

Sun21 Crew
Open at arrival in New York
North Cove Marina
Manhattan New York NY
USA

Dear crewmembers of Sun21

Today, as I am writing this letter to you, you are still traversing the high seas. However, I can already congratulate you on successfully crossing the Atlantic. Every day and every hour the sun provides the earth with many times more energy than the entire world energy demand. A tiny portion of this energy was sufficient to power the “sun21” solar boat to its destination. You will spend a few days at East River in front of the UN headquarters, a place where ambassadors from across the world meet.

You too are ambassadors: for solar energy and thereby for all renewable energy sources and for energy efficiency. You are also ambassadors for promising new solutions and for the imagination and force of will to carry these through to implementation, thus easing the path of others in your wake. You are not only ambassadors for Switzerland, rather also for the goal of reducing climate change and allowing future generations on planet Earth a life worth living.

For all this I thank you and send you my warmest greetings from the other side of the ocean,

Moritz Leuenberger
Swiss Federal Councilor, Head of the Department of the Environment, Transport, Energy and Communications