

NEEL 47

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Why a NEEL trimaran is safer at sea ?

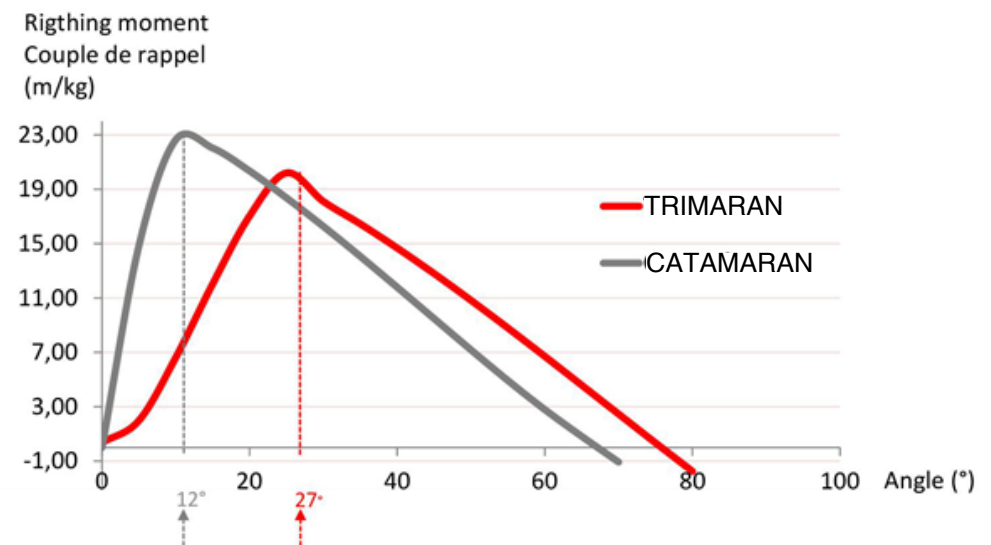
The width of NEEL trimarans is an important factor for **safety** on **the high seas** because it is a guarantee of **stability**.

On a catamaran the maximum righting moment occurs at 12° heeling, as shown on the stability curve.

This angle can be reached relatively easily when sailing in strong winds and heavy seas.

However, on a trimaran, this maximum righting moment does not occur until 27° heeling, therefore in normal multihull conditions of use, this angle is never reached.

For this reason, and thanks to the centered weight distribution, a trimaran is much more stable than a catamaran.



At 12° it is necessary to begin to shock the listening on a catamaran, whereas the trimaran is extremely on up to 27° heeling (*angle of heeling never reached anyway on a cruising multihull*). At 12° the trimaran is in a very comfortable sailing pace, while the catamaran is pushed to its limit of use.

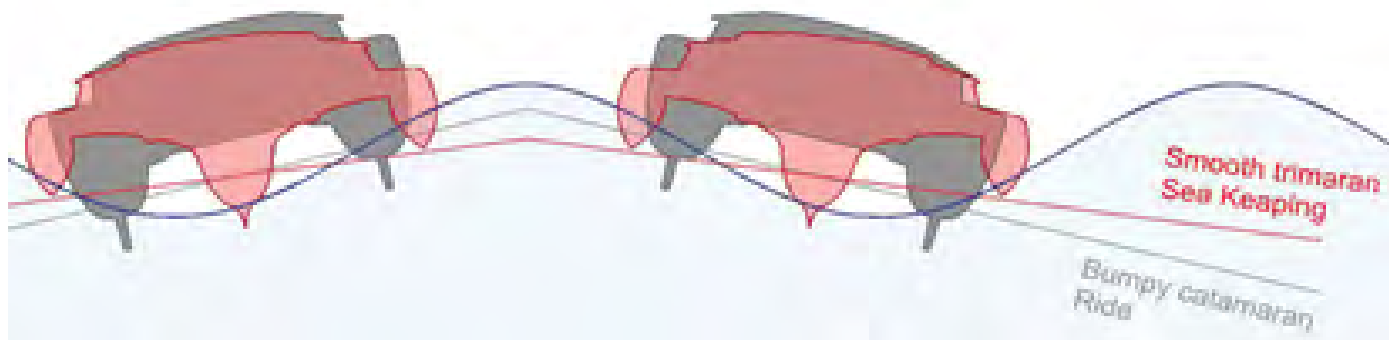
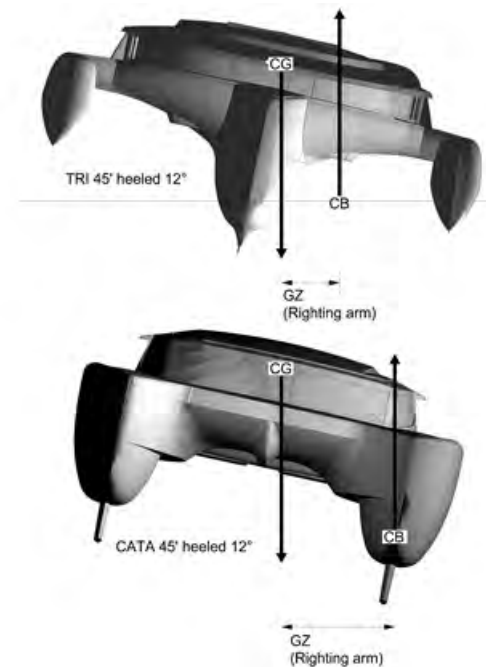
Why a NEEL trimaran is more comfortable at sea?

Let's consider both the trimaran and the catamaran heeling by 12° which is the **safety angle** not to be exceeded on a catamaran. As shown in the graphics, the righting moment (GZ) is much higher on the trimaran than on the catamaran. A high GZ means more brutal and uncomfortable seakeeping. At this angle of heel the catamaran's GZ is double that of the trimaran.

Therefore, sailing the trimaran is much smoother than sailing the catamaran.

The trimaran has less roll motion than the catamaran, as the center of buoyancy is never far downwind like on a catamaran. Again **centered weight is the key to success and comfort**. In fact, all significant heavy equipment is located in the main central hull on a trimaran whereas it is distributed half and half in each hull on a catamaran.

The superiority of the trimaran is even more significant in heavy seas as shown on the illustration here.



Why a NEEL trimaran is faster at sea?

As shown in offshore racing, the trimaran is significantly faster than monohulls or catamarans.

This is also true for cruising trimarans, as proven by the last ARC (Atlantic Rally for Cruisers) rally won by a NEEL 45 in December 2015 and by a NEEL 47 2019 and 2020.

The superiority of the trimaran is even more obvious when sailing upwind, especially due to the rig on a catamaran, the forestay pulls from the front beam, the mast compresses a central beam and the shrouds pull the two floats supporting the forestay and mast beam this platform deforms in many directions.

Consequently, it is then impossible to have a rigid forestay. On a trimaran, the forestay, mast and mainsail tension are structurally bonded to one strong, longitudinal beam the main hull. This configuration, as per a monohull allows for a rigid forestay and good performance up wind. Performance is also enhanced by the centered weight.

The extra speed of the trimaran is an additional safety factor.



Why a NEEL trimaran is more manoeuvrable?



NEEL trimarans are conceived for fast cruising.

With an average cruising speed of 10 knots, over **200 nautical miles** are easily achievable **each 24 hours**. Speeds from **15 to 18 knots** are often reached when the breeze freshens. Weight centering is managed in order to limit pitching.

The centre hull is rockered to facilitate tacking.

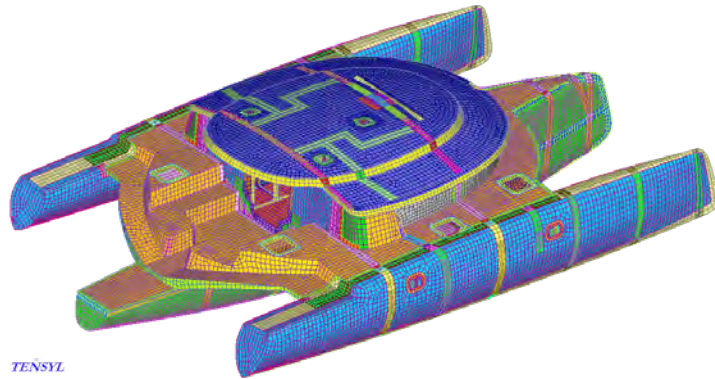
Floats are of a stretched form to privilege **directional stability** and **passage through the sea** (thin bows). The rigging is directly derived from racing trimarans, thereby achieving full cruising speeds of **1.5 to 2 times** faster than conventional cruising yachts. The sail surface area is generous with some **17m² per tonne**.

Finally, the trimaran configuration also facilitates **sustained speed under motor propulsion**. The low prismatic coefficient of the central hull means drag is very weak. The side floats are only very lightly in contact with the surface of the water.

The manoeuvres reported to the steering **station have been designed for navigation** with a reduced crew or even for **easy solo manoeuvres**.

- Choice of 2 possible rigs: **classic** or **carbon performance**
- 3 sails with berths (including a self-tacking and releasable staysail)
- Up to 3 **headsails** : genoa, staysail and asymmetrical spinnaker (option)

A thorough story

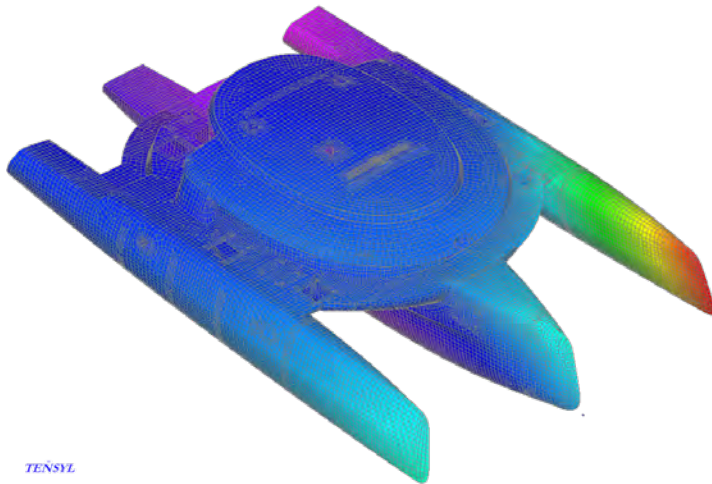


To optimise the **structure of NEEL trimarans**, we collaborated with TENSYL and Cabinet Lombard with whom we have previously worked on the structure of the racing trimaran TRILOGIC.

TENSYL and Cabinet Lombard have made a speciality of **the structural design of multi hull racing and cruising composites**. Sampling is determined from the most critical cases of offshore loading on the structure, for example catching a wave at high-speed or sailing with the wind on the beam.

The analysis programs transmit relevant information which are compared to nominal values in the specs. **Colour displays are particularly instructive in sample determination**.

The overall research programme aims to define type and quantity of construction materials best **suited to each zone** in order to eliminate unnecessary weight and apply suitable safety margins to load bearing elements.



Why a NEEL trimaran is more manoeuvrable

High strength rigid foam

Isophthalic polyester resin with
1st layer of vinylester (better
protection against osmosis)

Rigidity

Set of infused and laminated
bulkhead: excessively
structured and rigid structure

Many advantages:

- Closed cells = hydrophobic
- Limit the twists
- Lighter and more dense
than balsa (easier to repair)



Registered innovations and modularity

Cockloot®

Full Beam Cockpit®

Antireflex Window®

3 to 5 cabins

Private areas

Perfect correlation of life and watch areas



Large and open area
of 32m² full of light and
ventilation

**Modularity of
opening** (multi-position
of the sliding door)

Possibility to gather up
to **10 people** around 2
tables

Flush deck area
(no step)



NEEL 47

FULL BEAM COCKPIT®



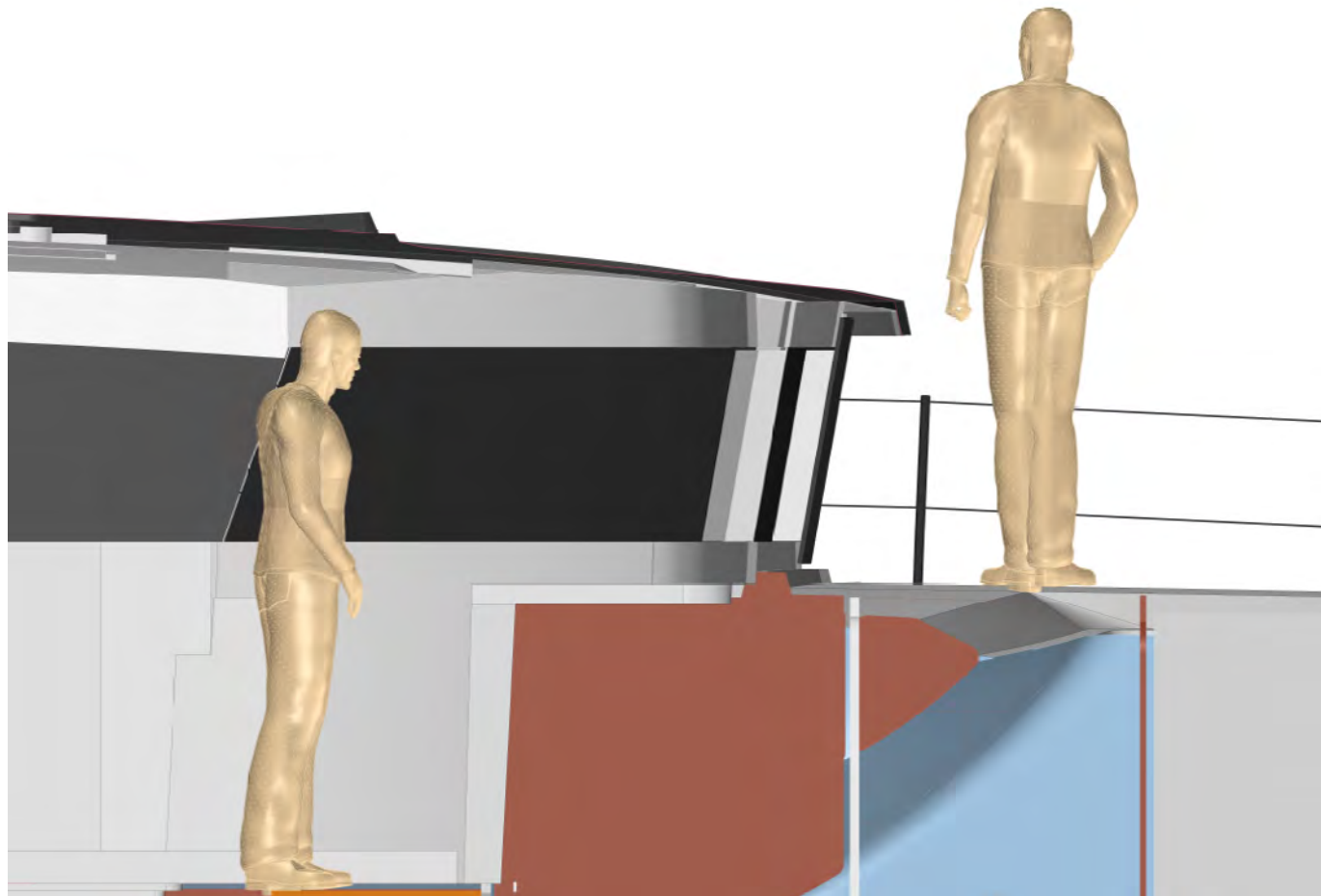
2 distincted areas
Around tables
Private face-to-face

Flush area of 22 m²
fully protected with
roof

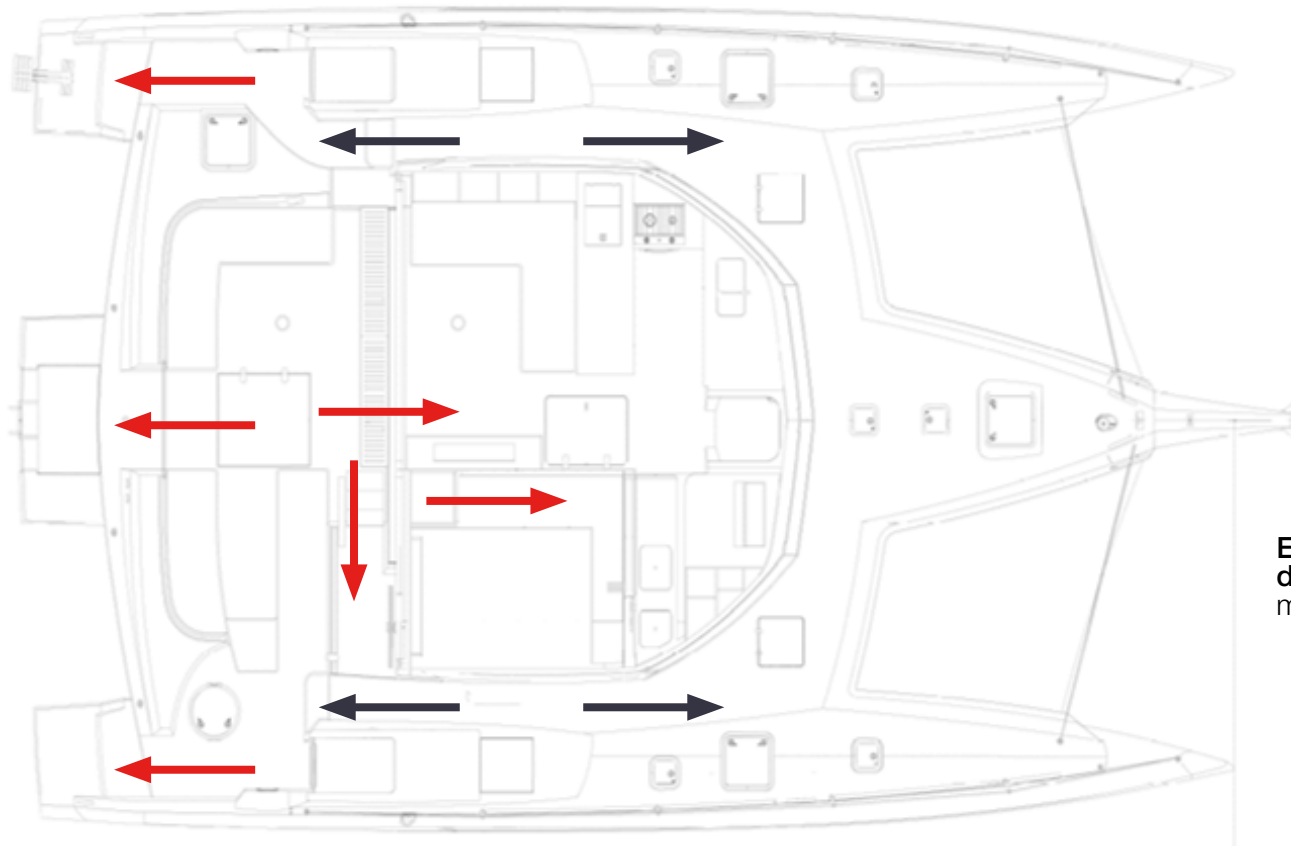
Safety and fluidity
of circulation with no
rigging on the cockpit

Reversed window


- Anti-reflective (eyes comfort)
- No heat transmission
- Better nocturnal vision




EASY CIRCULATION PLAN ONBOARD



Enhanced safety et easy deck circulation with more space

 Easy and safe circulation + central access to helm station and transom

 Very secured catwalks « interior passages » between roof and access cabin domes

Usable space

- Solar panels
- Roof mastress
- Easy access to boom

Central skylight

Flush area **360° visibility** at the helm station

All control lines led back to helm station for a **solo** or **shorthanded** sailing





Centralized:

All manoeuvres are carried out at the helm station: mainsail, sheeting, reefing....

Comfortable and convivial:

3 to 4 people can stand near the helm station without embarrassment



Secured:

- Direct and secure access from the cockpit to the helm station
- Excellent visibility for manoeuvres

Up or down table

Comfortable and friendly living
space



Modern
open
ventilated
and bright kitchen



Panoramic view
Ergonomy
Storage capacity
Conviviality on board



MASTER CABIN, AN INNOVATIVE CONCEPT

Panoramic view 270°
Sea view and chart
table view

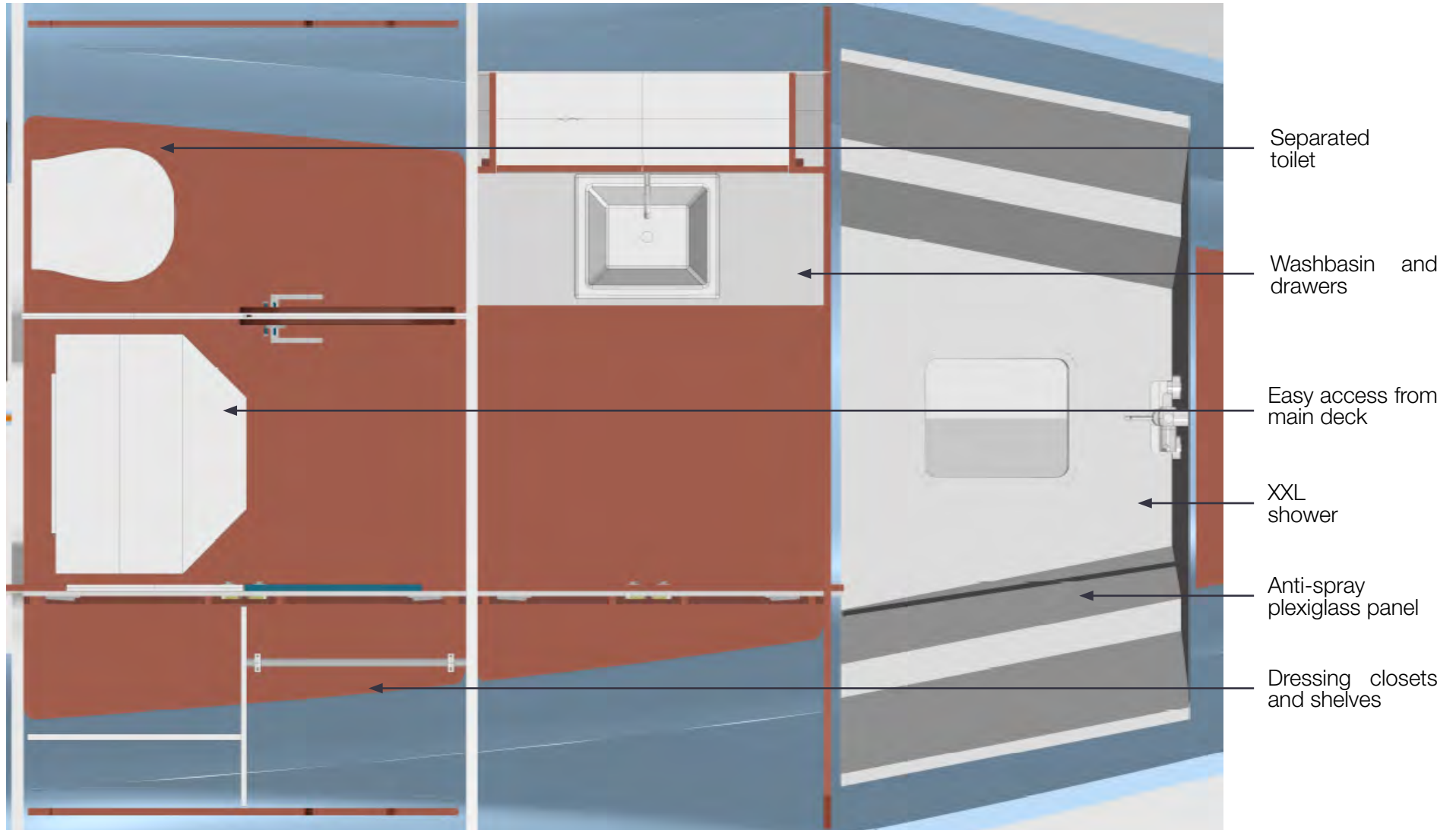
Extra large windows

Possibility to **vary the atmospheres:** cosy and intimate or bright and open

Optimal ventilation and plenty of storage space



+ of 33 % of the main hull dedicated to well-being





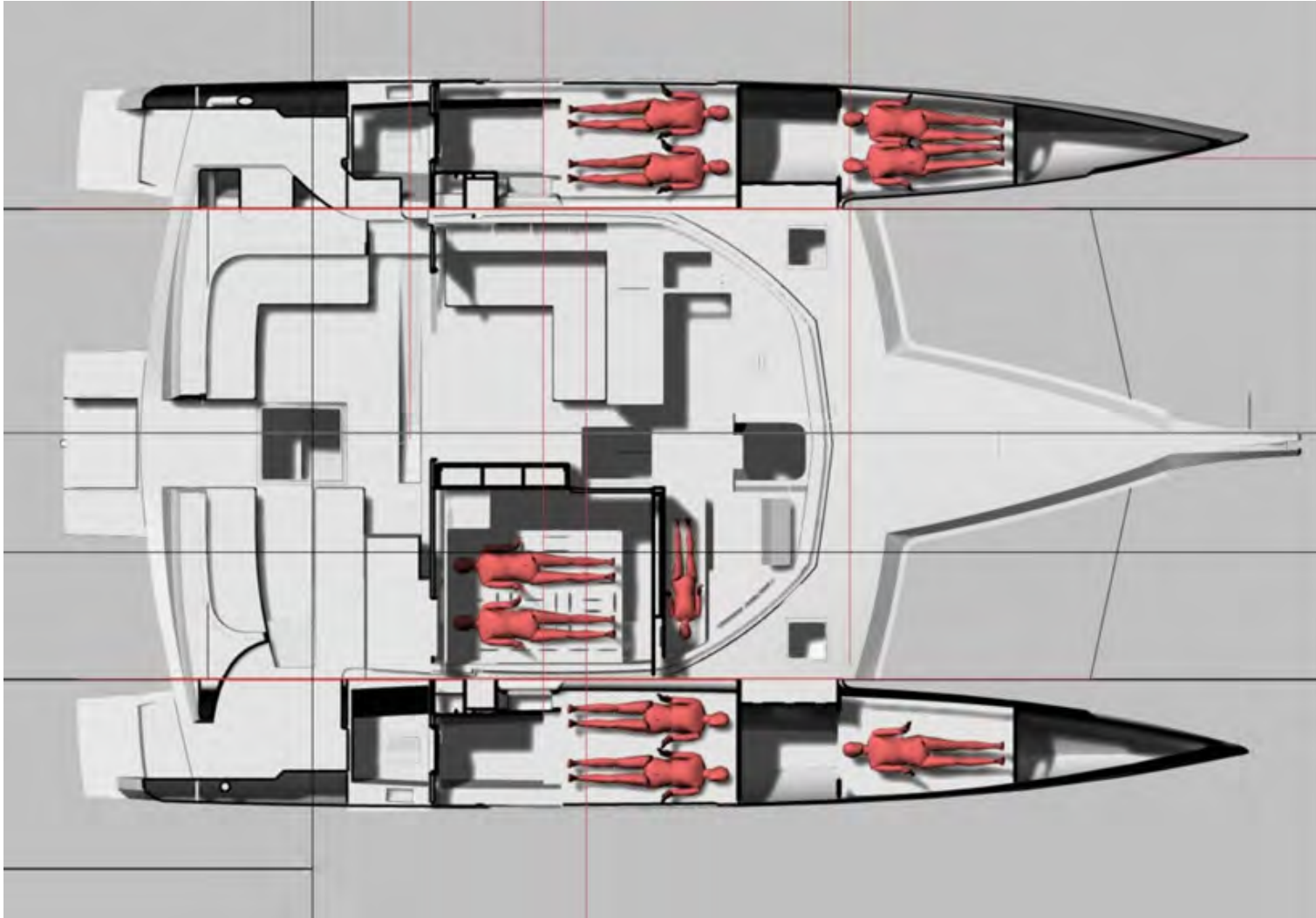
Facing the route

Bench seat convertible into a bed
(for a kid, near the parents)



Excellent night visibility (AntiReflex Windows®)

Many storage spaces





XXL family bathroom

4th and 5th cabins on the front with deck access, starter room and berth with storages

Cabin with private access and sea view with panoramic window

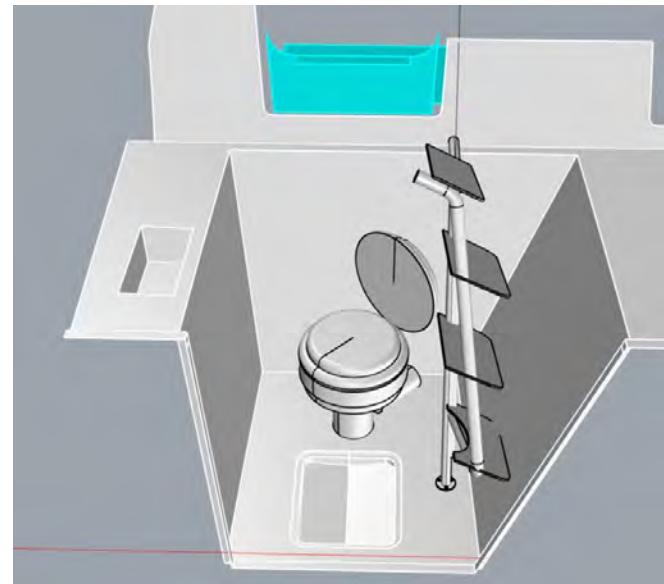
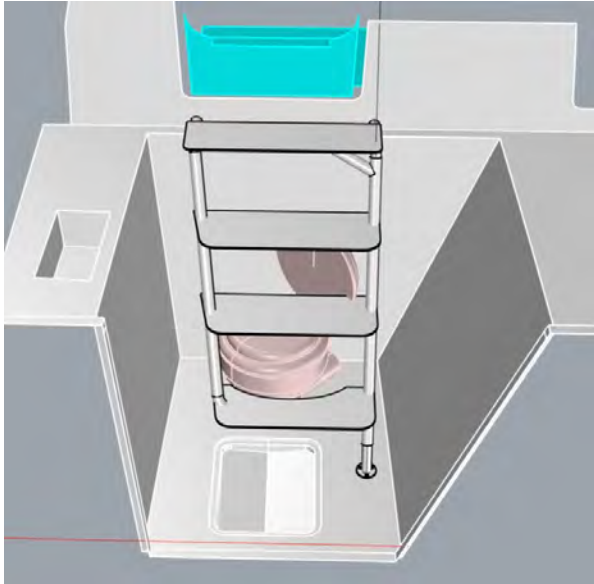


The successful challenge of **performance** and **comfort**!



Thin floats for better performance.

Comfort of life in an extremely well optimized and private space.

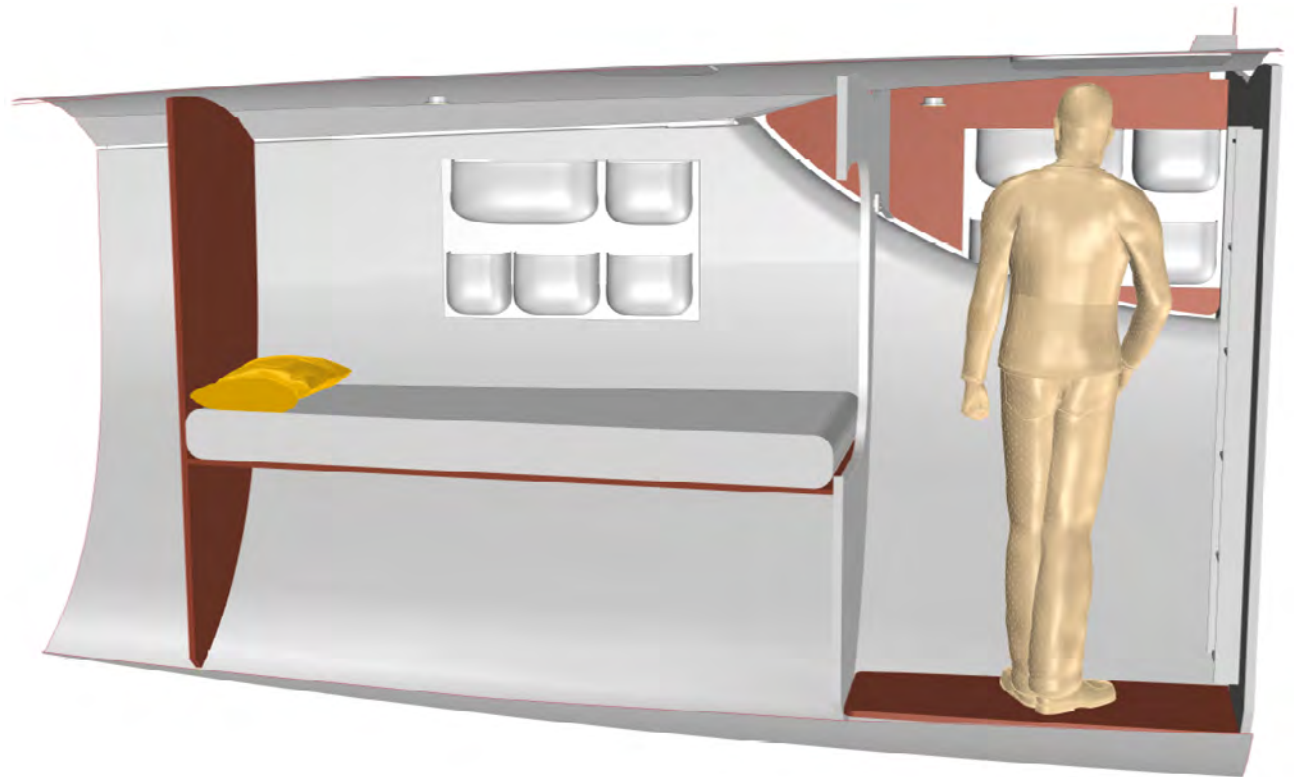


Wet area: **shower room** and **entrance airlock** in the cabin.
Optimized bathroom ergonomics.
The three functionalities (shower, WC, washbasin) are ensured.

FRONT BERTHS (OPTIONAL)

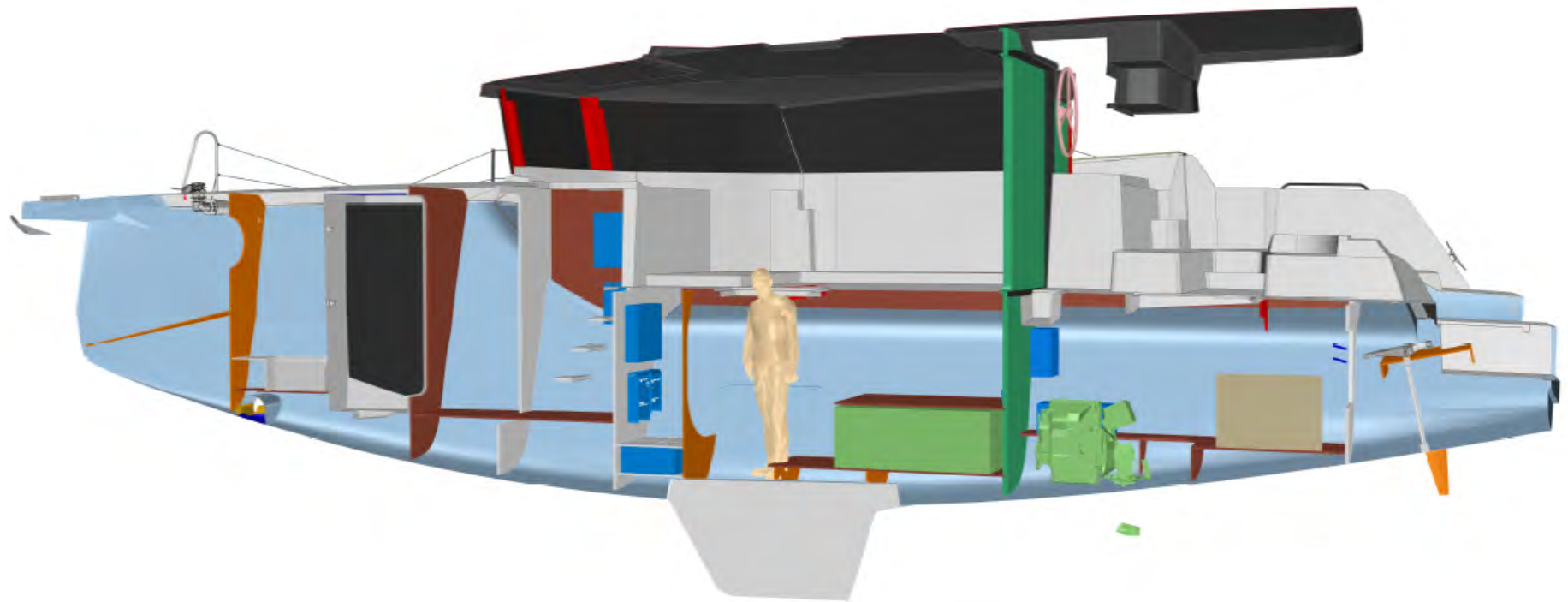
Only front cabin of this kind offering
a real berth for an adult.

Proper starter room to enter the
cabin, with ladder and storage.



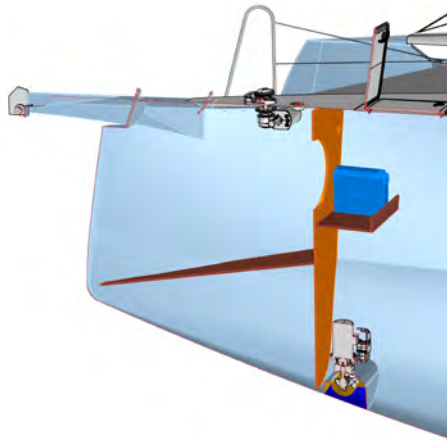
TECHNICAL AND STORAGE AREAS

A real « **workshop** » and storeroom
Technical zones with easy access
Central technical area illustrating weight centering

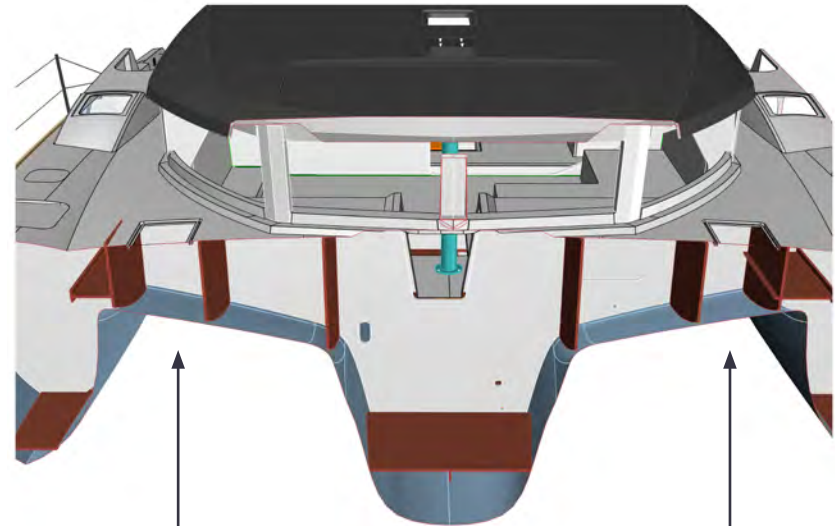


View of the central hull

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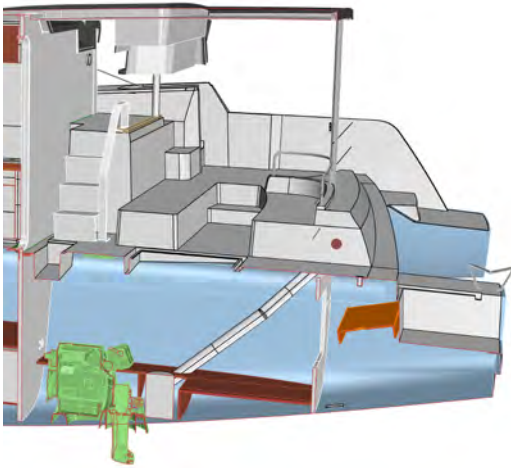


Deep anchor locker and bowthruster compartment **easy to access** in front of the central float

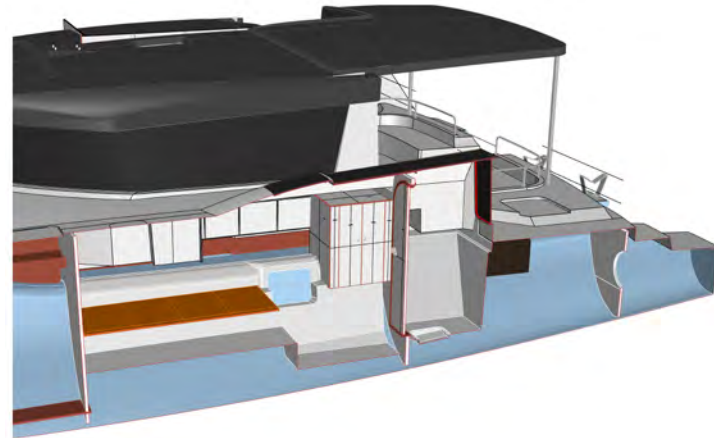


Dedicated gas box for storing gas reserves.
Large front trunk for fenders and warps.

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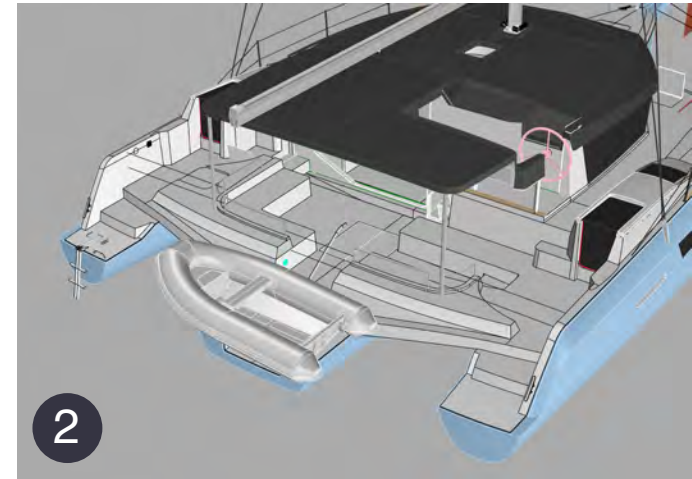
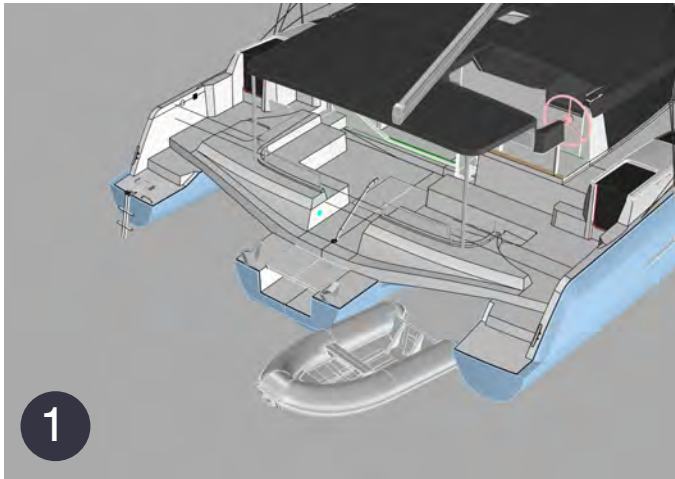
Engine compartment with
direct access from the cockpit.



2 large **rear transom lockers**
(port and starboard)



- Possibility of installing a carbon mast (optional) thanks to performance rigging.
- Set of 3 sails ready to sail in any weather conditions.
- Centralized helm station set for short-handed sailing.
- Helm sensitivity thanks to a system of pulleys and textile bar lines that reduces any friction.
- Candlestick rail, anodized titanium-coloured aluminium and fluorescent Dyneema® life lines.



Space-saving on the transom without davits.

Short-handed manoeuvre thanks to the remote control.

Lifting / launching of the dinghy by a modern and **easy to use system** thanks to :

- Topping lift
- Boom as crane
- Line driver
- Remote control
- Craddles

video tutorial

EASY

EFFICIENT

FAST

NEEL-TRIMARANS HULL VS. CATAMARANS AND MONOHULLS

The best
of both
worlds



The **catamarans constraint** is to find the compromise between:

- floats that are either very "rocky" to facilitate change tack
- or have very tight floats to avoid pitching.

The trimaran offers both a **rocky shape main hull** (facilitating the tacking) and very tight floats (no pitching and therefore a real comfort at sea).

Only the trimaran tacks as easily as a monohull (thanks also to its staysail on a **drop-down forestay**).



Dimensions

Overall length	47 ft
Overall width	27 ft
Draught	5,2 ft
Air draft	62,3 ft
Displacement	10,60 T
Full battened mainsail	753,5 sq ft
Furling genoa	538 sq ft
Self tracking, furling staysail	215 sq ft
Freshwater tank	158,5 US gallons
Diesel tank	80 US gallons
Engine	1 x Diesel 60 HP
Water tank	600 L
Fuel tank	300 L

Design and conception

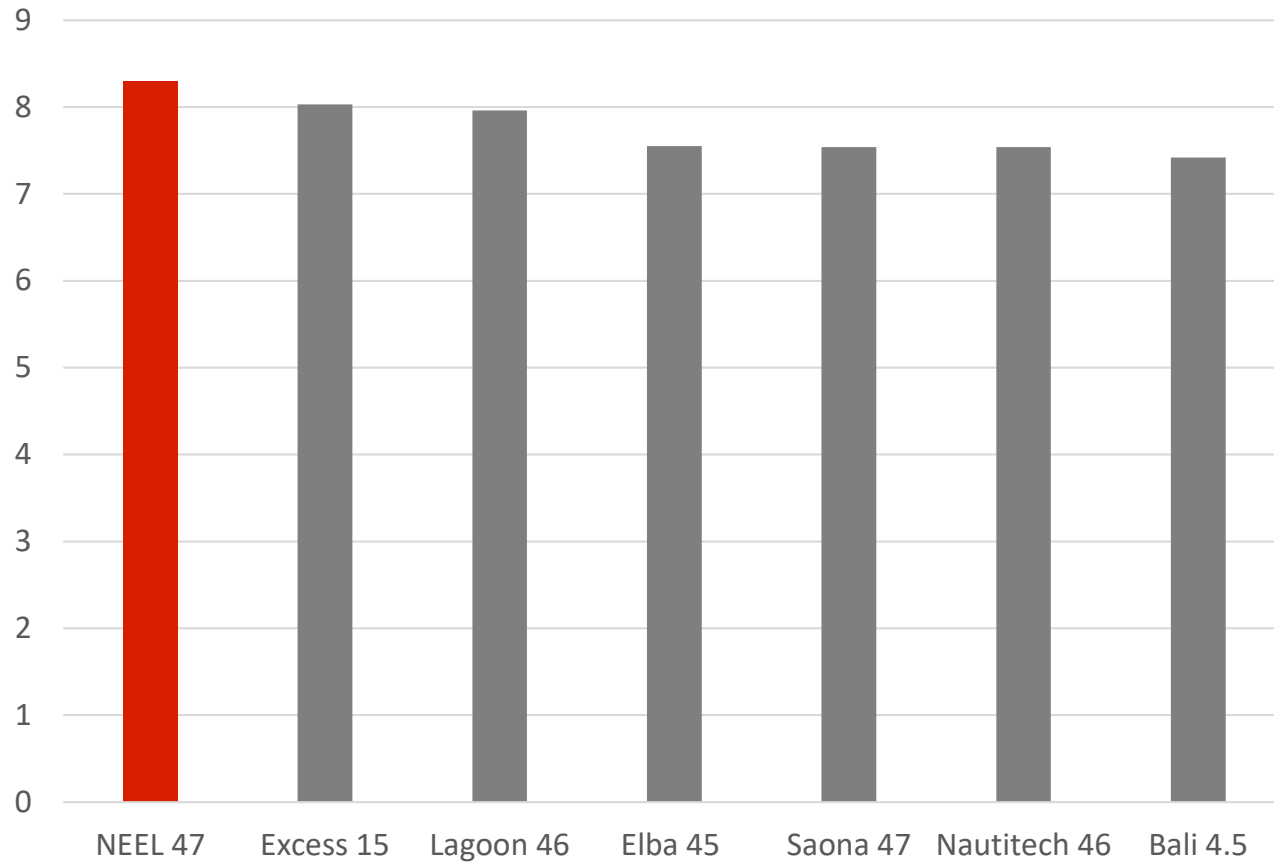
Ship designers	Marc Lombard, Yacht Design Group
Certification CE	ICNN
Conception	NEEL-TRIMARANS



Number of people on board (CE)

Category A	8
Category B	10
Category C	25
Category D	30

Overall beam
(m)



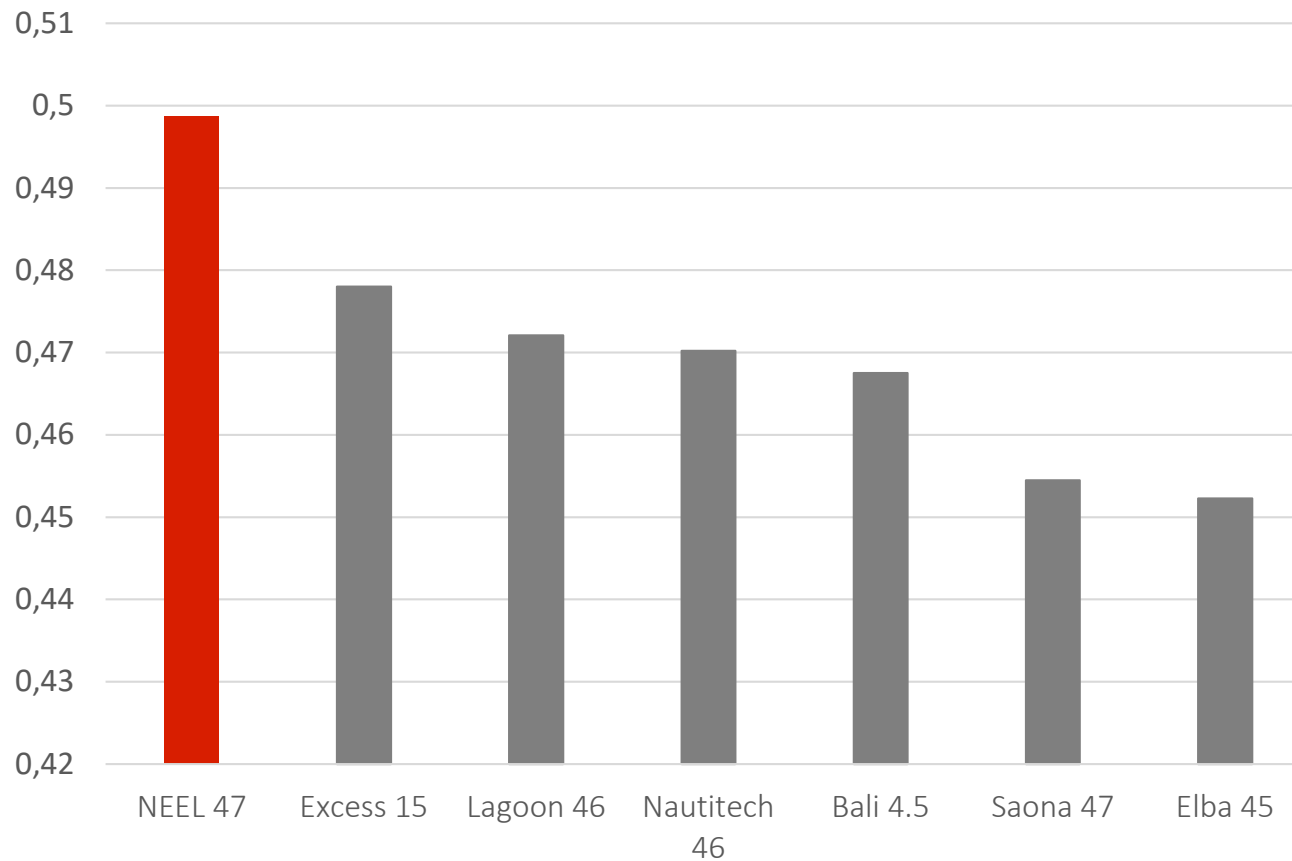
The NEEL 47 is only 34cm wider than a Lagoon 46

POWER TO WEIGHT RATIO

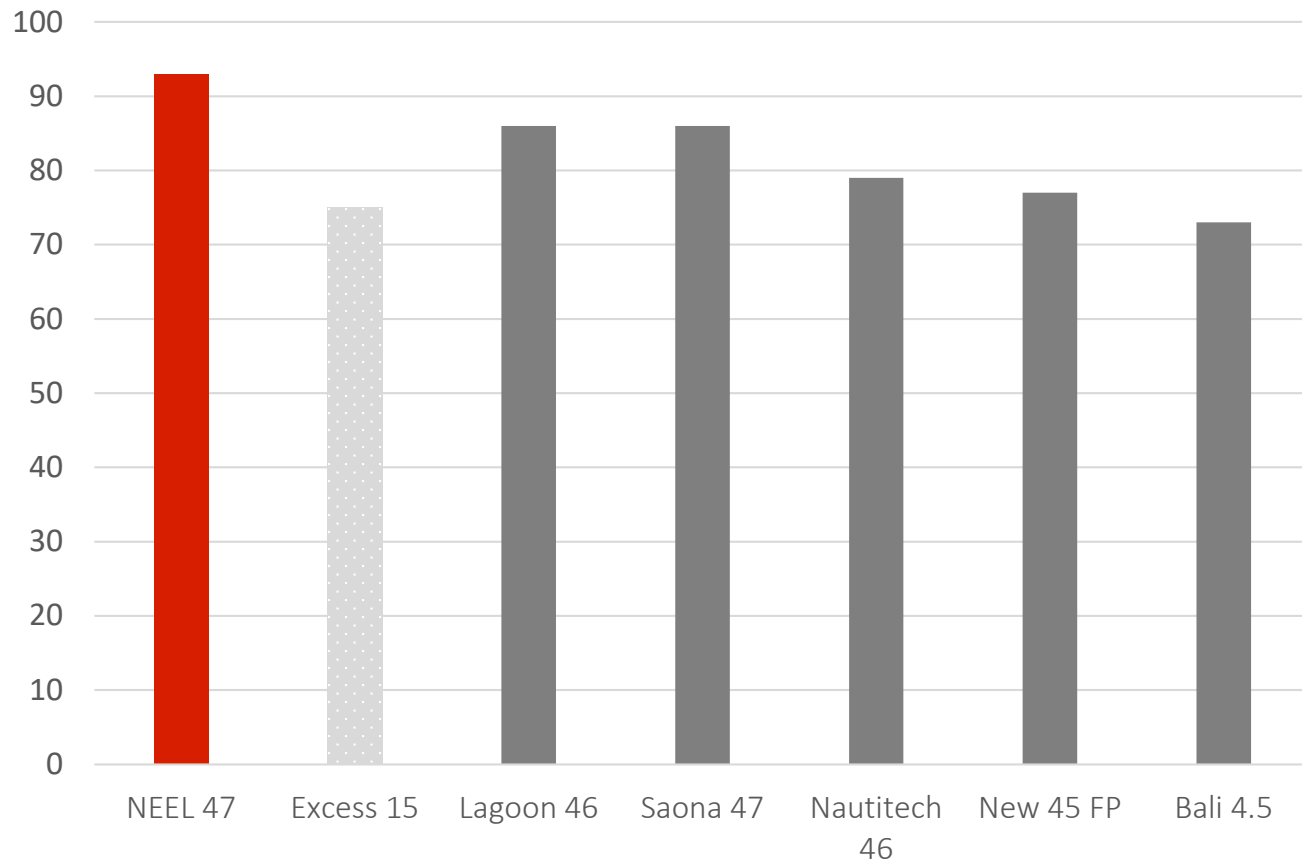
Power-to-weight ratio is used to measure the performance of the boat.

Formula is as following :

$$\sqrt{\text{surface de voile au près}} \div \sqrt[3]{\text{poids}}$$



The NEEL 47 offers the best power-to-weight ratio

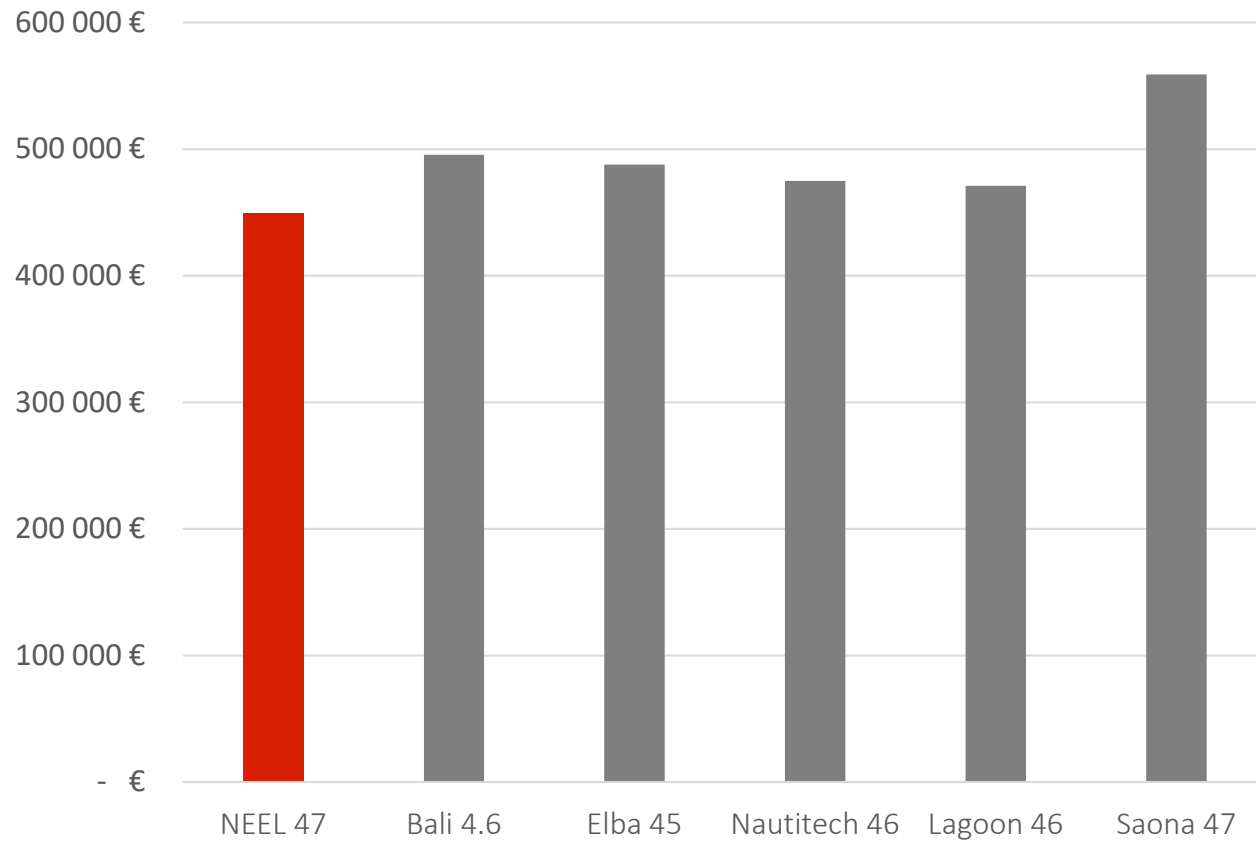


Living space surface (m²)

93 m² total living space

15 m² total technical areas
(including storage areas)

The NEEL 47 offers the best exploitable surface onboard.



From 449 000 € ex VAT

*Front cabin 3 000€ ex VAT
Essential Pack 24 000€ ex VAT
Premium Pack 34 000€ ex VAT*

The NEEL 47 offers
the best attractive rate
positioning



SAFETY

MODERNITY

MODULARITY

CONVIVIALITY

EASE OF MOVMENT

QUALITY OF BUILDING

ATTRACTIVE RATE



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