



## Press Release

# PlanetSolar unveiled!

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**The world's largest solar-powered boat built by Knierim Yachtbau revealed its futuristic shape for the first time during an official ceremony held at the HDW shipyard in Kiel.**

After more than 13 months spent in the boatyard in the hands of Knierim Yachtbau's boatbuilding team in Germany, today PlanetSolar revealed its futuristic design and its state-of-the-art technology for the first time. About two hundred people attended this event. They were finally able to realise the colossal size of the largest solar-powered boat in the world: 31 metres long, 15 metres wide, 7.5 metres high and 500m<sup>2</sup> of photovoltaic solar panels!

The ceremony unfolded before the admiring and enthusiastic eyes of PlanetSolar's main protagonists. Raphaël Domjan, initiator of the project and skipper of the multi-hull boat, was especially filled with emotion: "This is a unique feeling to see in front of me today a boat that I so often dreamed of! I can't wait to hold the controls in my hand soon, D-day is coming." Immo Ströher, owner of the multi-hull boat, wanted above all to emphasise the technological significance of the event: "Each step in the PlanetSolar project is a step further in the technological development of renewable energy sources. Thanks to ambitious projects like this scientific research is making progress."

The next milestone for the entire PlanetSolar team will be the launching of the boat. This major premiering event is scheduled in the upcoming weeks in Kiel.

### **NEXT EVENT:**

Launching of PlanetSolar in April 2010. Further information will be provided soon.

For more information, point your browser to the PlanetSolar project website: [www.planetsolar.org](http://www.planetsolar.org)

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