The award-winning B&G Broadband 4G™ Radar has proved just how essential it is to have the best equipment out on the water, after recently enabling collision avoidance with icebergs in foggy conditions.

Navigating at 20kts through the hazardous waters of the North Atlantic, Giovanni Soldini and the Maserati team were attempting to break the world speed record for a passage between New York, USA to Lizard Point, UK, when they were confronted with a near miss.

Unable to see ahead of them due to the fog and bad weather conditions, the crew were forced to rely on their instruments and the B&G Broadband 4G™ Radar to help them negotiate the iceberg fields.

Soldini’s team spotted the iceberg, which appeared as a foreign object on the screen of the B&G Zeus chartplotter and immediately took evasive action, avoiding impact with the iceberg.

Giovanni Soldini said: “Thanks to the super B&G radar, we navigated through the icebergs in total safety. Broadband 4G™ Radar saved our lives that night, without the radar in heavy fog, it would have been impossible to see the 50 metre iceberg just in front of our boat”.

The sailing crew did not falter and continued to battle on and sail towards breaking the world record of traversing 2,925nm in less than 6 days, 17 hours, 52 minutes and 39 seconds. Unfortunately the tenacious team were dealt another blow, when an area of high pressure slowed down their progress on 13th May and meant they were unable to set a new record, despite only the day before being 200nm ahead of the pace set by previous record holders Mari Cha IV.

Soldini continued: “It’s a pity, a great opportunity missed in an instant due to bad weather, but we showed that we can break Mari Cha IV’s record, it only needs a better weather situation”.

Catch up on the latest news from Giovanni Soldini and his team at http://maserati.soldini.it/, find out more about why the world’s top sailors rely on B&G equipment to keep them safe and how you can do the same at www.bandg.com