Mark Wüst (Captain, Ship builder)

Mark Wüst has been a ship builder for more than twenty years. He is widely known for leading the solar revolution in the ship making industry. In 1996, Wüst designed four solar powered vessels showcased as part of the Swiss National Exhibition Expo 2002. Inspired by the experience, Mark Wüst set out to prove the widespread feasibility of solar power technology by building a solar boat capable of crossing the Atlantic. To realize this, Wüst joined with strategic partners to create the Transatlantic21 Association to sponsor and fund the development of the project. Within the year, sun21 was crossing the Atlantic. In February 2007, sun21 became the first solar powered vessel to complete a transatlantic crossing.

Mr. Wüst is also the founder and technical manager of MW-Line SA – a private ship building entity headquartered in Yvonand, Switzerland. Since starting the company over fifteen years ago, Wüst has constructed more than 30 solar boats for public transportation, private customers and experimental initiatives. He also constructed five boats for the America’s Cup in Moro de Venezia.