

Skipper Norbert Sedlacek Koch



Date of birth: 27th January 1962

Place of birth: Vienna, Austria

Nationality: Austrian

Family status: Married, one child

Profession: Skipper

Norbert Sedlacek was born on 27th January 1962 in Vienna into a family of Viennese officials. He acquired a compulsory education and then he attended a waiter training in Hilton hotel in Vienna.

After a military service and several years as a waiter, in 1984 he moved by his father's request to Wiener Stadtwerke, a public transport company, located in Vienna. His father wanted him to make an easy career within the public service.

After a few years of quiet life, the driving of trams in Vienna started to bore Norbert. Reflecting of his future, he decided to have a more active life and travel around the world.

In 1994, Norbert Sedlacek discovered sailing and he was convinced that this sport is not just a hobby, but his vocation. From that moment, he did everything to become a professional sailor. He was persuaded to pass from the tram to the cockpit of a yacht.

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Almost out of limits 1996-1998

Norbert has started his single-handed circumnavigation of 2 years and approximately 26,000 nautical miles on 28th July 1996 in the Italian port Grado and he has successfully arrived at the port of departure on 26th July 1998.

Those two years were full of the struggle against the forces of nature, solitude, private, and financial problems. But these two years earned him a global recognition, he was the first Austrian skipper who sailed around the world and allowed him to enter into the international professional sailing scene.



Boat

Designer: Norbert Sedlacek

Type: Wolf 766

LOA: 8.40 m

Weight: 3 t

Sail area: 38 m²

Engine: 8 hp outboard



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"Im Grenzbereich des Möglichen"

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Icelimit 2000/2001

Behind this name is hidden an icy adventure, a solo non-stop around Antarctica circumnavigation from Cape Town to Cape Town.

In November 2000 Norbert Sedlacek began his fire baptism in Antarctic waters.

During 93 extremely difficult days during which he was taken 14.315 nm through the most dangerous oceans full of icebergs, Norbert faced many extreme situations.

29th racing day: 6 bft, climbed the mast 3-4 m to release a furler of the genoa sail

51st racing day: highest southern latitude of 62 ° South, the same extreme icebergs concentration, two hours of sailing with a broken autopilot

80th racing day: long sail in the sea full of icebergs at 51 ° South

Average nautical day

154 nm at sea level (270 km)

Best nautical day

211 nm (360 km)

Worst nautical day

59 nm (108 km)

Maximum width

62° S

Maximum wind speed

74 kts (138 km/h)

Largest wave height according to Australian Weather Service

9-11 m

Maximum speed in surf

25,6 kts

Lowest temperature

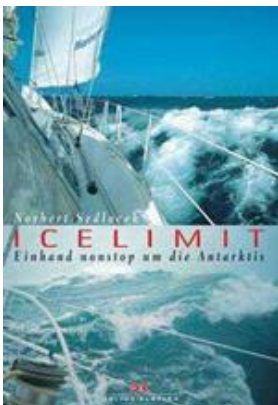
-6° C in the windshield

Lowest wind chill temperature

about -45° C

Lowest pressure

971 hpa.



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"Icelimit"

Trailer: <https://youtu.be/b0r08WUkc9U>

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The Transat 2004

The Transat 2004 from Plymouth (GB) to Boston (USA) was Norbert Sedlacek's initiation into IMOCA Open 60 racing and at the same time his and his boat's final qualification for the Vendée Globe 2004/2005. With a result of 17 days, 18 hours 35 minutes and 36 seconds Norbert Sedlacek sailed into the top ten, finishing 10th out of 17 competitors in his first IMOCA race.



Start

31st May 2004 in Plymouth, England

Arrival

18th June 2004, 7:35:36 a.m

Destination

Boston, USA

Distance

3,029 nautical miles across the North Atlantic, by the northern route along the drift ice and the dreaded Grand Banks of Newfoundland

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Vendée Globe 2004/2005

Norbert Sedlacek was the first German speaking skipper ever to compete in the Vendée Globe, undisputedly the hardest sailing race in the world, which starts and finishes in Les Sables d'Olonne (FRA) and is sailed single-handed, nonstop, and without outside assistance through some of the most challenging seas in the world.

Unfortunately he had to retire from the race after 6.800 successful nautical miles because of serious problems with his canting keel. At this moment, he also shared the fate of six other participants, who had to leave prematurely the race because of grave technical damage on their boats.



Trailer

Vendée Globe 2004 - 180° Test

<https://youtu.be/r6rRnD-OnNE>



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and DVD

"Projekt Vendée Globe 2004/05"

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Vendée Globe 2008/2009

In his second attempt, Norbert Sedlacek has realized what many of the world's best professional skippers dream of.

After 126 days, 5 hours, 31 minutes and 56 seconds, he arrived 11th of 30 skippers the finish line of the Vendée Globe and fulfilled a dream of his lifetime.



Trailer

Vendée Globe 2008/09

<https://youtu.be/GZA3oRnY41Q>



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"Allein gegen den Ozean"

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Ergebnisliste Vendée Globe 2008/09

Platzierung	Name (Nationalität, Schiffsname)	Dauer
1	Michel Desjoyeaux (Fra, Foncia)	84 d 03h 09'
2	Armel Le Cléac'h (Fra, Brit Air)	89d, 09h 35'
3	Marc Guillemot (Fra, Safran)	95d 03h 19'
	Vincent Riou (Fra, PRB)	Redress given
4	Samantha Davies (GB, Roxy)	95d 04h 39'
5	Brian Thompson (GB, Bahrain Team Pindar)	98d 20h 29'
6	Dee Caffari (GB, Aviva)	99d 01h 10'
7	Arnaud Boissières (Fra, Akena Vérandas)	105d 02h 33'
8	Steve White (GB, Toe in the Water)	109d 00h 36'
9	Rich Wilson (USA, Great American III)	121d 00h 41'
10	Raphael Dinelli (Fra, Fondation Océan Vital)	125d 02h 32'
11	Norbert Sedlacek (Aut, Nauticsport-Kapsch)	126d 05h 31'

Ergebnisliste Vendée Globe 2008/09

Ausgeschieden	Ausscheidungsgrund
Roland Jourdain (Fra, Veolia environnement)	loss of keel bulb
Jean Le Cam (Fra, VM Matériaux)	capsized
Jonny Malbon (GB, Artemis)	mainsail problem
Jean-Pierre Dick (Fra, Paprec-Virbac 2)	collided with a growler
Derek Hatfield (Can, Algimouss Spirit of Canada)	capsized
Sébastien Josse (Fra, BT)	boat damaged by a breaker
Yann Eliès (Fra, Generali)	physical accident
Mike Golding (GB, Ecover)	dismasted
Jean-Baptiste Dejeanty (Fra, Maisonneuve)	various elements damaged
Loïck Peyron (Fra, Gitana Eighty)	dismasted
Bernard Stamm (Sui, Cheminées Poujoulat)	boat ran aground in the Kerguelens
Dominique Wavre (Sui, Temenos II)	keel problems
Unai Basurko (Esp, Pakea Bizkaia)	rudder problems
Jérémie Beyou (Fra, Delta Dore)	mast problems
Alex Thomson (GB, Hugo Boss)	various elements damaged
Yannick Bestaven (Fra, Aquarelle.com)	dismasted
Marc Thiercelin (Fra, DCNS)	dismasted
Kito de Pavant (Fra, Groupe Bel)	dismasted

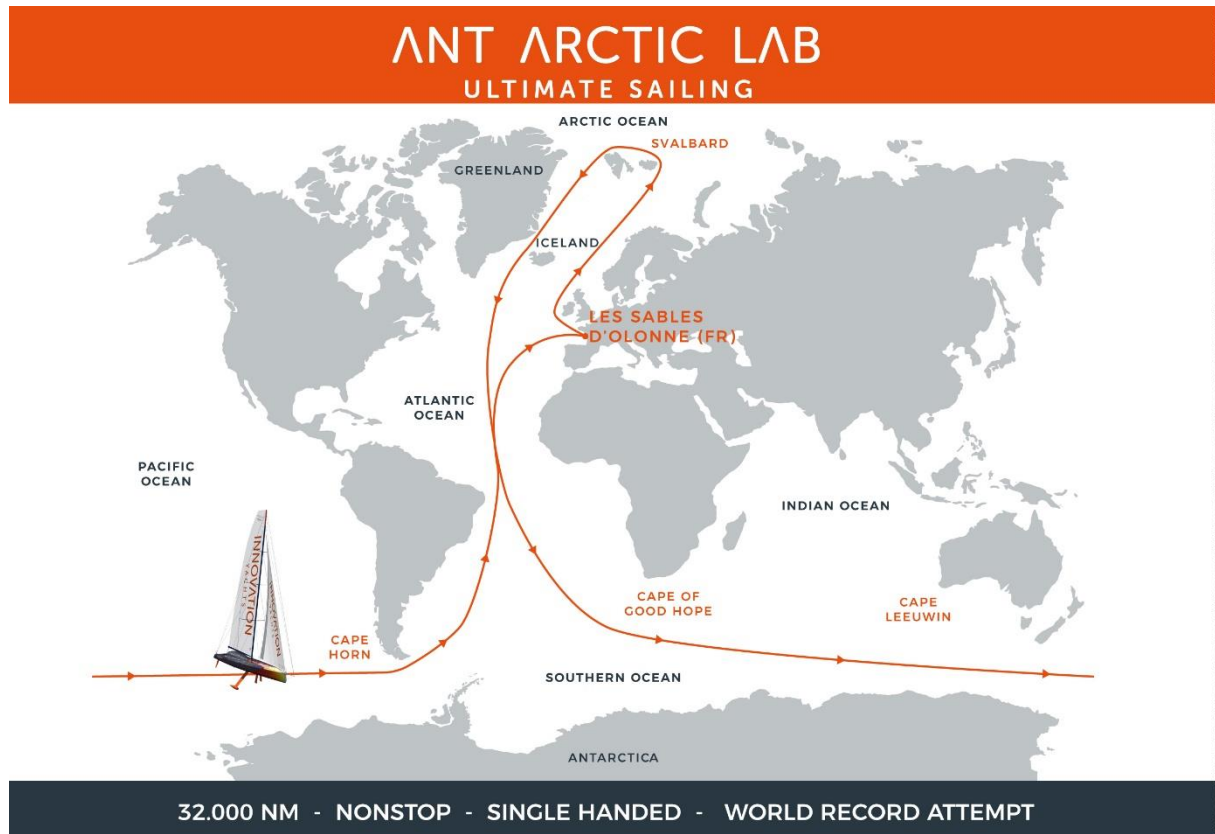
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ANT ARCTIC LAB project

ANT ARCTIC LAB stands for the first attempt to sail nonstop, single-handed and without assistance around the world through all five oceans, including Arctic and Southern Ocean!



This unbelievable undertaking will be another extreme sailing adventure for skipper Norbert Sedlacek Koch which will take him more than 32.000 nautical miles, around six months through the most dangerous waters on our planet, through ice, stormy waters, the doldrums and many, at the moment unknown, adventures.

ANT ARCTIC LAB challenge will depart on 15th August 2021. But, it's not just an ambitious world record attempt! It is also confirming a new yacht building concept using trendsetting volcanic fibre which resists toughest conditions, like collisions with drifting ice. Additionally all used materials are entirely recyclable!

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