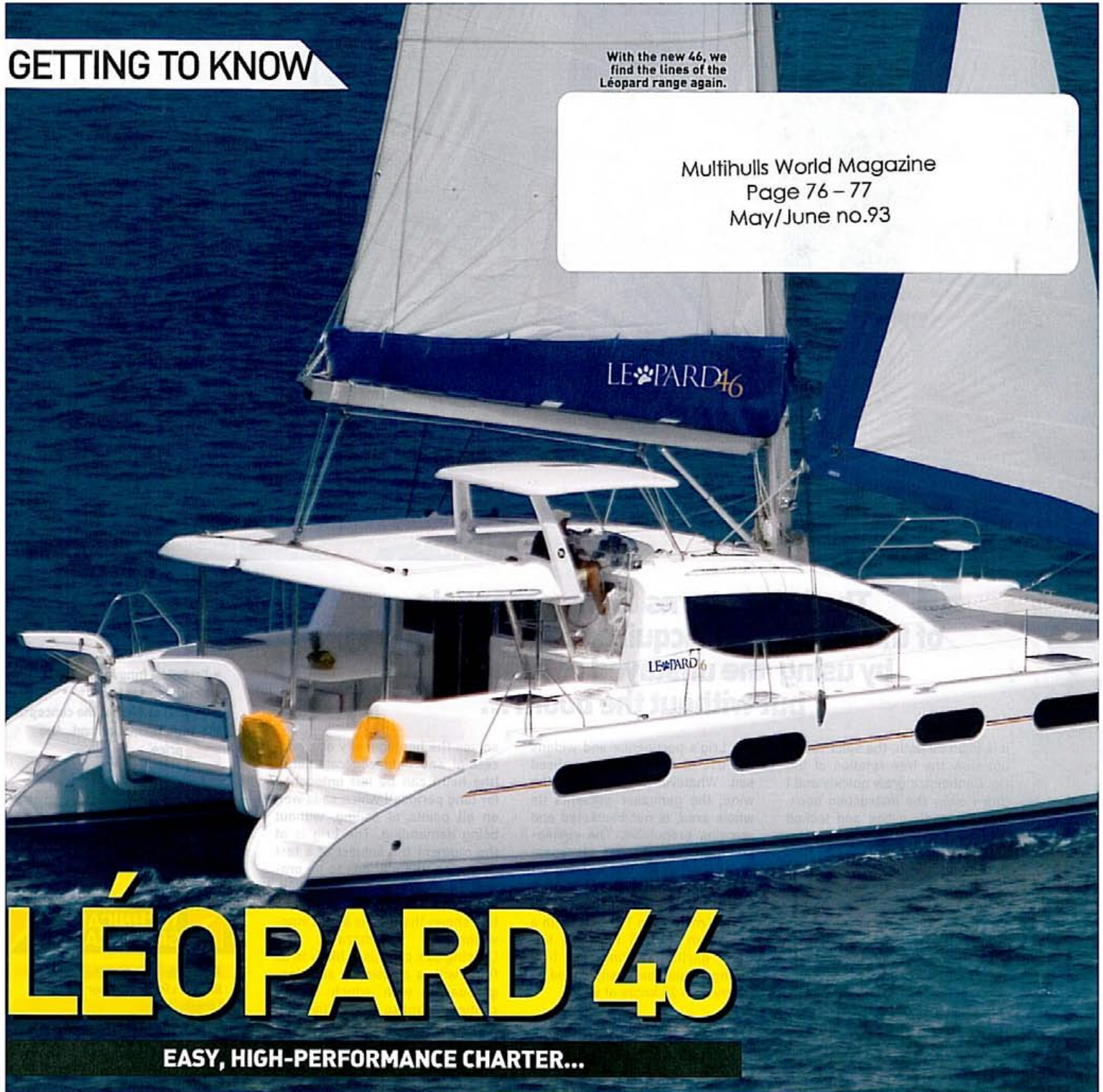


## GETTING TO KNOW

With the new 46, we find the lines of the Léopard range again.

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# LÉOPARD 46

EASY, HIGH-PERFORMANCE CHARTER...

WHEN A TALENTED PAIR OF ARCHITECTS, WELL-KNOWN FOR THEIR RACING CATAMARANS, TAKE UP THE CHALLENGE OF DESIGNING A CHARTER BOAT, WE CAN EXPECT ANYTHING... HERE THE RESULT IS RATHER PROMISING!

### A CLEARLY-DEFINED PROGRAMME

The Léopard 46 was designed by Gino Morrelli and Pete Melvin's talented design office, (responsible for PlayStation – Cheyenne amongst others), built by Roberston & Caine in South Africa and inspired by The Moorings. It is intended to be a blue water cruising boat which can offer an

ideal platform for a family on a sabbatical year as well as for 6 to 8 persons chartering in the Virgin Islands or the Grenadines. The hulls are therefore fairly similar to those of the Leopard 40, which won us over during our full test, and all the 'tricks of the trade' the American charter company has learnt (through years of backing the comfort and pleasant liveability catamarans can offer) are here.

### CAREFUL CONSTRUCTION

Robertson & Caine was created in 1991 and at first specialised in building one-off boats of from 36 to 70 feet... But in 1995, the South African yard signed an agreement with Moorings to supply it exclusively with a range of cruising catamarans for its bases throughout the world. Since then, the builder has launched

more than 430 catamarans. Although the construction remains standard, the hard-wearing finishing is renowned. In fact a Leopard must above all stay in nearly new condition throughout its charter life, which implies irreproachable construction and finishing...

### LIFE ABOARD

The Leopard 46's strength is clearly life aboard. The catamaran is full of

The hulls, designed by Morrelli & Melvin should give this catamaran performance worthy of a real cruiser.



The new raised steering position offers an excellent all-round view.



Nice finishing, pleasant and practical accommodation: we are aboard a Léopard.



The cabins are large and well-ventilated.



The aft platform has a tip-up seat which is both practical and pleasant...

## The catamaran is full of features which allow you to enjoy your time aboard more...

features which allow you to enjoy your time aboard more. Between the well-separated living spaces, the sunbathing areas, the ingenious seat built onto the davits and the stern platform which is very pleasant at anchor, the outside spaces are optimised to the maximum. Everyone will quickly find their favourite place, depending on their mood at the time and the lifestyle aboard... The interior ergonomics are also worthy of a mention... The cabins are really comfortable, the heads spacious and the saloon is very convivial. As for the galley, it is both pleasant and practical, and allows easy, comfortable cooking. The only small criticism is the slight shortage of stowage space in the cabins, even if it is ample for a standard cruise.

the cockpit, offering excellent visibility for manoeuvres and good conviviality.

In its owner's version, the starboard hull is reserved entirely for the owner (huge cabin with dressing table and desk, large heads with separate shower, lots of stowage and warm varnished beech finish). The port hull has two double cabins, each with heads and separate shower. Like all the other catamarans in the Leopard range, the 46 is also available in a four-cabin version, which is of course the version you will find in the charter bases.

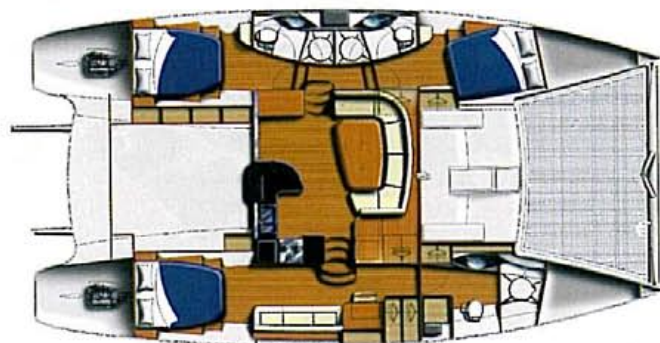
### DECKPLAN

The 46 has the same classic deck plan as the rest of the Leopards, with the main traveller on the rigid hard-top and all controls led back to the steering position, with the notable exception of the reefs which remain at the mast foot. There remains the builder's big new feature, the raised steering position at the level of the hard top. All the controls are grouped here and there is open access to

### TECHNICAL SPECIFICATIONS

Overall length:	14,13 m
Waterline length:	13,60 m
Beam:	7,57 m
Type of ballast:	added fins
Draught:	1,35 m
Unladen displacement:	10980 kg
Sail area:	134 m <sup>2</sup>
Mainsail:	82 m <sup>2</sup>
Genoa:	52 m <sup>2</sup>
Spinnaker:	155 m <sup>2</sup>
EC safety category:	A
Material:	balsa sandwich
Number of cabins:	3 or 4
Max n° of berths (excluding saloon):	10
Engine power standard:	2 x 40 hp
Recommended:	2 x 55 hp
Architects:	Morrelli & Melvin
Price exc. tax:	385,000€

The Léopard is offered in a 3 or 4-cabin version.



- Good finishing
- Hard-wearing
- Numerous features to make life aboard easier



- The cost of the delivery from Cape Town must be added to the purchase price, or you must go and collect it...