



Press release

PlanetSolar: the boat will be unveiled on 25 February!

The whole PlanetSolar team is happy to announce the unveiling of the largest solar boat in the world! 25 February 2010 will be the key moment in the history of this adventure.

Yverdon-les-Bains, 9 December 2009 - The dream of Raphaël Domjan was the basis of the PlanetSolar project. Five years later he was to see this dream become reality in the company of Gérard d'Abouville, who will accompany him on this journey.

On the 25th of next February the largest solar boat in the world will leave the shipyard of Knierim Yachtbau in Kiel (Germany). This 30 metre long and 16 metre wide revolutionary catamaran, topped with more than 500m² of photovoltaic solar panels, will be unveiled to the press and guests during a large official ceremony.

In the days following the inauguration, and as soon as the weather conditions allow, PlanetSolar will be launched and will undergo her first trials in real conditions. After this there will be a European tour from May to October 2010. As for the world tour, this is planned to start in the Mediterranean in Spring 2011.

You will shortly receive the invitation and the detailed programme for this great event. We are already looking forward to welcoming you to this ceremony.

PlanetSolar would like to take advantage of this occasion to introduce a new partner.

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The PlanetSolar timetable

- 25 February 2010: Boat construction ends and first trials
- May to October 2010: European tour for the boat and PlanetSolar village
- Spring 2011: Start of the first world tour using solar energy in the Mediterranean.

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