



BELGICA II

D-OCOX

BEL 1



4 - 2010

Vaartverslag		Ballon D – OCOX			Vaart Nr. 73		
Datum	25-09-2010	Inhoud	1000 m3	M3	vulling	Waterstof	Gas
Startplaats	Bristol U.K.			Volgers	Leon & Anita & François		
Ballonmeister	Bob Berben			Starter			
Pilot	CIERS Gino			vaart Nr.	20		
1. Co-pilot	DOBBELAERE Jürgen			vaart Nr.	12		
Starttijd	25/9/10	Landing	27/9 07:10UTC	Vaartijd	32:31 h	Vogelvl.	1057.37 km
	22:39 UTC					Vaartlijn	1235 km
Soort vaart	54th Coupe Aéronautique Gordon Bennett						
Snelheid Ø	21 Kt	Topsnelheid	44 kt	Hoogste punt	7972 ft	Ballast	45 S*12kg
		Verbruucht:	37 Sack				
Landingsplaats	Port Leucate, France (near Perpignan)			Beschrijving	on peninsula, strong winds		

Time UTC	Hight ft	Ballast	Place	track	Kts/h	Weer	Bemerkingen
10:39	Podium	45	Bristol, Start Race	-	-	Cavok	Full possible ballast (580kg)
10:45	1000	43	Bristol Radar SSR: 4702	180	8	Cavok	QNH 1019 - Bristol Radar 125.650
11.10	2400	-		203	18	Cavok	CLIMB 3000
00:00	3300		Bristol passed	208	16		QNH 1018
							Contact London info 124.75
							9NM south of Bristol
00:30	3500						QNH 1013
01:00							QNH 1012
01:20	2115			198	19.7		
02:00							QNH 1011
02:10	1300		Coastline	205	19.5	cavok	Very calm
							Next waypoint France FIR
02.25	2300		London, next CTCT 02.55				
04:30	5200		Brest info 118.025 mid channel	187	21.6	Cavok	France Brest 125.50
05:13	5470			198	25.6	Clouds	Jersey 125.200
05:35	5633			195	22.7	4/8	Daylight starts – strobes out
07:00	5700		30NM north of LFOO	180	24	6/8	Warmer –breakfast
07:16		34					
07:50			Leaving Jersey info				Contact Brest info – radar contact: transponder test and ok -still 4702
08:20	6300	33	1 bag out to correct heading				
09:10	7000	33	Callac	177	24		
10:00	7200	32					
10:15	7300	31	Trying to climb...subsidentie?				
11:20	7500	30	Golf Van Biskaye	166	26	Bkn	Direction Bayonne
			First night total out 14,5 bags				

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14:30	7810	28	W off LFEY	163	27	BKN	Nante info 124.425
16:00	6700	27	Abeem La Rochelle	155	20	6/8	Some balloons in sight
17:15	5200	26		167	20		La Rochelle info 124.20
18:25	5100	26	In the clouds	160	20		
20:30	7000	24	Land in sight LFBC	148	18		Turning following plan
21:40	6800	23	Biarritz info 125.60	141	20		Michel..too fast!
23:00	6100	22	Pyrenée APP 128.80 PAU	130	15		Transponder + radio+ strobe continues on, other balloons not! Danger
00:10	5450	22	CTR LFBN cleared. Difficult to stay clear of clouds	122	18,1		Speeding up again, cold -1° Continues swift 2 h awake, 2 h sleep – Jurgen sleeps
01:00	5300	21,5	Near Plaisance	108	20	cavok	Gino sleeps
02:17	4830	21	Leave Pau, CT Toulouse	101	22,7		So cold!
03:00	4180	20	In front of Toulouse, report leaving CTR zone	110	20.6		Michel: slow down..but how? Lower = GPS terrain alert – very dark
03:55	4150	19	Just crossed city Toulouse BIG airport 125.75 TWR	105	20.2	frost	Cold but stable...still too fast ...where are the brakes
05:00	3100	19	Toulouse APP LFBO 123.925	113	23.8	Ok	Michel: descent!
05:30	1300	18	Still too fast, decision to land	92	15	cavok	First daylight...flying together now, fast and turbulent
05:50	1300	18	Need brakes	92	15		Contact Michel by GSM now- strategy?
6:20	4100	18	Preparing basket for landing. Why are we climbing so fast?	113	34	cavok	Difficult to explain to Perpignan info what are our intentions? Instable LFMP 120.75 Perpignan
06:40	3400	17	Very turbulent and windy!!! Are we going to make it? Balloon nearly tears apart...scary!	118	45		Over hills and windmills close to coast
07:10		8	SAFE LANDING 12 kn				Port Leucate FRANCE near Perpignan
			Closing flight plan				
			Call competition center				
			Call family and friends				
			Cleaning up, no damage! Crew only 40' away!!!				
Landing position 42°50.015'N 002°51.8483'E Port Leucate, near Perpignan France							

Remarks:

Gino & Jürgen : Many thanks to our fantastic crew & home team and also to Michel De Meyer, Bob Berben, Willy Eimers, Our family, etc.

Glück ab zur nächsten Fahrt