

Press Information

Lewis Hamilton sails the 'HUGO BOSS'

Metzingen, Germany, June 24, 2008. Assisted by Alex Thomson, Vodafone McLaren Mercedes star Lewis Hamilton will be skippering the 'HUGO BOSS' – the yacht from the international fashion and lifestyle company of the same name – in this year's Round-the-Island Race on June 28, 2008.

In this celebrated event, the runner-up in last year's Formula One driver's championship will be sailing the Open 60 yacht, which was christened the 'HUGO BOSS' in Hamburg in September 2007. The course covers 50 nautical miles around the Isle of Wight, which is situated off the south coast of England. The "circuit" starts and finishes at the town of Cowes.

Alex Thomson, the British skipper of the 'HUGO BOSS,' will be inviting Hamilton on board and initiating the 23-year-old driver from Vodafone McLaren Mercedes into a new high-speed technology experience. In the Barcelona World Race, which he finished in second place last February, Thomson set a new 24-hour record for the class by covering 500 nautical miles at an average speed of 20.8 knots.

As his next major challenge, Thomson will be entering the Vendée Globe, which starts off the French town of Les Sables-d'Olonne on November 9, 2008. In this race, Alex Thomson will be sailing the 'HUGO BOSS' solo around the world.



Pictures from the Round-the-Island Race with Lewis Hamilton will be available from our Press Service at <http://press.hugoboss.com> from June 29, 2008.

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