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Rivals see red as Germany triumph

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THE Germany red team completed a successful Rolex Commodores' Cup campaign yesterday with fine performances from two of their three boats. In a windy last race, they secured the title from the two Holland teams in second and third positions overall.

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Going into the ninth race; the Germany boats held a 21-point lead over their nearest rivals and although Thomas Jungbluth, the skipper of Sequana, expressed caution not to start the celebrations too early, he did not put a foot wrong in winning the middle-boat class.

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In the big-boat class, *Hexe* was second, while *Topas*, the small yacht, managed fourth in her group to give the Germans a winning margin of

25 points.

The England red team finished in a disappointing fifth place, which was the position predicted by Peter Rutter, the team captain, halfway through the series. Yesterday, Quokka. Rutter's boat, and Prospect of Whitby, the team small boat, finished second in their respective classes. Tony de Mulder's Farr 40, Victric 5, struggled, finishing sixth. In the overall rankings, Prospect of Whitby was third

In the overall rankings, Prospect of Whitby was third in the small-boat fleet, Victric was fifth and Quokka fourth. The England green team—comprising AutoDesk, Dawn Raid and Cetawayo—finished eighth of the nine teams

competing.