



## New solar products

We too often forget it, but the best solution for having energy aboard often comes from solar power. But you must have high performance solar panels...

The SM420SP is the latest addition to the Solara S series range. It is equipped with 'back contact' monocrystalline cells, which allow it to achieve efficiencies over 30% greater than a solar panel based on classic monocrystalline photovoltaic cells. In addition, this new generation of cells uses a wider light spectrum and is less sensitive to temperature variations.

This ensures (according to the manufacturer) that the SM420SP module has an unequalled performance, whatever the sun conditions. In reality, this gives a 25% gain in overall dimensions and weight, compared to panels using the previous technology, which is significant, even on a big catamaran...

**Information:** [www.seatronic.fr](http://www.seatronic.fr)

## Multimed 2010

We talk about it a lot in this number; racing in cruising boats is brilliant! It has become a tradition; every year on the Easter weekend, multihulls invade the 'Rade de Cannes' for the Multimed, a really nice race if ever there was one! This year, 19 multihulls met up on the start line, and they were right to do so! With exceptional weather conditions: light breezes on the Saturday to go to Saint Tropez, a nice breeze on the Sunday for the return sail to Cannes and moderate winds on the Monday around the Lérins islands. Enough to satisfy all appetites and reveal all the resources of our favourite boats and their skippers...

### THE RESULTS:

On elapsed time over 2 days: Emmanuel PIRONNEAU's PLÉIONE

In the keel catamaran class: 1st – Daniel BERTHELIN's TOBAGO 35 DIATOME; 2nd - Alain TELANDRO's PRIVILEGE 615 BLUE NOTE.

In the daggerboard CATAMARAN class: 1st – Nicolas BIANCONI's DIADEME; 2nd – José OUVRIER's FÜLI.

In the TRIMARAN class: Pierrick PEDRON's SHADOWFAX - Marc LINFANF's LEJAMAE.

In the TriSpeed class: Nicolas TRANCHANT's GWENOJENN - Jean-Marc SHWARTZ's 2 ZOREILLES.



## Catamarans, Tomorrow's Superyachts

Here is the latest work from Gregor Tarjan, one of the eminent catamaran specialists in the USA. In 'Catamarans, Tomorrow's Superyachts', the author presents, on nearly 300 pages of a superb book, everything you wanted to know about these yachts with two hulls, which have us dreaming. From design to construction, via charter, and not forgetting interviews with the major architects and designers as well as perspectives for the future, this book will take you on a dream voyage through this unknown and fascinating world of catamaran yachts...

**On sale at** [www.multihulls-world.com](http://www.multihulls-world.com)

## Disability and fast cats



We often say it, with good intent: everything is possible. In any case, this is what Hakan Widmark said to himself. Hakan looks after an association ([handicat.se](http://handicat.se)) whose aim is to allow young (and not so young) disabled people to discover the pleasures of sailing. In this case, the catamaran is perfect. But Hakan also wanted his guests to be able to take part in the manoeuvres and enjoy some intensely exciting sailing. The association therefore specially equipped a TRT 1200, a rather fast catamaran, and last year took more than 450 disabled people sailing over around fifty days...

And from the joyful expression on the faces of the passengers, it was really worth it...

**See it on** [www.handicat.se](http://www.handicat.se)

## Lagoon 500 in Corsica

This summer, Liberty Sea is offering a Lagoon 500 in Corsica, from the end of May, leaving from Ajaccio. Brand new, and equipped with everything needed to provide the comfort necessary for a demanding clientele, this catamaran is being offered with a skipper and a hostess-cook... All that remains is to enjoy the most beautiful island: the 'île de beauté'!

**Information:** [www.libertysea.fr](http://www.libertysea.fr)

