

for much of the race. In early December, Charlie Dalin, aboard *Apivia*, led the pack around the Cape of Good Hope, followed by Thomas Ruyant on *Linkedout* 222 nm behind him, and Louis Burton on *Bureau Vallée 2* at 259 nm further back.

At that time, several racers retired due to mechanical troubles and made for port in South Africa. On Dec. 3, south of the Cape of Good Hope, Yannick Bestaven, sailing *Maitre Coq 1V*, became one of the top five and began encroaching on Dalin's lead. In the next two weeks, Bestaven closed the gap of more than 3,000 nm and took the lead from Ruyant on Dec. 16 as they passed south of Australia. Dalin meanwhile had fallen to third place.

On Jan. 10, as Dalin sailed north past Brazil and vied for the lead, he wrote on the racers blog that "it is good to finally express the potential of my boat" — the hope of any ocean racer.

Ben Clements

2020 Chuck Husick Award Winner

AFTER CONSIDERATION BY OUR PANEL OF JUDGES (SEE below), the 2020 Chuck Husick Marine Technology Award goes to Raymarine for its Axiom+ multifunction display. Raymarine describes its Axiom units this way: "The performance-tuned

RealVision™ 3D sonar." Meanwhile one of our judges, Rebecca Childress, has this to say about Axiom+: "The newest one has twice the memory that my chartplotter has, but even mine with just 8MB of memory is an

awesome piece of kit." marine electronics site; Jeff Merrill, trawler expert and owner of Jeff Merrill Yacht Sales in Seal Beach, Calif.; Bill Morris, circumnavigator, author of *The Captain's Guide to Alternative Energy Afloat* and writer of ON's Marine Electronics newsletter;



Courtesy Raymarine

Axiom+ is a new generation of award-winning Raymarine multifunction displays. Optimized for speed, Axiom Plus is equipped with a powerful quad-core processor for industry-leading responsiveness and speed, giving you the power to seamlessly redraw charts, navigate with augmented reality, and experience

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Other finalists this year were the Cortex AIS, VHF and offboat monitoring system from Vesper Marine and the TG165 Spot Thermal Camera from infrared specialists FLIR.

Our judges were Ben Ellison, marine electronics expert and owner of Panbo.com

▲ **The Husick Award winner Axiom+ MFD is available in a variety of sizes.**

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