



# 1996 ROTHMANS CAPE TO RIO RACE

Start 6 January 1996 | Entries 59 | Nations 15

Line Honours Fancourt's Morning Glory, Hasso Plattner  
Overall Handicap Winner Renfreight Irish Mist, Norjohn  
Kennedy



When the skippers and crews arrived in the heat and humidity of Rio de Janeiro, they unanimously agreed: it had been an exceptional race. Whether on cutting-edge racing yachts, cruisers, monohulls, or catamarans, the crossing was praised across the fleet. Teddy Kuttel described it as some of the best sailing he'd experienced in a decade, a sentiment echoed by many.

The race began with a brisk southeaster, offering stunning views of the colorful spinnakers as the 54-strong fleet scattered after Moule Point. Boats like *Morning Glory* (Hasso Plattner) and *Nicorette* (Ludde Ingval) pursued conservative routes, while others, including *Daly's International Insurance* (Michael Daly), opted for a southern approach, initially paying off with strong daily runs.

*Morning Glory* ultimately claimed the elapsed-time record of 14 days, 14 hours. On handicap, the Charger 33 *Renfreight* triumphed after steady, determined sailing. The all-women crew aboard *Swimline* (Marion Cole) also had a memorable tussle, finishing just hours behind *Black Cat* (Dudley Dix).