

Invitation

**What the deck  
will happen on  
November 14....?**

# A revolution hits the

On November 14 a maritime tradition will be going overboard. We will be bidding a fond farewell to a relic of the past. Common sense is triumphing over a sentimental yearning for the days of yore. And now it turns out that in the 'good ole days' we were simply making do.

On November 14, yacht builders, boat architects and boat owners will be taking a giant leap forwards. A revolution is about to take place and you'd better be there to witness it. Unless you are convinced that a boat's hull always has to be made of wood, sails of cotton and rope of hemp...

You are invited to attend a congress, perhaps a historic congress, that will not only turn our industry upside down; it is also of vital importance to Mother Nature.

## **10.00 a.m. A beautiful history with problems**

Ing. H.A. Boer - member supervisory board Royal Huisman Shipyard

Mr. Henk Boer spent his whole career in the Dutch Shipbuilding industry. When it comes to the choice of materials he is one of the most critical persons. Suspiciously he has followed the teak developments and is surprised about the acceptance of the many troubles the application of this material might cause.

In his presentation he will give a preview of the economical, technical and environmental position of teak.

## **10.20 a.m. Nature re-invented**

Ing. Paul de Ruijter - Research and Development Manager at Bolidt

Mr. Paul De Ruijter is originally an engineer by profession. He has 20 years of experience with composites in numerous applications.

Since 1991 he has been working at Bolidt, where he has combined his background with chemistry. As co-inventor of Esthec®, he will be addressing the technical properties of Esthec® in the application of prefab deck covering, talking about the research methods and the properties of the material. Tests have been conducted in all conditions, from freezing cold to burning heat.

## **10.50 a.m. Break**

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## **11.10 a.m. Freedom: the main factor of well-being**

Bas van der Heide - designer TEAM ABN AMRO in the Volvo Ocean Race

Freedom is a very general concept, but an essential precondition for human happiness. Advanced (computer) techniques provide the possibility to visualise ideas and therefore facilitate freedom in design. This method is often applied in yacht construction. Until now, this freedom did not include the deck, but that option has now been made possible. Esthec® creates freedom in colour and form.

## **11.30 a.m. The experience**

Bouwe Bekking – over 250.000 nautical miles and 5 times round the world sailor

Bouwe Bekking will skipper again the Spanish entry in the next Volvo Ocean Race. He has gained experience in the most extreme weather conditions. Based on that experience, he will explain the influence the deck characteristics have on the way people act during competition sailing. Bouwe Bekking experienced Esthec® during various races.

## **11.50 a.m. Bolidt Synthetic Products & Systems**

ir. Rientz W. Bol – Director of Bolidt

Almost forty-five years ago, Bolidt started out with the vision that synthetic materials offer untapped possibilities. This basic principle has proved its worth ever since. Bolidt laid the foundation for a breakthrough, by replacing conventional materials, such as wood and metal, with thermosetting composites. In shipbuilding, on bridges and in railway construction. But also in commercial and industrial building, where flooring systems and roof car parks have been continuously innovated by Bolidt. Pioneering work that has resulted in patents and wide recognition. Equally revolutionary is the combination of various disciplines. Whenever useful or necessary, Bolidt crosses disciplinary boundaries.

Join us on November 14 to celebrate the re-invention of nature.  
All details of Esthec® will be revealed during this congress which is a part of the  
Mets 2007, RAI Congrescentrum, Europaplein, Amsterdam, Holland.

**Entrance 14, Room B.**

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