

PRESS RELEASE

EXPEDITION '176 - THE CUBAN SUB BATTLE'

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International Involvement

THE CUBAN GOVERNMENT,
THE GERMAN GOVERNMENT
as well as THE PRESIDENT OF
THE UNITED STATES will be
informed and kept informed
about the Expedition's
progress.

BREAKING NEWS ...GERMAN SUBMARINE... sunk by ...CUBAN SUB HUNTER... in CUBAN TERRITORIAL WATERS...

After 77 Years the

Historic Research Offshore Sailing Expedition 176 - THE CUBAN SUB BATTLE

takes place between 7 - 14 MARCH
2015 to create contacts between
countries, associations and sailors,
remembering the Cuban naval
operation in which the Cuban
submarine



hunter CS-13 under the command of
Ensign Mario Ramirez Delgado sunk
the German submarine U176 under
the command of Lieutenant
Commander Reiner Dierksen in
Cuban territorial waters on the 15th
of May 1943.





About the Global Offshore Sailing Team

The Global Offshore Sailing Team, an international group of dedicated sailors comprised of members from all over the world including the United States, Great Britain, Spain, Italy, Germany, France and Greece

The Global Offshore Sailing Team which navigates on oceans worldwide and in which many teammates have naval backgrounds, have made it a priority to keep naval traditions alive and to use expeditions as historic research platforms. Recent expeditions include "Arctic Ocean Predator" where the team sailed from Tromsø into the Arctic Ocean and to Svalbard in order to explore and experience the circumstances under which small weather units worked during their duty on these isolated arctic islands in World War II. The same with Expedition "Cerberus", where, in conjunction with the British Channel Dash Association, the German Association for Marine and Naval History and supported by the Royal Navy and the German Navy, we followed the route of 1942's Operation Cerberus from Brest to Kiel.

This international team believes it is important to visit the places where history happened, to not only to understand history better but to remember the events that influenced the world we live in today.

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In times of peace and great changes it's the aim of the Expedition to bring this dramatic event back in mind to remember the seamen who lost their life's by defending their home soil or being send away to missions far away. The Expedition conducted shall also be an invitation to reflect about the great peaceful achievements the world made since these days.

CS 13 Cazasubmarinos cubano de 83 pies

Desplazamiento: 45 toneladas
Eslora: 83 pies y 2"
Manga: 18 pies.
Armamento: 1 x 20 mm
Cargas de profundidad
Tripulación: 12 hombres



U- Boat 176 Submarino alemán tipo IXC

Desplazamiento: 1540 toneladas
Eslora: 252 pies
Manga: 6,8 metros
Armamento: 1 x 105 mm, 1 x 57 mm, 1 x 20 mm
22 torpedos
Tripulación de 48 a 56 hombres
Se dice que el U-176 llevaba 53 hombres



The Expedition will be realised with the help of famous official scientific research partners like The INTERNATIONAL MARITIME MUSEUM HAMBURG, The GERMAN ASSOCIATION OF MARINE AND NAVAL HISTORY and the official Team sponsor MÜNZ TEAMFASHION. A small number of selected people directly involved in event research, family descendants or governmental representatives have also been invited to become part of the expedition.



Internationales
Maritimes Museum
Hamburg

About Expedition '176 - THE CUBAN SUB BATTLE'

The Global Offshore Sailing Team decided to follow in its next historic research sailing expedition - taking place from 7 - 14 March 2015 - a route which is leading from Cienfuegos - the region where the Skipper of the Cuban submarine hunter CS 17 Mario Ramirez was born to the former operation area of U-176 and the Cuban Navy. The goal is to try to get a sense of the background and the struggles of this event while experiencing what the sea must have meant to those fighting a battle which started far away from their home soil but arrived even to their home gates in Cuba. By doing this we will remember all the brave seamen who served their countries on all sides during this time of conflict in the world. As our good friend Peter Nixon, Chairman of the Channel Dash Association perfectly summarised:

„ ... working so hard to bring history back to everyone`s attention and recognising the many great acts of courage performed on our behalf by men and women of all sides during a period of conflict. ... It is not about Winner`s or Loser`s. ... The world is a wonderful place to live because it is made up of many different, but beautiful countries.... We should be proud of this fact. Equally, we should not be ashamed of our past, nor should we glorify it, for it was our past which created what we are today.“

This expedition will help create contacts between countries, associations and sailors, ensuring the memories will stay alive.

