

CATS FOR ENTHUSIASTS



AVENTURA 16.5

Indigo Yacht has just presented its latest boat: a small sport catamaran intended particularly for hotels and sailing clubs – the Aventura 16.5. A boat offering large volumes, which is reassuring for beginners, and has top quality fittings to allow good performance. And then there is the price: 6,680 euros, exc. VAT, which makes it very competitive, compared to its direct competitors.

For more information: www.go-catamaran.com

RUDDERS

All too often we neglect the condition of our rudders. Yet they wear and need maintenance, adjustment and sometimes have to be changed to avoid heavy steering and often disastrous cavitation... Forward Sailing is now offering new rudder blades, compatible with the Hobie range. But they are not just pale copies, but a genuine new design, inspired by funboard fin profiles. These rudders are in composite, with a digitally-controlled machined core. And as the icing on the cake, just like the 60' trimarans, the end of the rudders is red, which allows you to be easily spotted in the case of a capsized...

Information: www.fwd-sailing.com



10TH PHILIPPINE HOBIE CHALLENGE

If you like 'sporty' raids, here is one for you: a week-long raid/regatta on Hobie 16s, reserved for sportsmen and women. The next edition will take place from 7th to 14th February 2009. A week's raid in the Philippines, 150 miles of racing, numerous participants and a good atmosphere... What more could you ask for?

Information : www.philhobie.com

BUYING ON THE INTERNET

With the advantageous dollar exchange rate with respect to the euro, certain crafty sailors are ordering parts from the United States on the internet. This is the case for the Murray catalogue. But the plus is that now you can order and pay in euros (catalogue priced in dollars, and prices in euros confirmed by e-mail), and receive your parts with an invoice from a French commercial entity... In short, the advantages of buying from the USA in dollars, but without the exchange and perfectly legally...

Info : www.murray.com



ROUND CRÉOLIA

The 2008 Round Créolia will take place from 16th to 23rd November in the delightful surroundings of the island of Réunion. Sail Fast in partnership with the CN Bourbon is offering a 'turnkey' formula for metropolitan racers, which includes: Boat transport in containers (loading after the Catagolfe, return in mid-January). Transport for the competitors by air (departure from Paris on 13th November, return on 26th November). Local transfers and accommodation, including 3 nights' bivouac and 7 breakfasts, 7 packed lunches, 5 dinners/evenings. Note that the number of metropolitan competitors is limited to 12 boats.

Information : www.sailfast.fr

DUK D'ALBE 2008

As you know, the Duc d'Albe remains THE regatta of the year which is not to be missed... An exceptional stretch of water; a really nice atmosphere, sailing conditions which are often idyllic, with wind, warm sea and a perfect exterior temperature. In short, nothing but pleasure! This year, the race will take place from 19th to 21st September. This will be the 9th edition of the Duc d'Albe, and the 5th edition of the 'Coupe des îles d'Or'. To enrol and be one of the privileged few lucky enough to sail between Hyères and Porquerolles, there is just one address:

www.ducdalbe.com



SL 16 WORLDS

For the first time, the SL16 is going to have a World Championship... This will take place at La Baule, from 24th to 29th of next August. 40 crews of young international champions from 12 nations from the 4 corners of the world will meet there... And things will not be simple, as three 'guest stars' have been invited by the organiser to compete with the 14 year old sailors... Bruno Peyron, Esperanza Perez and Franck Cammas ! Hopefully (for the 'older sailors') there will be a lot of wind... For more information : www.slica16.org