



Leibnitzer 'Kiwanis' are feeling speed with less wind

## Facts & Figures

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letter from a customer

## Happy owner!

### Letter from a customer from Croatia

Not long ago I had the opportunity to enjoy a very special sailing experience together with a large group of the Styrian'Kiwanis': The SMG 50plus sailed with 28 people on board a speed of 11.5 knots in 10 knots of wind. That means our boat sailed 10 % faster than the wind although we had an extra weight of 2 tons on board.

The day after the 'Number One' was handed over to the first customer for a 4 week sailing vacation. I received a letter from Croatia and I would like to share it with you - the mobile internet makes it possible ...

Hello Gerhard,

I hope you arrived in good conditions in Cape Town. On the Number One everything is in perfect order. We are berthed in the little harbour named Dragove in Dugi Otok, that's south to Bozava. Yesterday we had a nice relaxing day. The day before we had a very extraordinary and special sailing experience I want to tell you about.

We had 'Jugo' wind between 11 and 16 knots and big swell and we sailed into the wind from Olib to Dragove. And this turn gave me once more the confirmation that you have built an unbelievable great sailing catamaran! When we were beating the wind we made speed between 6 to 9 knots. Our VMG (velocity made good) was between 4 and 6 knots on the wind. The first monohull we saw we flew past leeward although we sailed more close hauled than the

other boat. I always watched the tacking angle. If you do it right, it is always possible to sail 45° (inclusive drift) to the real wind in a good speed. The wind instrument showed an angle to the apparent wind of 35°. The real tacking angle of 90° was fully confirmed via the GPS and all this without a keel and only 85 cm draft!

Although the sea was very trophy the Number One felt very relaxed in the water. The cockpit remained dry the whole trip. And what really impressed me was, that if everything is fine, the boat stays on constant course on the wind without autopilot and without touching the rudder.

A day before we made with the standard sails with only 3 knots of wind 3 knots on the speed and this for a quite a long time. The sea was flat, the water was not even rippled that it simply unbelievable! I guess this won't be news for you - Surely you could get once more better results. But maybe you can use my report of experience for other interested persons in the SMG 50plus and for public relations.

Once more thank you a lot for everything. I know how hard you work therefore.

Nice greetings to all in Cape Town!  
The two very happy persons,  
Karin und Richard

... I don't really have to add something to this letter.

Yours, Gerhard Schein