

## Fountaine Pajot meeting in the Caribbean

For the third time, the builder Fountaine Pajot invited its owners to a meeting, to catch up, chat, and of course sail...

At the end of last November more than 150 participants met up aboard 18 catamarans built by the La Rochelle-based company, for sharing some good sailing between the islands of St. Martin and St. Barts. Catamarans from every generation took part, as in addition to almost the whole of the current range (from the Mahé Evolution to the Victoria 67). We were also pleased to see the return of a few of the company's renowned boats, such as the Athena, Venezia, Belize and even the Casamance.

Although the crews had of course come to party (which they didn't fail to do), it was also important to try to not come last in the races. The first was raced in two legs, between Grand Case and the Anse Marcel, passing via Sandy Island. The second race took the catamarans from the small island of Pinel to the Anse Colombier on St. Barts.

Just for the record, the Salina 48 skippered by Claire Fountaine won the first race, ahead of the Victoria 67 sailed by Donald Harper and Pierre Pageot's Athena 38. The second race saw a victory by Serge Rivas in a Lipari 41, ahead of Donald Harper's inevitable Victoria 67.

For more information: [www.catamarans-fountaine-pajot.com](http://www.catamarans-fountaine-pajot.com) and the venerable Venezia 42 skippered by Gilles Tirbois.

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## Equinox, a 45-metre catamaran

This very up-market 45-metre catamaran is the result of a collaboration between a designer who specializes in yachts, Andrew Trujillo, and the naval architect Adam Younger. We therefore see Andrew's experience in Equinox's luxurious accommodation, and Adam's know-how in obtaining a boat capable of reaching 50 knots in its most powerful version. With a 17m beam, this 45-metre catamaran allows the designer to offer the accommodation of a 60-metre monohull yacht, whilst guaranteeing incomparable directional stability and comfort.

See it on: [www.AndrewTrujilloDesign.com](http://www.AndrewTrujilloDesign.com)

## AN ELECTRO-SOLAR CATAMARAN

Aerofleet is currently putting the finishing touches to the construction of its electro-solar catamaran, the Aero 48e. A genuine blue-water catamaran, but one which uses no fossil fuel at all. Equipped with around forty square metres of solar panels, a wind generator, and two hydro-generators, the catamaran is actually completely independent under power at 4 knots. For a voyage via the trade winds, the owner has chosen to equip his catamaran with headsails only, thus avoiding the shadow of the mainsail on his solar panels.

The launch is planned for the spring, and tests will be organised during the summer in Scotland, before the departure for a round the world trip in the autumn. Note that, to allow other technological advances, a second catamaran is currently being built. The aim is to turn it into a laboratory boat, available to all the partners in the project, with a view to optimising various technologies.

For more information: [www.aerofleet.be](http://www.aerofleet.be)



## Bakri Cono launches its Heliotropes



Last December, Bakri Cono, the Thailand-based builder, launched its Heliotrope 65', a motor catamaran which its owner wanted to be totally self-sufficient concerning its electrical consumption for all the comfort elements aboard, including the air-conditioning, the washing machines, the audio and video systems, internet, etc. The boat is therefore equipped with over 7 kW of solar panels...

The Heliotrope 65' will be on display at the Singapore Boat Show, from 10th to 13th April 2014, before continuing its round the world trip.

Finally, note that the builder is continuing its development, and has just finished the plans of a 105-footer, whose construction will soon be starting soon, and that a brand-new 45' is being developed.

For more information: [www.bakricono.com](http://www.bakricono.com)

## Aquila 44 at Miami

Once again, you had to be in Miami during the boat show to discover the latest boat from Sino Eagle Yachts, the Aquila 44. Just like the 48 and the 38 in the range, the 44 is a motor catamaran designed by the J&J Design Group. Comfortable and pleasant to live aboard, the Aquila has been designed to meet very precise specifications: to provide the best possible platform for enjoying life aboard a boat...

As for the whole of the Aquila range, the 44 is available for charter from MarineMax Vacation, under the name MarineMax 443.

For more information: [www.aquilaboats.com](http://www.aquilaboats.com)  
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