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“sun21” nominated by Time Magazine as “Invention of the Year 2006”

The American Time Magazine nominates the solar boat “sun21” of the Association of transatlantic21 as a candidate for the “Best Invention of the Year 2006” in the category of transportation.

Together with seven other means of transport, the “sun21” was proposed for the award. The solar catamaran is the only watercraft that has been nominated by the Time Magazine. In its laudation, which appeared on the website of the publication, the magazine praises the record attempt of the five-member Swiss crew to prove that solar power can transport us for 7000 miles and “to spread the word about the wonders of renewable energy”.

Besides the “sun21”, other “environment-friendly” vehicles have been nominated. Thus, among the candidates are, for instance, a car operating on hydrogen (which, however, is only designed as a toy) and a sports car running on batteries.

The Time Magazine annually nominates inventions under the title “Best Invention of the Year” in the categories: transportation, living, meals and cooking, clothing, toys, medicine, safety and defence. This year, however, it was not a means of transport which won the prize but an internet page where every person can become a director on his/her own: www.youtube.com.

Incidentally, the adventures of the “sun21”-crew can be followed on www.youtube.com (as well as on www.transatlantic21.ch) where short film reports illustrate the journey. The “sun21” will put out to sea in Seville on the 27th November in order to begin its record journey.

Additional information on:

www.transatlantic21.ch and

www.time.com/time/2006/techguide/bestinventions/inventions/transportation6.html

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