

Bionic little boats

If your French is up to it, you should also click on www.intothewind.fr. Christophe Mora (43) set sail solo from France on a circumnavigation in his twin-keel Django 7.70 *L'Envol*. Having reached the southern tip of South America, he met Estonian Carina Juhhova (35) in Puerto Williams and she signed on as crew. Now they are in French Polynesia. It's amazing what these bionic little boats and their owners get up to.

Such intrepid adventurers prove one thing: you don't have to own a large yacht to cross oceans. Indeed, if you go back a few decades, the circumnavigations of John Guzzwell in *Trekka* and Shane Acton in *Shrimpy* show that very small, well-found yachts can cover very large distances. But you do need to know what you are doing, plan your passages with a permanent eye on the weather, be prepared to put up with cramped and uncomfortable living conditions and not mind getting wet and chucked about. Maybe best to leave this to the youngsters!