

# The International Multihull Show 2026 Opens a New Chapter in La Grande-Motte

**Düsseldorf / La Grande-Motte - January 20, 2026** - The International Multihull Show will return to La Grande-Motte, France, from April 22–26, 2026, with an expanded on-water footprint and a renewed focus on innovation as multihulls continue to gain momentum across the global boating market.

Speaking at a press conference held during boot Düsseldorf 2026, show organizers confirmed that the 2026 edition will introduce a third marina and a new visitor access route, helping accommodate growing demand while improving flow and comfort for attendees on site.

“The 2026 edition marks a new stage in the show’s evolution, with a renewed team, a redesigned visitor route and a growing presence of power and electric multihulls making their world debut,” said Anaïs David, Show Director, International Multihull Show.

**A redesigned visitor route with an entrance in the heart of the marina,  
and the opening of a third marina**

The modernization works at the Port of La Grande-Motte, beginning this month on the western side of the marina, have prompted a rethink of the show's layout. In close consultation with the port authorities, a new configuration has been designed to guarantee the best possible conditions for both exhibitors and visitors. The show entrance will now be located on the town side, near the harbourmaster's office. The mobile footbridge, previously linking the show to the town, will now become an integral part of the event. Visitors will be able to move easily between the village and the different marinas: the historic marina, the Quai des Douanes marina (formerly the powercat marina), and the new marina in front of the harbourmaster's office.





Scenes from La Grande-Motte

## **New exhibitors, an ever more international dimension, and a show firmly focused on innovation**

The commercialization of the 2026 edition confirms the international appeal of the International Multihull Show. At this stage, 20% of registered exhibitors are newcomers, all from abroad (non-French), representing equipment manufacturers, new multihull shipyards, architects, and service companies.

The redesigned and expanded exhibitors' village will offer a comprehensive showcase of the latest innovations in the sector and will notably host the

Multihull Design & Innovation area, dedicated to nautical design trends and to the technological and sustainable solutions shaping tomorrow's multihulls.

### **Shipyards unveil their multihulls as world premieres at the show, with a strong powercat presence**

While the commercialization of the show is still ongoing, the 2026 edition already features several WORLD PREMIERES, including: Whisper 50, a premium electric catamaran with solar propulsion; Simbad 55 (sailing); Aventura 37 Explorer (power); Outremer 48 (sailing); Aventura 56 MY (power); and AY60 – Adventure Yachts (power).

For the first time, the world premieres presented include more power multihulls than sailing multihulls, underscoring the market's rapid evolution. The show will also feature the European premiere of Aquila's first sailing yacht, the Aquila 50 SAIL, and the French debut of New Zealand's hybrid catamaran, the Earthling E-40 Power Catamaran. New versions of the Leopard 52, Leopard 53PC, and Moorings 5200 will also be showcased.

### **The multihull market: solid and structured momentum**

Sébastien Milcendeau from the F.I.N. (French Marine Leisure Industry Federation), who is also involved in the European Boating Industry and the International Council of Marine Industry Associations, was invited to share his market analysis.

When it comes to sailboats, excluding sailing dinghies, "The industry may produce as many multihulls as monohulls this year," said Milcendeau. Major market trends illustrate the significant shift in the multihull segment, with average growth of >5% over the past decade, while business is then returning to a healthier base after pandemic turbulence. The continuous rise of powercats has also been highlighted, from a niche to 25% of multihull sales nowadays.

Multihulls have become a game-changer in the boating sector, thanks to their ability to meet the expectations of new boaters: more space, comfort, stability, ease of use, and improved environmental performance.

### **A strong and evolving team**

Ms. David, recently promoted to Commissioner of the International Multihull Show , also introduced new members of the International Multihull Team. Guillaume Verbrugge, also Commissioner of the Paris Nautic Show, is now in charge of M2Organisation, creator of nautical events, alongside Jean-Paul Chapeleau, President of the French Nautical Industries Federation and M2Organisation. Kelian Delubac joins the team in charge of business development, while American Tess Smallridge becomes the show's new international press officer, with the mission of strengthening media relations worldwide.

### **Media information :**

Press materials, images, and further information regarding accreditation or media partnership are available upon request. Interviews with show representatives and participating industry figures can be arranged.

**See you from 22 to 26 April 2026 on the pontoons of La Grande-Motte for a new edition of the International Multihull Show!**

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