

## AMH: the 2009 calendar takes shape

The 2009 season calendar is filling out again this year; it is available on the association's site, (<http://www.multicoques-habitable.com/calendrier.htm>). Although the West Indian programme is just as full, the Atlantic is not left out, and three regattas are planned this year at Port Médoc. In the Mediterranean, there will be a 'Fête de la Mer' at Port Saint Louis, on 22nd and 23rd August, as well as a Whitsun SNSM Record, at Toulon.



## Groupama 3: in the water again

On 11th February, a year after its capsize off New Zealand, the maxi trimaran Groupama 3 is back in its element. No less than 50,000 hours' work were necessary to repair it, before it launches into a new campaign of record attempts, which will take it to the Mediterranean, the Atlantic, and finally on the Jules Verne next autumn, perhaps in a duel against Banque Populaire V. "Although the shape of the new floats is identical, their structure is different, for better performance under the impact of the waves, which are particularly

strong in the southern oceans," Stéphane Guilbaud, team manager of the Groupama trimarans analyses. Amongst the developments, note the canvas streamlining on the forward beams (as on the 60-footer). It should sail again for the first time at the end of February.



## New deck hatches



It's clever, well-made, and only needed inventing!!! Here is the opening deck hatch (classic) which can also be oriented. The RotoWind thus allows a draught or an intake of air to be created, as it can be opened and oriented through 360°.

The end of the electricity consumption linked to fans

and air-conditioning; whether you are in harbour, at anchor, or even at sea, it is finally possible to maintain ventilation without water entering. The RotoWind deck hatch works like any other deck hatch: closing handles and a hinge axle to open the whole thing.

A simple product which will improve our cruising comfort, available in the first half of 2009.

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## Lionel Lemonchois: towards new horizons



After the record campaign around the world in 2008, which led him successively to the 'Route de l'Or' between New York and San Francisco, and the 'Route du Thé' between Hong-Kong and London, the winner of the 2006 Route du Rhum has decided to leave the Gitana Team, to launch into some new adventures. He is looking for sponsors so he can be at the start of the next edition of the Route du Rhum. He hopes to buy an existing 60-foot trimaran to lengthen it to 70 feet (21m), and thus hopes to outdo the giants, whose arrival, remember, is announced for the next Rhum.

## Multimed 2009 – An appointment not to be missed!



The sixth edition of the Multimed will set off from the port of Cannes in the direction of St. Tropez on Easter weekend, from 11th to 13th April 2009. Three days of cut-throat racing between multihull enthusiasts will certainly make this edition a moment to remember. The Multimed's success is unailing, and each year it attracts around fifteen multihulls of all kinds: trimarans, cruiser-racer catamarans and pure cruising catamarans.

This year, the F40s will be represented in force, as although 'Fildou' was not ready in time for 2008, it will certainly be present in 2009. Still amongst the F40s,

we are expecting the ex-ProVu to be present, a historic trimaran (see photos below) which is astonishing!! And why not a few 'Golden Oldies'...

Amongst the catamarans, we are expecting, of course, the essential Catana 42S 'Diadème', as well as some Nautitechs, Outremers, Lagoons, "Diatome", a Tobago 35 and the Favroux-designed 'Don Francesco', which is slowly recovering from this winter's storm (starboard float torn off and central hull damaged...).

As for last year, three categories are planned for this year: one for the fast multihulls (rating more than 1), one for cruiser-racers (rating between 0.9 and 1), and one for cruising catamarans (rating less than 0.9). All of them will race under the A.M.H.'s MULTI2000 rule.

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## Learn about catamarans in an Outremer 42

Regular readers of Multihulls World know all about CYAM, the Outremer 42 propelled by a hybrid system. Well, you can now embark aboard this catamaran to learn to master the subtleties of cruising catamarans.

The courses are set up individually or collectively, for weekends or courses aboard. For example, you can embark aboard Cyam for the Outremer Cup on the weekend of 1st May, or for passages to or from the Balearics or Corsica, from

La Grande Motte, throughout spring and summer. The courses are taught by professional skippers who are both educationalists and multihull enthusiasts.

For more information:

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