



## International Multihull Show

For the 9th time, everything that is important for multihull enthusiasts will be brought together at the International Multihull Boat Show. For 2018, the dates have been fixed, from 18th to 22nd April, at La Grande Motte in the South of France, just a few kilometers from Montpellier's international airport. For this new edition, we already have some news which alone justifies you reserving your tickets now. The show will in fact be the opportunity to see several boats afloat for their world or European premiere: Leopard 50, McConaghy MC50, Nautitech 47 Power, Aventura 34, TS5, Libertist 853, not to mention the numerous other new boats whose builders

have been contacted but have not yet confirmed. The organizers are hoping to beat the participation record again this year, and exceed the 60 boats presented last time.

As for the events, the organizers have planned a nice surprise for trimaran racing enthusiasts, as the Diam 24s could be present.

Finally, the visitors to the show can vote in the 'Multihull of the Year' election (see page 60 of this magazine).

*For more information:*

[www.multicoque-online.com](http://www.multicoque-online.com)

## The key figures of the nautical industry

As in previous years, the Fédération des Industries Nautique Française (FIN) has published a comprehensive study of the nautical industry. As the French industry has considerable weight in this area, the figures supplied are interesting for us enthusiasts. For example, we discover in this study that in the period September 2015/September 2016, the multihull segment's turnover increased by 15.5% over the year, with 247.5 million euros, compared with the cruising monohull segment's turnover of 307 million euros over the same period. In one year, France built 573 cruising multihulls over 9m (including 288 from 12 to 15 m), which puts the price of an average boat at 432,000 euros...



## Winter boat shows

With the first frosts comes the moment to think about the winter boat shows. Traditionally, multihull enthusiasts have got into the habit of meeting up during the coldest months of the year at the Paris, Düsseldorf and Miami boat shows.

This year, the 'Nautic de Paris' has had a facelift with a new organizer, as it's now the FIN (Fédération des Industries Nautiques Françaises), owner of the show, which has taken over responsibility for its organization. New visuals, new philosophy and a real wish to re-launch the show, with events including the Cata & Tri Friendly route organized by Multihulls World. With 130,000 m<sup>2</sup>, 204,000 visitors last year and nearly 700 exhibitors,

Le Nautic remains an essential event. And a visit to Paris a few days before the festive season is not to be refused...

As for the Boot Düsseldorf, it is preparing this year to beat all the records once again. 1,800 exhibitors coming from 60 countries, a 35 m boat exhibited, a 90 m stretch of water set up to test the water sports, and 16 halls full to the brim, where every enthusiast will inevitably find the accessory or the boat of his or her dreams...

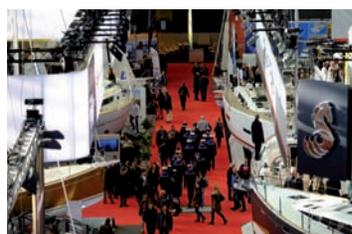
Finally, the Miami Boat Show is traditionally the opportunity to see a show in the middle of winter, in 20°C. This year, Strictly Sail is joining the Miami International Boat Show at Miami Marine Stadium, bringing sailing and motor boats together. A show with more than 1,300 boats presented in the sunshine.

*For more information:*

[www.salonnautiqueparis.com](http://www.salonnautiqueparis.com)

[www.boat-duesseldorf.com](http://www.boat-duesseldorf.com)

[www.miamiboatshow.com](http://www.miamiboatshow.com)



## So long Patrice

At the boat shows, Patrice never failed to drop by and see us on our stand. He was however our competitor, as he was the advertising director for the magazine 'Voiles et Voiliers'. But Patrice was friendly and liked to come and discuss and ask after us. For this, he was welcome at Multihulls World. There was always a smile on his lips, and new anecdotes to relate – we shared these encounters with pleasure.

For five years, Patrice fought against a cancer courageously, but also very philosophically, remaining positive and above all, optimistic. An illness which never stopped him doing his job, and always being present at the boat shows. However in October, the illness finally took him from us.

We'll miss you Patrice, and all our thoughts go out to Veronique and your four children, and to all the team at 'Voiles et Voiliers'...