

First months of sailing with a NEEL 43

Geoffroy's testimony

You have owned a NEEL 43 for a few months now. Why did you choose a NEEL trimaran and more precisely the NEEL 43 ?

I have known and visited the shipyard for many years, the technical part interests me a lot. I have followed the evolution of the shipyard and the design of its trimarans (they have evolved a lot). They have always attracted me, they are **seaworthy boats and the living space remains friendly**. Until now, they did not correspond to my needs (still a little far from retirement and out of my budget for use). The release of this new model seduced me immediately, it came at the right time (I was on a well advanced project) and Gérald Bailly, NEEL-TRIMARANS dealer who has been following me for many years, was able to convince me.

A new site for **an optimized production, controlled costs, a launching offer, an acceptable light weight, a contemporary and friendly layout** and here we are: that's all it took to make me happy, thanks again Gérald.

What are your first impressions after a few months of sailing and what are the strong points of the NEEL 43 that you liked the most ?

It's a nice boat to steer, I find good sensations. It goes upwind well and **10 knots are quickly reached, it's a real pleasure**. Her look is very appealing, she is pleasant to look at. Life on board is well organized, the friends quickly find their marks, it's very friendly. Above all, **I wanted a fast boat to have fun at the helm and with the marine comfort to embark the happy family and finally travel together: the NEEL solution was found.**



What is your sailing program and your possible projects with Mustic?

My program is of course to **enjoy it as much as possible now** and the [ARC 2022](#) is a good and challenging project. We will be able to check our choices and test the boat, **I think it will be up to the task**. The reward will be to spend a month in the West Indies with a return in May 2023 to finish with a small family trip in the Mediterranean. **For the moment, the sails remain in place and the trips continue on weekends.**

Do you plan to make any modifications to your boat?

The boat was already well prepared by NEEL-TRIMARANS and by Pochon for our program: the ARC 2022. Carbon mast, NKE electronics, lithium power, watermaker, set of DCX sails (which I complete with gennaker and heavy symmetrical spinnaker). The main thing was to contain the weight of the boat so that it remains performing. I complete the interior equipment as well as some fittings adapted to her more sportive program.



Gérald Bailly, NEEL-TRIMARANS dealer
Yannick Bestaven, winner of the Vendée Globe and godfather of the NEEL 43
Geoffroy, owner of the NEEL 43 *Mustic*

Is joining the NEEL OWNERS COMMUNITY as soon as you receive your trimaran a plus in your ownership experience?

Yes, it's always **nice to be able to exchange with other owners**. We help each other and we exchange **good tips**.



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