

« The boat I had before was a monohull like 47 Jeanneau , different monohull, I was sailing catamarans in the past and the in 2000, I bought the 60 footer PARAGON racing trimaran from Francis Joyon. I sailed that boat a lot. I won the Heineken Regatta twice, also raced the Rolex and Round Island races. From that experience, I knew the trimaran was sailing much better:

- She points in the wind,
- She's more comfortable in heavy seas,
- And she is fast!

I looked at your design and others.

I liked your design as it was a real trimaran and a good combination of what I had before (speed) with a loft apartment on top, so the design was fantastic!

I like the idea of having the living quarters up and keeping the real sailing of a trimaran. You know, what is also cool is that she is very simple to sail. Not complicated to get speed. I had non-sailors friends on board, they have been fascinated by the way she sails as they don't like the heeling of a monohull. They liked the speed, the stability and the way she handles waves.

I also had good sailors on board like 25 years monohull sailors, riggers or people from the industry. Generally, people think that a multihull does not point in the wind. On the NEEL 45, we sail up to 30° from apparent wind and they realized that it is because the sail plan gets a lots of stability as it is on the main hull rather than between hulls like on a catamaran.

I also had very good feedback from women sailing with us. Our woman friends do not like the heeling of a monohull. They are scared of that. They find the NEEL 45 fantastic as she is stable and comfortable.

I did 5 000 miles with the boat and with big waves she just goes over the waves and keep the stability"