



Solar Catamaran “Race for Water“ anchors off The Brando in October 2018

Climate neutral techniques unite the luxury resort and the catamaran

Hamburg / Germany, 25 September 2018 – Climate-neutral technologies for protecting the environment: From 29 to 31 October 2018, the solar catamaran "Race for Water" (R4W) will stop at The Brando's Tetiaroa Atoll. Together, The Brando and SkySails Yacht want to raise awareness for new technologies for environmentally neutral propulsion systems. Guests of The Brando are cordially invited to test the catamaran themselves for a few hours and to get to know the towing kite system as propulsion for yachts during the two days.

Race for Water – For the oceans, against plastics

From 2017 to 2021, the solar catamaran R4W is on a journey across the seven seas to draw attention to the plastic pollution of the oceans. R4W is at the same time a charity dedicated to the protection and preservation of the waters and above all the oceans - in addition to sustainable propulsion technology, the main aim is to draw attention to plastic waste in the sea: "It is a race against time for future generations. If nothing is done here, there will be more plastic than fish in the sea by 2050," says Marco Simeoni, Chairman of the Race for Water Foundation.

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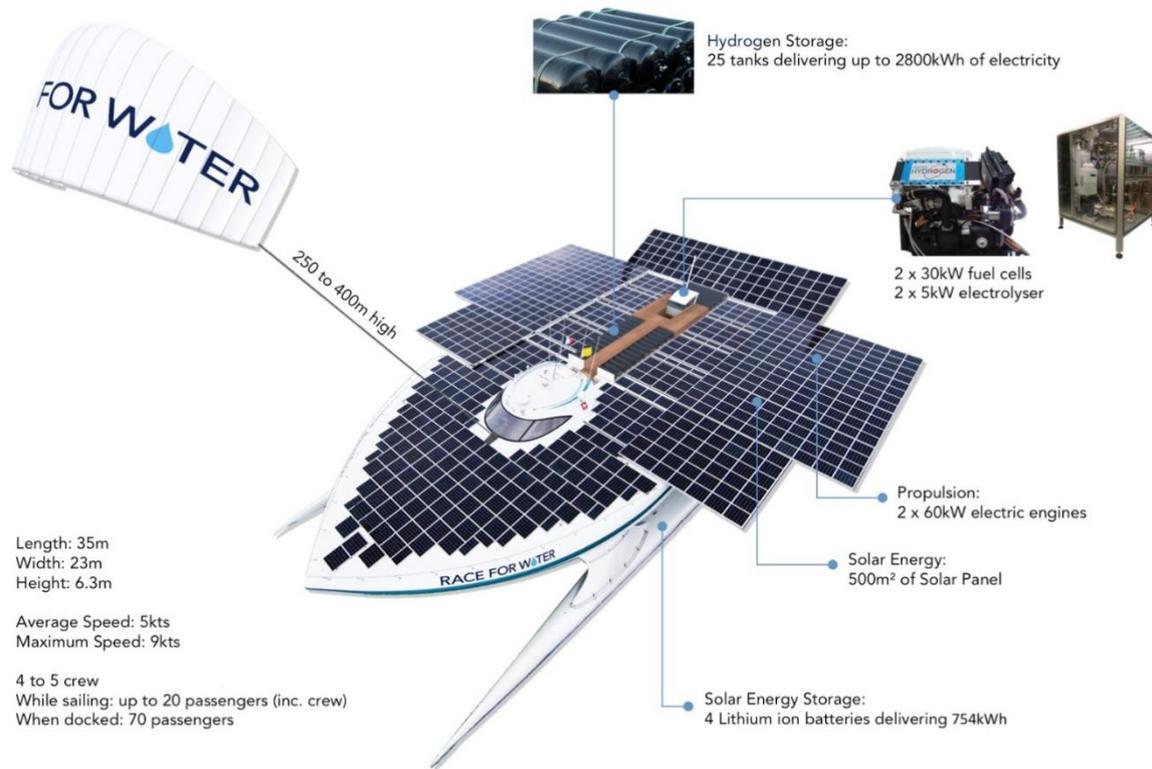
On 27 October, the solar catamaran will travel from Bora Bora to The Brando on its journey around the world. From 29 to 31 October 2018, the R4W will anchor in the Tetiaroa Atoll, where a joint workshop will be held during which The Brando guests can ride the innovative solar catamaran for a few hours and experience the various propulsion options for themselves. For example, SkySails will demonstrate the kite. Like the R4W catamaran, The Brando's philosophy is to act as climate-neutrally as possible. In addition to solar energy and a low-energy air conditioning system, the luxury resort also hosts the Tetiaroa Society, a research station where up to 20 scientists can simultaneously research environmental influences on, as well as flora and fauna of the atoll.

About the zero-emission propulsion system of the solar catamaran

The solar catamaran is equipped with a SkySails towing kite system (kite) for propulsion via wind. This is the strongest wind propulsion system in the world, the SKS-Y-System. Even the smallest model with a size of 40 square meters can replace up to 250kW of engine power in good wind conditions. Instead of large sails on a mast, a towing kite with rope made of high-strength and weatherproof textiles is used to propel the catamaran forward like huge paragliders at a height of 100 to 300 meters. As the engine usually only runs between 0 and 50 percent, the yacht owner is more independent and has the opportunity to explore all five oceans stress-free and without being docked on deck of an expensive freighter. At the same time, fuel is saved. SkySails combines the

advantages of motor and sailing yachts with this system. On a motor yacht equipped with the SkySails sail, holidaymakers can glide over the oceans as comfortably as on a motor yacht and as silently as with a sailing yacht.

Silvio Bion, General Manager of The Brando, is proud: "We are very pleased to welcome such an innovative and sustainable invention as the "Race for Water" solar catamaran here in our Tetiaroa Atoll. We are all pursuing the same goals for a more sustainable world with a common future."



Further information on Race for Water www.raceforwater.com

Further information on SkySails for yachts: www.skysails-yacht.com

Watch the Youtube video: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=BGPwT3xv2yc>

(HD video can be provided via WeTransfer)

High resolution images can be downloaded from our website:

<http://www.skysails-yacht.com/media/photos-graphics/race-for-water-catamaran/>

About SkySails Yacht GmbH

SkySails Yacht GmbH with headquarters in Hamburg/Germany is the market and technology leader in the field of automated towing kite systems for large yachts and superyachts.

The company draws upon 17 years of experience of its parent company SkySails Group GmbH which is renowned for its innovative towing kite wind propulsion system for cargo vessels. SkySails is the first company in the world that has succeeded to develop kite technology as an industrial application with kites as large as 400m² delivering up to 2,000kW of propulsion power. The SkySails technology is patented worldwide.

In the last few years, SkySails Group has extended its product range based upon its towing kite core technology: Next to developing a propulsion system for the use on yachts (SkySails Yacht GmbH) and for generating power from high altitude winds (SkySails Power GmbH, visit www.skysails-power.com) the company specialized in the development of performance management systems for commercial vessels and has emerged to one of the leading providers in this market (SkySails Marine Performance, visit www.v-per.com). For more information on SkySails Group please visit www.skysails.com.

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About The Brando

About 45 kilometers north of Tahiti, The Brando is a pioneering model of sustainable technology, luxury and Polynesian culture. In 1961 Marlon Brando shot the famous film "Mutiny on the Bounty" in French Polynesia and fell in love with this atoll. Six years later he took the opportunity and leased the whole atoll. Brando already had the vision of sustainable technologies at that time, so he experimented early with an air condition system that could keep the rooms at a comfortable temperature using cool sea water. Today, The Brando and its team have set themselves the goal of creating a luxurious, authentic and enriching holiday experience that is not harmful to the environment, sustainable and culturally authentic. The natural beauty of the Tetiaora Atoll should be protected and explored in its natural biodiversity, respecting Polynesian culture, hospitality and tradition.

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