

Ship's Name	Ship's Category	Organization	Type of organization	Country	Port of Departure	Departure Date	Stop-overs/Date*	Estimated Arrival Date	Nb of places available	Description of boat	Length (m)	Website	Marine Conservation Work	Specific Highlight
Alcyon	Traditional	Association Participe Futur	NGO	France	Port-St-Louis-du-Rhône (France)	30-Sep-08	None	3-Oct-08	2	<i>Alcyon</i> is a 14m Norwegian ketch of Colin Archer type. Her solid construction enables her to sail on all latitudes. Since her construction in 1982, <i>Alcyon</i> and her skipper Jacques Landron have spent much time getting a large number of people to discover the marine environment, while putting at the same time an emphasis on a sensitive and human approach of the sea and sailing. In 2004, Jacques Landron donated to boat to Participe Futur which aims at continuing to raise awareness and study our coasts, oceans and seas.	14	http://www.participefutur.org/	In 2005, <i>Alcyon</i> sailed during 9 months from the Mediterranean to Spitsbergen, a remote island in the Arctic, and back to study marine mammals and migratory birds. Along the way, the crew worked on marine debris census. Since 2006, Participe Futur works in collaboration with WWF-France and the Fondation Nicolas Hulot and shares its photo-identification data on different species of cetaceans.	Participe Futur is about to launch its scientific/educational project called "M.E.D. - Mediterranean Endangered" which aims at sailing around the Mediterranean Sea during the next four years while studying marine debris and raise awareness in various coastal states about this issue. <i>Alcyon</i> will join the "Armada Bleue": this fleet of French boats - engaged in marine conservation - will leave the port of Marseilles on 27 September and will sail together to Barcelona.
Columbus	Research vessel	WWF-France	NGO	France	Marseilles (France)	27-Sep-08	None	1-Oct-08	2	WWF is using the catamaran <i>Columbus</i> , a former 60ft racing boat that has been completely adapted to scientific research by its well-known skipper, Jean-Yves Teflain, ex-solo sailing World Champion. Nowadays <i>Columbus</i> is the Ambassador ship of WWF France and sails for the "Oceans & Coasts" Research Programme.	19.8	http://www.wwf.fr ; http://wwf.columbus.org/	In 2006, in partnership with the Fondation Nicolas Hulot (FNH), WWF launched the programme "Cap Cétacés", a 3-year research programme focused on fin whales distribution, abundance and behaviour. Photo-identification and biopsy sampling will also be part of the protocol. <i>Columbus</i> will undertake short missions, whereas FNH's <i>Fleur de Lampaul</i> will stay at sea for longer periods.	<i>Columbus</i> was part of "Brest 2008", an international melting pot of maritime heritage and the reference for maritime events around the world. Children were invited onboard and wrote their message for the protection of our seas on flags that will be transmitted to the IUCN Congress in Barcelona. <i>Columbus</i> will also be part of the "Armada Bleue": this fleet of French boats - engaged in marine conservation - will leave the port of Marseilles on 27 September and will sail together to Barcelona.
Diosa Maat	Sailboat	Ecologistas en acción	Association of NGOs	Spain	Cadiz (Spain)	20-Sep-08	Algeciras (Spain)/22 sept; Cartagena (Spain)/29 sept.	3-Oct-08	2	A decommissioned drug-trafficking boat, the <i>Diosa Maat</i> now serves as a beacon for marine conservation within Spain. The sailing boat was ceded by the Spanish authorities to the IUCN NGO Member, Ecologistas en Acción, in 2005.	14	http://www.ecologistasenaccion.org http://velerodiosamaat.blogspot.com/	The <i>Diosa Maat</i> 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. The boat also serves as a learning hub for children, educating on the need to conserve marine and coastal biodiversity.	Ecologistas en Acción is a Federation of more than 300 ecological groups distributed in Spain.
Garlaban	Research vessel	Paul Ricard Oceanographic Institute	Research Institute	France	Marseilles (France)	27-Sep-08	None	1-Oct-08	11	The <i>Garlaban</i> 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, founded by Paul Ricard in 1966.	27	www.institut-paul-ricard.org	Belonging to the Paul Ricard Oceanographic Institute, The <i>Garlaban</i> serves as a research platform for the study of marine ecosystems, as well as a technical support for scientists, environmental moviemakers and educational cruises.	<i>Garlaban</i> has just come back from a scientific expedition focused on Mediterranean biodiversity. The crew, together with scientists from various horizons and laboratories, compiled a unique set of data on marine biodiversity. They brought back amazing underwater videos. <i>Garlaban</i> will also be part of the "Armada Bleue": this fleet of French boats - engaged in marine conservation - will leave the port of Marseilles on 27 September and will sail together to Barcelona.
Halifax	Expedition boat	Association Participe Futur	NGO	France	Agde (France)	29-Sep-08	None	3-Oct-08	2	<i>Halifax</i> , a 17-m polar expedition sailboat, has traveled around the world and is particularly attracted to high latitudes. In 2005, Jean-Marc Ascensio, the skipper, met with <i>Alcyon</i> 's crew in Spitsbergen in the Arctic and decided to join the NGO Participe Futur in its mission to help raise awareness about marine conservation.	15.3	http://www.participefutur.org/	<i>Halifax</i> has been involved in archaeological studies in Sicily, with the University of Milan. However, the boat and its skipper are most attracted by the beautiful Arctic and want to contribute, with the organization Participe Futur, to the preservation of these fragile ecosystems.	A former ship's captain, Jean-Marc Ascensio is a passionate of sailing, especially in the high latitudes. As he cares for the marine environment, this experienced sailor is not only interested in travelling by boat: he wants to make a personal contribution to the protection of the marine environment. Therefore, he joined the organization Participe Futur with the aim that his boat will add to the conservation of the seas. <i>Halifax</i> will also join the "Armada Bleue": this fleet of French boats - engaged in marine conservation - will leave the port of Marseilles on 27 September and will sail together to Barcelona.
Jadran	Tall Ship	Dinaric Arc Initiative	Association of NGOs	Montenegro	Kotor (Montenegro)	24-Sep-08	Cagliari (Italy)/29 sept	3-Oct-08	10	The <i>Jadran</i> is a beautiful 60m 3-master school boat belonging to the navy of Montenegro. As from September, she will sail from the Balkans to Barcelona under the umbrella of the Dinaric Arc Initiative.	60	http://cms.iucn.org/where/europe/index.cfm?uNewsID=123	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. The <i>Jadran</i> will help bring attention to the need to protect some of the most pristine and stunning coastal and marine environments of the Mediterranean region.	On her way from the Balkans to Barcelona, the <i>Jadran</i> will stop in Cagliari, Italy, for an Integrated Coastal Management Seminar. The Tall Ship will celebrate her 75th birthday in Barcelona.
Largyalo	Catamaran	The Ark of Ideas	Independent	Spain	Port-St-Louis-du-Rhône (France)	End of Sept	Balearic Islands/TBC; Sant Carles de la Capita/TBC	1-Oct-08	5	Largyalo is a unique catamaran made almost entirely of wood and whose design was inspired by the Polynesian tribal ships. It will be equipped with an unparalleled state-of-the-art energy concept, 100% self-sufficient and independent of fossil fuels, powered by sun, wind and water.	20	www.thearkofideas.org	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.	This unique catamaran will sail around the world in 1000 days and visit some 40 world cities and focal points stressed by the effects of global warming, hosting pressing dialogs between extraordinary personalities and staging events, workshops and conferences with reference to the multifaceted aspects of climate change and climate protection.
Tara	Expedition boat	Tara Explorations	NGO	France	Marseilles (France)	27-Sep-08	None	1-Oct-08	5	The schooner <i>Tara</i> 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.	36	www.taraexpeditions.org	The Tara Expeditions project, directed by Etienne Bourgois and supported by agnès b., aims to understand with the <i>Tara</i> boat what is happening climate wise, to take the planet's pulse and to explain it in simple terms. <i>Tara</i> has covered 100 000 kilometers and accomplished 7 expeditions since 2004.	<i>Tara</i> is a boat, a commitment and an advanced post for scientists. From September 2006 to January 2008, <i>Tara</i> drifted through the Arctic, in the heart of a region essential to the earth's climate future. An unprecedented scientific and human adventure. <i>Tara</i> will be part of the "Armada Bleue": this fleet of French boats - engaged in marine conservation - will leave the port of Marseilles on 27 September and will sail together to Barcelona.

* Possibility to hop on/off