



Sailing to Barcelona!

Together to protect our oceans

Join the Sailing to Barcelona fleet!

In October 2008, several dozen boats will set sail for the Spanish port of Barcelona in the name of marine conservation. Their destination is **IUCN's World Conservation Congress** (5-14 October 2008). Their message is one: we can and must protect our seas, oceans and coasts. The boats are not just ordinary sailing vessels. Each boat is living proof that something can be done to protect the extraordinary blue world that covers more than two thirds of our planet.

Media representatives are invited to be part of this unique experience: Journalists can join one of the following boats for between half a day and 10 days as they sail to Barcelona. This is the chance to get the inside loop on research vessels and find out how these boats contribute to marine conservation.

For more information, please check www.iucn.org/congress/sailing or contact us at sailingtobarcelona@iucn.org



Port of Departure: Port-St-Louis-du-Rhône (France)

Date of Departure: 30 September 2008

Estimated Arrival: 3 October 2008

Stop-overs: None

The boat: **Alcyon** is a 14m Norwegian ketch of Colin Archer type. Her solid construction enables her to sail on all latitudes. In 2005, Alcyon left the Mediterranean for a 9-month scientific/educational expedition to Spitsbergen in the Arctic.

The organization: *Participe Futur*'s mission is to contribute to marine conservation through research, education and awareness-raising. The French NGO specifically works on cetaceans and marine debris in the Mediterranean. www.participefutur.org





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Port of Departure: Marseilles (France)*

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Stop-overs: None

The boat: WWF-France is using the catamaran **Columbus**, a former 60ft racing boat that has been completely adapted to scientific research by its well-known skipper, Jean-Yves Terlain, ex-solo sailing World Champion.

The organization: In 2006, *WWF-France* launched a 3-year research programme focused on fin whales' distribution, abundance and behaviour in partnership with the Fondation Nicolas Hulot (FNH). www.wwf.fr ; <http://wwf-columbus.org>



Port of Departure: Cadiz (Spain)

Date of Departure: 20 September 2008

Estimated Arrival: 3 October 2008

Stop-overs: Algeciras/Spain (22 Sept.);
Cartagena/Spain (29 Sept.)

The boat: A decommissioned drug-trafficking 14m sailboat, the **Diosa Maat** now serves as a beacon for marine conservation within Spain.

The organization: *Ecologistas en Acción* is a Federation of more than 300 ecological groups distributed in Spain. The Diosa Maat has taken part in various initiatives for the conservation of the Mediterranean and adjacent Atlantic waters, including campaigns on bluefin tuna overfishing, cetacean and marine turtle protection, and conservation of coastal areas. www.ecologistasenaccion.org

* Some well-known French boats (Garlaban, Fleur de Lampaul, WWF-Columbus and Tara) will head the "Armada Bleue", a fleet of research vessels committed to marine conservation that will leave Marseilles on 27 September and steer together to Barcelona.





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The boat: The **Garlaban** used to be the private yacht of the renowned French entrepreneur, Paul Ricard, who in the 1960's became a passionate and active guardian of the seas. The boat now belongs to the Paul Ricard Oceanographic Institute.

The organization: Founded in 1966 the *Paul Ricard Oceanographic Institute* works to further our knowledge of, and protect, the marine environment. Its activities focus on three main areas: the study of the sea, raising public awareness on its rich yet fragile ecosystem and educating the next generation. www.institut-paul-ricard.org



Port of Departure: Agde (France)

Date of Departure: 29 September 2008

Estimated Arrival: 3 October 2008

Stop-overs: None

The boat: **Halifax**, a comfortable 17-m polar expedition sailboat, has traveled around the world and is particularly attracted to high latitudes. It will sail to Barcelona along with the "Alcyon".

The organization: *Participe Futur*'s mission is to contribute to marine conservation through research, education and awareness-raising. The French NGO specifically works on cetaceans and marine debris in the Mediterranean. www.participefutur.org/





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Port of Departure: Kotor (Montenegro)

Date of Departure: 24 September 2008

Estimated Arrival: 3 October 2008

Stop-overs: Cagliari/Italy (29 Sept.)

The boat: The **Jadran** is a beautiful 60m 3-master school boat belonging to the navy of Montenegro. She will celebrate her 75th birthday in Barcelona.

The organization: The *Dinaric Arc Initiative* is a partnership of organizations that works towards the long-term conservation of this region of south-eastern Europe, which boasts over 6000 km of coastline. [Learn more...](#)



Port of Departure: Port-St-Louis-du-Rhône (France)

Date of Departure: End of September (TBC)

Estimated Arrival: 1 October 2008

Stop-overs: Balearic Islands (date TBC); Sant Carles de la Càpita (date TBC)

The boat: **Largyalo** is a unique catamaran made of wood and whose design was inspired by the Polynesian tribal ships. It is 100% self-sufficient and independent of fossil fuels, powered by sun, wind and water.

The organization: The *Ark of Ideas* is a global campaign that aims to bring the subject of climate change down from the heights of summit meetings to eye and sea level, proposing new ways to engage the public at large towards responsibility and action. www.thearkofideas.org





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Stop-overs: None

The boat: The schooner **Tara** is cut out for geographic extremes. An uncommon ship designed and steered by passionate people since her beginning, she is a boat made for exploration and adventures, unique in the world, nearly a myth.

The organization: The *Tara Expeditions project*, directed by Etienne Bourgois and supported by agnès b., aims to understand with the Tara boat what is happening climate-wise, to take the planet's pulse and to explain it in simple terms. Tara has covered 100 000 kilometers and accomplished 7 expeditions since 2004. www.taraexpeditions.org

