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TRIMARANS

“We left La Rochelle around the 20th November as we needed to be in the Caribbean for Christmas.

We made the most of northerly winds from the coast of Corogne with a downwind sail, we took a little less than 48 hours to get there. We knew that the wind would be strong, we had gusts of 40 knots. We started under staysail, with a north westerly and a chaotic sea, swell of 5-6 metres, the boat was surfing down the waves, we had a top speed of 25 knots. We were very comfortable and well protected in the saloon. We were never worried.

The boat is easy in all conditions and is advantageous for a small crew. It's a boat that weighs 7-8 tonnes, its speed is 20 to 25% more than that of a multihull of the same size.

In light winds, it performs really well and when we push the boat under motor it consumes very little. I have done 100 hours of motoring with 160 litres of fuel at an average of 5.5 knots (to escape a calm). Its surface below the waterline is very low which explains its velocity.

The trimaran sometimes behaves like a monohull, and sometimes like a catamaran. When sailing upwind, it feels as though we are on a monohull and when downwind or reaching, like we are on a catamaran. In a choppy anchorage it is comfortable like a multihull.

When compared to a catamaran, we no longer have a boring boat, with this boat you have fun on the water. We've tried many catamarans, there are not many boats on which we like to sail.

The feedback from our clients in general: it's a fast boat that makes you forget you are sailing on a choppy sea, like that which we often find in the Caribbean. If you have a fast boat, you gain 20% of time and your boat is exposed to 50% less shake than another.

When you arrive in an anchorage with the trimaran, you attract interest. One of our clients who rented the boat for 3 months this winter has reserved it again next year. He says that with this boat, he makes friends ...

There are many people who say: 'we'd have a hard time going back to a catamaran now that we've experienced this'