

Press Release

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Multihull Madness - US Amateur Team Brings *Areté*, an ORMA 60 Trimaran, to the US for 2015 / 2016 Race Season.

Newport, RI – May 10th, 2015 – Great Lakes multihull sailor Rick Warner has acquired a French ORMA 60 trimaran, which is currently in delivery from Sète, France to Port Huron, MI. The boat, christened *Areté*, is expected to complete the second part of her delivery when she arrives in Newport, RI on Monday, May 11th, while the Volvo Ocean Race's North American stopover is underway in the same city. Warner and a very experienced amateur crew will be racing her in the Great Lakes this summer.

Areté is 60 feet long and 62 feet wide with a 100 foot tall mast. She was designed by Marc Lombard and built of carbon with a Nomex core. Warner describes the boat: "As we learned while sailing her through the Straits of Gibraltar with 49 knots on the stern and 20 foot seas against the current, she is one tough boat. She can take it and give it back. The French respectfully call her "*la machine folle*," the crazy machine."

Areté (from the Greek "striving for excellence in all things") joins a very small group of big offshore trimarans that are starting to appear more frequently in the US. Warner said of the upcoming season: "After several years of sailing multihulls on the Great Lakes, I am looking forward to bringing *Areté* here because we believe this is an excellent venue for her. Racing this boat is going to be a great challenge that we are eager to take on. The crew and I can't wait to cross our first starting line."

The delivery of the boat from Sète to Port Huron is being completed in three phases:

- A crew of Americans led by Warner completed the first leg, from Sète to Gran Canaria, Spain: Ron White, Mike McGarry, Matt Scharl and Ira Heller.
- The second leg, which started in Gran Canaria and ends in Newport, Rhode Island on Monday May, 11th, is being handled by a group of professional French sailors led by Pierre Magenthies.
- The third and final phase will see the boat delivered from Newport to Port Huron by the end of May, again driven by Warner and his crew.

She will compete in the iconic Great Lakes races, including the Queen's Cup, the Chicago to Mackinac race, the SuperMac and the Port Huron to Mackinac race.

Built in 2002 as *Sopra*, the boat is now the central asset in a sports sponsorship and experiential marketing company called [Shearwater](#), where she will be paired with an exciting top-tier brand for racing, shore side events and company sailing events.

Track the boat and read the crew journal at [AreteTrimaran.com](#).

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