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CRUISING

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A magical summer charter destination

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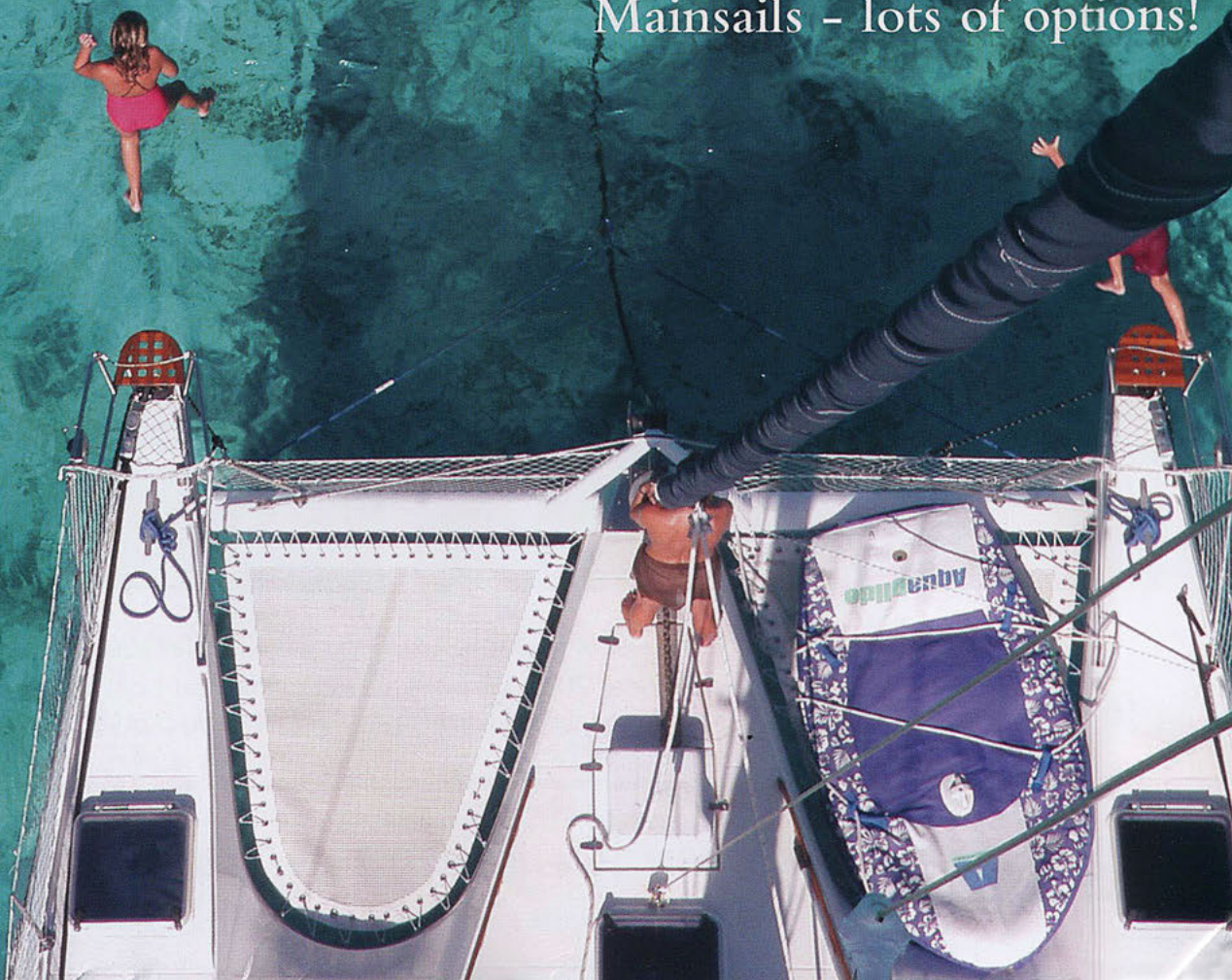
Tests

Nautitech Open 40
a new way of life at sea

Leopard 58
the space ship

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a next-generation powercat

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Change at the top, at Fountaine-Pajot.



38 years ago, Jean-François Fountaine created a boatyard with the aim of building multihulls. Ridiculous at the time! Except that nearly four decades later, cruising catamarans have the wind in their sails, largely thanks to a few of these brilliant visionaries. Recently elected mayor of La Rochelle, Jean-François Fountaine has logically decided to quit the operational side of his company, whilst remaining President of the board of directors, and he will be succeeded as managing director by Nicolas Gardies, who has worked for the company for 10 years, seconded by Romain Motteau, the assistant managing director. In a few weeks' time, the company will be presenting its brand new Saba 50, and will be investing 7 million euros between now and 2016 in the launch of new models.

For more information: www.fountaine-pajot.com



STARBOARD

Dragonfly meeting

For the second consecutive year, the Dragonfly Trimaran association has organized a meeting at Pernic (Brittany) at the end of May. Around fifteen of these folding trimarans are expected, to race, have fun, and show the incredible sailing pleasure these real nautical dragonflies can offer...

For more information: www.trimarans-dragonfly.com

Cruising trimarans:

Sylvestre Langevin is a well-known architect, to whom we owe more than 350 complete studies of sailing and motor boats, including an impressive number of both cruising and racing multihulls (Elf Aquitaine, winner of the 82 Rhum – or Lessive St Marc, which will be at the start of the Rhum, under the name PIR?).

'Sylvia' Langevin has sent us two studies of really attractive designs, including a Trial 1100, an 11-metre cruising trimaran, with fixed or folding arms, which will be built in aluminium. A real voyager's boat... And then there is the Trial 29, 9 metres long, built in plywood and suitable for amateur construction.

For more information: langevin.sylvestre@cegetel.net

The Grand Randonneur designed by Catathai

Catathai, based in Thailand, is offering a whole range of sailing and motor catamarans, to meet the needs of devotees of simple, but distant cruising...

The latest boat from the builder is the Grand Randonneur, a 15m by 7.8m catamaran, designed by Patrick Balta. This spacious but very light cat should offer some good average speeds. The proof: a sister ship currently being built at St. Malo, France in its Open version, and should be at the start of the Route du Rhum...

Fast and reassuring, the Grand Randonneur is built in ply-epoxy for long cruises with no problems...

Finally, the builder is currently working on an 11-metre cruising motor catamaran, which will be designed by the architects Jean & Frasca.

Follow it on: www.catathai.com



Motor catamarans are riding high at Sunreef

After having presented a first 70-foot motor catamaran, the builder wanted to meet a strong demand for boats which are just as luxurious, but more accessible on all levels. The R & D department thus proposed, then put into production, the 60 Power, just a year and a half ago. Today, the n°5 in the series has just been launched and as always at the Polish yard, it had to meet the owner's special requests. So, on this boat we find a semi-open lounge, and on the same level, a relaxation area. As for the interior navigation station, it has been replaced by a bar with additional stowage, a small refrigerator and a small ice-making machine. All this to make access to the drinks easier for the guests, as the galley is below, in the port hull. And of course the interior decoration is unique, showing once again the builder's ability to meet requests in its custom and semi-custom ranges.

The company has moreover unveiled its new top of the range project, with the 92 Double Deck, whose coachroof occupies the whole of the boat's beam. Aboard this huge catamaran, we thus find no less than... 430m² of living area, twice as much as on the Double Deck 82 presented in 2012!

Discover it on: www.sunreef-yachts.com



NEEL 65 – PRODUCTION HAS STARTED!

We have told you about the project for the Neel 60, the ocean cruising trimaran offered by the builder for lovers of long-term cruising with a difference. The first example has been sold, and by working with this experienced customer, the trimaran has grown from 60 to 65 feet! The Neel 65 will be a unique boat, unequalled on the market, the builder has promised us. Looking at the very successful 45-footer, we can well believe it! The launch of this first boat (which will also be offered for charter, with crew) is planned for the spring of 2015.

To meet a well-filled order book, Neel is building a new assembly factory and is already preparing the Custom Line range of the 45, two examples of which

have already been sold... This Custom Line allows you to really build the boat of your dreams, and to create the universe you dream of.

For more information: www.neel-trimarans.com



Tera 4: a quadrimaran for sailing fast...

How do you transport more people, faster and consume less fuel? It was to answer these crucial questions that Tera 4 was thought up, created and is finally going to build a quadrimaran.

The Tera-4 quadrimaran's major innovation lies in the 3 tunnels formed by its four hulls. Completely designed in aluminium, the Tera-4 hulls have been the subject of intensive hydrodynamic and aerodynamic tests in test tanks (in France and Sweden) and wind tunnels.

To validate this attractive concept, Tera 4 is launching the prototype T8, 8.5 metres long, which should be capable of... 60 knots!

For more information: www.facebook.com/teraquadri

