has been sold. She has a semi-displacement GRP hull drawn by Stefano Righini, an interior by François Zuretti, and was refitted in 2017, 2021 and again this year. She sleeps eight, and twin 1,350hp MTUs give her 18 knots flat out. She was last asking €4.3 million. Both sides of the deal were handled by CSO Yachts, with Stelios Pechlivanis for the buyer and Quentin Niek for the seller.

Source: BOAT International, 9 Nov 2026

Route du Rhum: Soudée fourth, Horeau due in today

Guirec Soudée completed the Ultim results yesterday, finishing fourth on *Liamm* at 16:31 UTC after 8 days, 4 hours and 29 minutes. The wind died as he rounded Guadeloupe, and at times he drifted backwards off Pointe-à-Pitre. *Liamm* is the oldest Ultim in the race, rebuilt in 2014 from parts of Olivier de Kersauson's *Geronimo*. It was his first Route du Rhum in an Ultim.

In the IMOCA class, Corentin Horeau (*MACSF*) was less than 140 miles from the finish this morning and is expected in Pointe-à-Pitre this afternoon. Behind him the fleet has run into a windless patch left by the departing tropical low. Francesca Clapcich, fifth on *11th Hour Racing* despite a broken bowsprit, was making 1.8 knots at 07:00 UTC, with Maxime Sorel and Davy Beaudart catching up because they still have wind. Sam Goodchild lost ground after climbing the mast to repair a sail.

The Ocean Fifty finish is wide open. Basile Bourgnon (*Edenred*) still led this morning but has lost most of his margin, with Thibaut Vauchel-Camus a handful of miles behind and Pierre Quiroga third. Matthieu Perraut capsized *Elvest*, leaving eight of the ten boats racing. In Class40, Achille Nebout (*Amarris*) leads a tight group with about 1,200 miles to go.

Source: Sail-World / ICI / Route du Rhum, 9 & 10 Nov 2026

Golden Globe: ten left, and a retirement after penalties

After an eventful week, ten of the 16 starters are still heading round the world. Guy deBoer is in a stable condition aboard the Brazilian corvette *Barroso*, which is due in Rio de Janeiro tomorrow, while *Spirit* stays adrift. Italy's Andrea Lodolo (*BiBi*), who was third, broke his knee in a fall through the companionway. He turned down evacuation and is sailing to Cape Town, about five or six days away, sleeping on the cabin sole under close medical supervision.

Norway's Mara Løvenskiold Kveseth (*Showgirl*), who was fifth, retired on 7 November. The race had found that her team uploaded 865 restricted onboard video files, broke the live-tracking publication limits and used Starlink to send footage and banned logistics messages ashore. Two disqualification penalties were suspended, but she faced 16 days of time penalties. Damien Guillou (*Solarem*) leads into the Indian Ocean, ahead of Ertan Beskardes (*Miss Beagle*) and Etienne Messikommer (*Bernard*).

Source: Golden Globe Race / Sail-World, 9 Nov 2026

Star Worlds: Altolaguirre brothers win the opener

Argentina's Leandro and Lucas Altolaguirre won the first race of the Star World Championship on Biscayne Bay yesterday. They came from fourth to take control by the second windward mark of a two-hour race in 7 to 10 knots. Eric Doyle and Payson Infelise (USA), who led early, were second and Diego Negri and Sergio Lambertenghi (ITA) third. The favourites struggled off the start: defending champions Paul Cayard and Frithjof Kleen recovered to ninth, Robert Scheidt was 15th and Mateusz Kusznierewicz 40th.

Source: ISCYRA / Sail-World, 10 Nov 2026

Moth Worlds: Balanger stretches his lead

Defending champion Enzo Balanger of France won again on a hard third day of the Moth Worlds at Mounts Bay Sailing Club in Western Australia. The breeze built to 20 to 25 knots over short, steep chop, and there were breakages around the fleet. Tim Howse (NZL) was second and Ryan Littlechild (AUS) third. Sam Street led Balanger for much of the race but lost out on the final run. Balanger is now 16 points clear of Littlechild, who has moved ahead of Richard Didham (USA) into second. The championship ends on 12 November.

Source: Sail-World, 9 Nov 2026

44Cup decider in Cartagena this week

The RC44 fleet meets in Cartagena for the last 44Cup event of the season, with practice tomorrow and racing from 12 to 15 November. It is close at the top: Pietro Loro Piana's *Aleph Racing*, the new RC44 world champions, lead by a point from Markus Törnqvist's *GeMera Race*, with Chris Bake's *Team Aqua* and defending champion Vladimir Prosikhin's *Team Nika* three points further back. The usual northerly is 8 to 12 knots, but the organisers note that sudden south-westerly gales are possible late in the year.

Source: 44Cup / Sail-World, 7 Nov 2026

First X-15 Wingfoil Worlds crowned in Ibiza

The first X-15 Wingfoil World Championship finished at Port Nàutic Ibiza on 8 November, with 107 riders from 24 nations. Poland's Kamil Manowiecki won the senior men's title and Germany's Jette Koep the senior women's. The under-19 titles went to Holland Vierling (USA) and Yana Li (CHN), and the under-15 title went to Brazil.

Source: Sail-World, 10 Nov 2026

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Madeira braces for a second blow

Madeira gets Charles first. O Jogo reports a red rain warning for the south coast and mountains from 21:00 tonight to 06:00 tomorrow, and a red wind warning for the high ground overnight with gusts of up to 140 km/h. Porto Santo and the north coast are on orange, and there is a yellow sea warning for the whole archipelago tomorrow, with waves of 4 to 4.5 m. All hiking trails will be closed on Wednesday. This follows Sunday's storm Bruna: RTP counted 210 incidents in a single day, mostly fallen trees and flooding, with Funchal worst hit. At least 20 flights and two cruise-ship calls were cancelled. Anyone with a boat in Madeira should prepare for another rough night.

Source: O Jogo / RTP, 10 Nov 2026

Algarve bars: Alvor and Albufeira still shut

The Navy's Estado das Barras page still showed the Alvor and Albufeira bars closed to all traffic, and the Portimão bar open only to vessels under 12 m, when we checked this morning. That entry was last updated at 12:19 on Sunday, so treat it as a guide only. Lagos, Vilamoura, Quarteira, Faro, Olhão, Tavira, Vila Real de Santo António and Baleeira were listed as open. With Charles on its way, expect more closures tomorrow.

Source: Marinha Portuguesa, 9 Nov 2026

REGULATION & DESTINATIONS

ARC+ held in Las Palmas by Atlantic gales

If you are bound for the Canaries, the weather is holding the ARC+ in port. World Cruising Club put back the start for the 78-boat fleet, which had been due to leave Las Palmas on Sunday 8 November for Cape Verde and Grenada. The forecast showed strong south-westerlies at the start instead of the usual northerlies, and a second low could bring more gales to the islands this week. Managing director Paul Tetlow said the decision was about crew safety. A provisional new start was set for no earlier than Wednesday, and skippers may leave on their own and still get rally support at sea. Reports differ on the latest date, so check World Cruising Club. The main ARC is due to leave Las Palmas on 22 November.

Source: Yachting Monthly / Yacht.de, 6 Nov 2026

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