



MIRABAUD 1819

Dominique Wavre

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« Welcome aboard »

The Barcelona World Race, the Transat Jacques Vabre, and finally, the Vendée Globe. An extraordinary programme!

Today, it is with great joy that I announce this partnership with Mirabaud, giving the go-ahead to operations that will enable me to be at the starting line with Michèle in Barcelona on 31 December 2010, under the best conditions possible. One year later we will be in Le Havre, and finally, at the Sables d'Olonne in 2012 for the Vendée Globe.

On the programme: one transatlantic, two round-the-world races, 200 days at sea and 90,000 nautical miles.

Still, one might ask: why? My answer is simple: after seven round-the-world races and over 360,000 nautical miles in my sailor's log, my ambitions are intact and my thirst is as intense as ever! Today, I embark on this three-year programme with enormous energy and enthusiasm.

I am thrilled to be returning to sea on one of the Fabulous IMOCA Open 60 yachts and to complete a venture that I was forced to abandon in the southern seas during the last Vendée Globe. I am also accustomed to living, very intensely, all the preparation and fine-tuning phases of these great races, which I appreciate immensely. Moreover, thanks to Mirabaud, I am delighted to be joining a real team, one that will launch me towards our common goals while allowing me to share them with all of the project's supporters.

Today, it is with great pleasure that I say to you, "Welcome aboard!"

Dominique Wavre



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A splash of salt water... and new horizons!

For many years, we have actively participated in sailing races – be it the Bol d’Or Mirabaud, Thomas Jundt’s Mirabaud LX hydrofoil prototype, or the English women’s Olympic team, the Yngling Girls, gold medal winners at the 2008 Beijing Olympics! Through these challenges and talented persons, we have shared our passion for human relations, technology and high performance, three themes that are particularly dear to us in the world of banking and finance.

Yet two things were missing: a splash of salt water... and new horizons! Over the years, Mirabaud has taken on new international dimensions and established its brand on three continents. Consequently, in partnership with Dominique Wavre, Switzerland’s most accomplished ocean navigator, we are launching a long-term campaign of ocean regattas. Together, we are going to undertake two round-the-world races and a transatlantic, facing the extraordinary challenges of the Barcelona World Race, the Transat Jacques Vabre and the Vendée Globe 2012. With Dominique aboard the “Mirabaud”, we are entering a new phase, adding a dash of salt and new horizons to our commitment to the world of sailing.

Mirabaud has grown constantly in recent years, and as we have expanded, we have opened subsidiaries around

the world...including in Spain, where the Barcelona World Race will start on 31 December of this year! It was only logical that our sporting ambitions should expand in kind, with the symbolic aim of going around the world.

We have formed a solid partnership with Dominique, one that is based on a long history of friendship with the man, our passion for his project and the new horizons he brings us. It has been our dream, our desire, to participate in these three challenges... and we will be doing all we can, so that Dominique and Michèle will be ready to go when the big day arrives!

Antonio Palma, Senior Partner and CEO of Mirabaud

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Antonio Palma".



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Dominique Wavre

Dominique Wavre is Switzerland's most accomplished ocean navigator, with seven round-the-world races to his credit and a record of consistently brilliant performances spanning the course of his 30-year career.

He was born in Geneva. His father was an engineer and his mother a Swiss tennis champion – no surprise then that Dominique first showed his athletic talents on the tennis courts. He discovered sailing on Lake Geneva at the age of 13, and threw himself into this sport with a passion that has never waned. After sailing all through his student years, it was not long before the young man decided to abandon his post as an art teacher and devote himself entirely to sailing.

In 1981, heeding the call of the ocean, Dominique embarked on his first round-the-world sail alongside Pierre Felhman on the Disque d'Or 3, in a regatta which marks the beginning of a long and brilliant career.

From then on, sailing became his primary universe: he chalked up successes in the Surprise monotype, excelled in the Olympics and was named trainer of the French team in the America's Cup, before moving on to solo racing on the Figaro circuit.

There are indeed few races this skipper has not participated in. Having sailed no less than 360,000 nautical miles, Dominique now ranks among the most experienced ocean sailors for single-handed, double-handed and fully-crewed races.

Dominique is particularly fond of the challenges of single-handed navigation, a discipline he quickly excelled in, winning second prize in his second attempt at the Solitaire du Figaro.

In the late 1990s, Wavre turned his attention to the IMOCA Open 60 circuits. He oversaw the construction of a monohull designed by Finot-Conq for the Vendée Globe 2000, and finished the race in fifth place. In doing so, he became the first Swiss navigator to sail around the world single-handed and non-stop!

Dominique rapidly became one of the heavyweights in this category, participating in major competitions and



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placing a strong second in the formidable Transat in 2004.

In February 2005, he came in fourth in his second Vendée Globe. Just four months later, he launched the construction of a new IMOCA Open 60, was launched off Tauranga, New Zealand, in June 2006. The skipper first sailed the new boat in the Route du Rhum. A year later, he tackled his first Barcelona World Race, sharing the helm with Michèle Paret and winning a magnificent third place.

A few months later, Dominique set out on his third Vendée Globe with high hopes of finally finishing on the podium. After a wild month of racing time and the elements, the adventure was prematurely cut short when his keel head ruptured off the coast of Kerguelen. Crestfallen, the skipper had no choice but to throw in the towel. But Dominique has in no way given up, and he plans to make his comeback soon.

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Extrait du palmarès / Dominique Wavre :

1981/82	1986	1989/90	1990	1991/92	1993/94	1997	1998	2000	2000/01	2003	2004	2005	2006	2008	2009
Fully-crewed round the world race UBS SWITZERLAND		Fully-crewed round the world race MERIT	2 nd place, Solitaire du Figaro - Les Copains	DÉFI FRANÇAIS coach – America's Cup	2 nd place, INTRUM JUSTITIA, a fully-crewed round the world race	2 nd place Solitaire du Figaro Carrefour Prévention	2 nd place, AG2R double-handed Transat Carrefour Prévention	World record for distance covered in 24 hours single-handed in a monohull (430.7 miles) Union Bancaire Privée	5 th place, Vendée Globe Union Bancaire Privée	7 th place, Transat Jacques Vabre Temenos I	2 nd place, Transat Temenos I	4 th place, Transat Jacques Vabre Temenos I 4 th place, Vendée Globe Ecover	4 th place, Route du Rhum Temenos II	3 rd place, Barcelona World Race Temenos II	Vendée Globe (withdrew off the coast of Kerguelen) Temenos II



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Co-Skipper: Michèle Paret

Having sailed over 150,000 nautical miles on the open seas, Michèle Paret has acquired vast experience in solo and crewed ocean regattas.

Michèle Paret has always been an active sportswoman. Following an early career in high level athletics, she subsequently devoted herself to motorcycling, windsurfing, climbing and mountain-biking. It was on her home shores of the Mediterranean that Michèle first discovered sailing, which has now become her passion.

The skipper has today logged over 150,000 nautical miles on the open seas. Her experience runs from the Mini 6.50 to fully-crewed, round-the-world races. Michèle was watch leader on board the first 100% women's sailing crew in the 1990 Whitbread round-the-world race. A few years after this high-powered début, as co-skipper of a maxi-catamaran she set the women's record for crossing the Atlantic. After meeting Dominique Wavre and winning a fine third place in the Quebec-Saint Malo Transat, she took on the challenging Figaro circuit, where she gained invaluable experience in solo navigation. Like her companion and sailing partner, Dominique Wavre, Michèle

joined the IMOCA class in 1999. As Dominique's alter ego – be it in the shipyard, in the office or at the helm – this jovial navigator supervised the construction of the new IMOCA monohull in New Zealand. The Wavre-Paret couple were the first team to qualify for the Barcelona World Race 2007, where they won a very impressive third place.

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Extrait du palmarès / Michèle Paret

1987	1989/90	1997	1997	1998	1999	2001	2003	2003	2005	2007	2008
Mini Transat 6.50 Cocogirl		2 nd place, fully-crewed round the world race (second mate) MAIDEN	Record for crossing the North Atlantic – Maxi catamaran (co-skipper) Royal Sun Alliance		Solitaire du Figaro Carrefour Prévention	3 rd place Fastnet Race – IMOCA (co-skipper) Chaman 3		Supervision and construction of Dominique Wavre's new IMOCA		3 rd place Barcelona World Race – IMOCA (co-skipper) Temenos II	
	5 th place, double-handed Transat Figaro Bénéteau - CUPIDON 3 rd place, Quebec/St. Malo Transat (skipper)-Whirlpool			Solitaire du Figaro Carrefour Prévention 2 nd place, double-handed Transat - Carrefour Prévention		7 th place Transat Jacques Vabre – IMOCA (co-skipper) Temenos I		7 th place Transat Jacques Vabre – IMOCA (co-skipper) Temenos I		4 th place Fastnet Race – IMOCA (co-skipper) Temenos II	



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The yacht Mirabaud:

Designed by Owen Clarke Design according to Dominique Wavre's recommendations, the 60' Open Mirabaud has already sailed over 49 000 nautical miles in races. Its skipper knows the boat like the back of his hand.

The Open 60 Mirabaud is a 60-foot, IMOCA class yacht. Built in New Zealand by Southern Ocean Marine according to original plans supplied by the English naval architect firm Owen Clarke Design, the yacht made its maiden run in Pacific waters in June 2006.

Developed in accordance with the regulations stipulated by the IMOCA (International Monohull Open Class Association), Dominique Wavre's monohull racing yacht is the fruit of a close collaboration between the expert naval architects, with their experience in shipbuilding, and the skipper, whose experience includes seven global circumnavigations. Design guidelines gave top priority to the yacht's weight, performance, power and reliability. Careful attention was likewise given to the yacht's ergonomics, not only on deck but in the cabin as well, with the aim of optimizing the skipper's performance in solo manoeuvres and navigation, as well as during periods of repose.

Five dividers separate the boat into six watertight compartments, guaranteeing sufficient flotation in case of collision. The carbon Nomex sandwich construction also guarantees more than 100% buoyancy.

In the weeks ahead, Dominique Wavre's sailboat, the Mirabaud, will be optimised in preparation for its next encounters. Numerous improvements will be made on key points, notably to increase the yacht's stability and stiffness under sail while reducing its weight. In addition to these improvements, the keel head damaged during the last Vendée Globe will be repaired. The engine will also be changed and new sails made by Incidence will help improve performances. "We know the boat still has considerable potential for improvement, and we are working on it with the Barcelona World Race in mind," Dominique explains.

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Safety tests:

Like all IMOCA boats, the Mirabaud underwent a number of tests and trials to obtain its class certification. These included:

180° test:
Goal: Prove the monohull's stability (if capsized by a wave, the boat will not remain upside down).

Procedure: The boat is overturned (without the mast) and the skipper, alone inside, must be able to right the boat on his own (by canting the keel and/or filling the ballast tanks).

-10° test:
Goal: Limit the boat's power. When all onboard anti-heeling techniques are used (ballast and canting of the keel), the boat should not heel more than 10°. This test serves to define the keel stops and thus the maximum inclination.

Procedure: On incline la quille et on remplit les ballasts avant de mesurer l'angle de gîte.

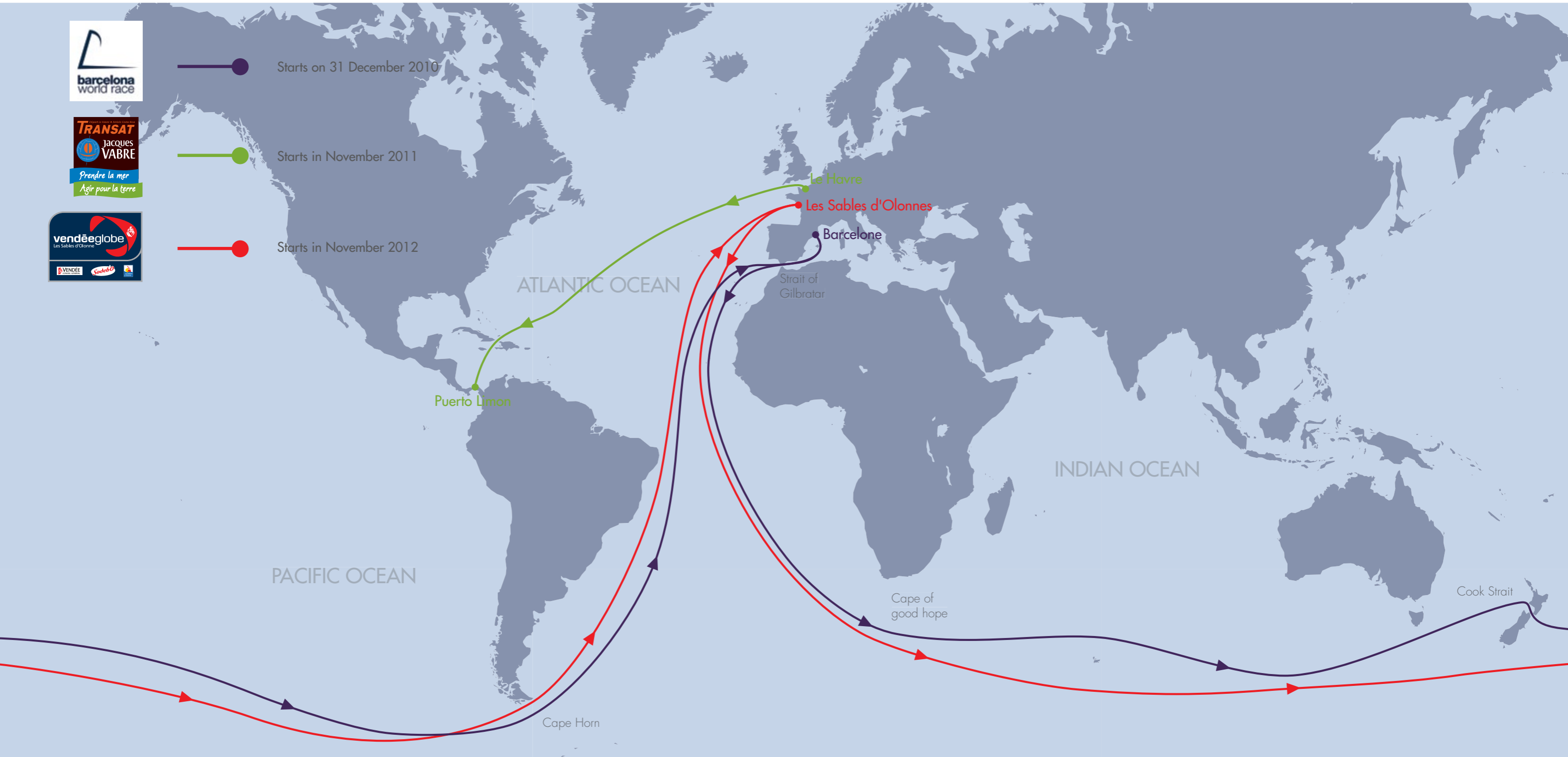
-90° test:
But: Determine the boat's stability curve (minimum positive stability set at 127.5°).
Procedure: The boat is heeled to 90° and the righting force at the masthead is measured.

Technical description:

- Design: OWEN CLARKE DESIGN
- Shipyard: Southern Ocean Marine (NZ)
- Launch: June 2006
- Port of registry: La Rochelle (France)
- LOA: 18.28m
- Beam: 5.50m
- Draught: 4.50m
- Mast height: 28m
- Displacement: 8.5 tonnes
- Canting keel
- Twin rudders
- Sail N°: SUI 9
- Engine: 40cv
- Sail area downwind: 600m²
- Sail area upwind: 330m²

A choice programme:

The Barcelona World Race, Transat Jacques Vabre and Vendée Globe are on Dominique Wavre's programme for the next three years. This well-balanced campaign includes phases for recuperation and technical developments and will enable him to arrive at the starting line under the best conditions imaginable.



Barcelona World Race

Barcelona World Race: Double-handed, non-stop round the world race
Starts on 31 December 2010

The Barcelona World Race is the first and only round-the-world yacht race for crews of two. The roughly 25,000-mile race starts and ends in Barcelona. It follows the Clipper route, descending the Atlantic Ocean to the Cape of Good Hope. From there, it circumnavigates Antarctica, keeping Australia's Cape Leeuwin on the port side and following the dominant winds through the challenging Cook Strait between the two New Zealand islands, before returning to the Atlantic via Cape Horn.

Nine teams participated in the inaugural race in 2007/2008, but only five managed to finish. Among them, after 98 days at sea the tandem Dominique Wavre/

Michèle Paret came in third, behind Paprec-Vibrac 2 and Hugo Boss.

The double-handed race is different from solo races, because the two crewmembers can take turns at the helm. As a result, the average speed of the sailboats is naturally higher than for single-handed races, and the manoeuvres are more numerous, rapid and precise. Crewmembers definitely sleep better, but the yachts are pushed closer to their limits.

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Transat Jacques Vabre

Transat Jacques Vabre: Double-handed transatlantic regatta
Starts in November 2011

Created in 1993, the biennial Transat Jacques Vabre is a double-handed transatlantic race with no stops and no assistance that is held in odd numbered years. Known as the "Coffee Route", the race evokes the historic coffee trading route between France and South America. While the race always starts in Le Havre, the port of arrival has changed over the years. From 1993 to 1999, the destination was Cartagena, Colombia; then, from 2001 to 2007, Salvador de Bahia, Brazil, was the designated finish line. For the most recent race in 2009, the port of arrival was Puerto Limon, Costa Rica.

The race is open to two classes of yachts: IMOCA monohulls and Multi-50 multihulls. Dominique Wavre has already participated in the Transat Jacques Vabre on three occasions, in 2001, 2003 and 2005.

The record for the Transat Jacques Vabre is held by Virbac-Paprec (Jean-Pierre Dick & Loïck Peyron), having finished the race in 13 days, 9 hours, 19 minutes and 2 seconds in 2005, at an average speed of 13.51 knots.

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Vendée Globe

Vendée Globe: Round the world single-handed race, sailed non-stop and without assistance
Starts in November 2012

Many consider the prestigious Vendée Globe to be the ultimate challenge in single-handed navigation. This round-the-world yacht race with no assistance is considered to be the most challenging of all. It requires solid physical and mental endurance.

The race starts and ends in Les Sables d'Olonne in the Vendée department of France. It more or less follows the same course as the Barcelona World Race, albeit with a different starting/ending point.

Founded in 1989 by the French yachtsman Philippe Jean-tot, the race has been held every four years since 1989.

It takes place between November and February, so that the skippers can benefit from the Austral summer in the cold waters of the Southern Ocean.

In 2008-2009, the French yachtsman Michel Desjoyeaux won the Vendée Globe in record time, crossing the finish line with his Open 60 Foncia on 1 February 2009 after 84 days, 3 hours, 9 minutes and 8 seconds.

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Mirabaud and sailing

Mirabaud has involved in yacht racing for many years, notably through its sponsorship of the Bol d'Or Mirabaud, Thomas Jundt's hydrofoil prototype, the Mirabaud LX, and the UK women's Olympic sailing team, the «Yngling Girls», gold medal winners at the 2008 Beijing Olympic games!

An original sponsorship policy

By communicating and associating itself with initiatives that convey an image of professionalism, ethics and performance, Mirabaud keeps pace with the development and expansion of its brand, both locally and internationally.

For several years, Mirabaud has pursued an original sponsorship policy, one that fosters encounters with exceptional men and women – be it through painting (via its collection of works by the Geneva-based painter Pierre-Louis De la Rive, 1753-1817), extreme adventures (Mike Horn), or in the area of classical music. Mirabaud also supports the following projects in the world of sailing:

Bol d'Or Mirabaud

Organised by the Société Nautique de Genève, the Bol d'Or Mirabaud is Europe's largest freshwater regatta. First launched on 18 July 1939 with 26 competitors, the regatta now attracts nearly 600 yachts with about 2,500 crewmembers.

The Bol d'Or Mirabaud is held each year on the second weekend of June. The 66.5-mile (123km) round trip race runs from Geneva to Le Bouveret and back. The real-time winner of the race wins the Bol d'Or Mirabaud challenge. This trophy is put back into play each year, but a team that manages to win the trophy three times in five years earns the right to keep it. The Bol de Vermeil trophy is awarded to the leading monohull.

The Bol d'Or Mirabaud has forged a fabulous reputation over the years and has become one of the great Classics on the international sailing calendar. The world's greatest

yachtsmen have participated in and won the Bol d'Or, including Loïck Peyron, Ernesto Bertarelli, Alain Gauthier, Russell Coutts, Philippe Durr, Eric Tabarly, Dennis Conner and many others.



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Mirabaud LX: the hull-less sailboat

The Mirabaud LX is an experimental, one-of-a-kind sailboat, the brainchild of sailor and engineer Thomas Jundt's vision and experience.

Designed to "fly" on its hydrofoils, the Mirabaud LX is the first sailboat capable of navigating without a hull, though a certain minimum degree of floatation is necessary for "taking off" and navigating in light winds. Built on a carbon fibre tubular support structure, the LX is an engineer's dream. Each component was specifically optimised to reduce its weight to a minimum, to allow the boat to rise above the water as quickly as possible.

A true gem of technological prowess, the Mirabaud LX won the Geneva-Rolle-Geneva regatta in the monohull category in 2009, a formidable accomplishment that has earned it international recognition and praise.

The Mirabaud Trophy

The Mirabaud Trophy is a yearly championship for Surprise monohulls. Bringing together some fifty boats, the annual point-based event calls for a total of seven regattas on Lake Geneva.

Olympic sailing: the Yngling Girls

The Mirabaud women's Olympic sailing team – comprised of Sarah Ayton, Sarah Webb and Pippa Wilson – won the gold medal at the Beijing Olympic Games. The 'Mirabaud Girls' who competed in the Yngling category (Olympic women's keelboat) where sailing under the Union Jack.

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