

CATAMARAN OUTSIZE.

The biggest catamaran ever built on our side of the Atlantic was put into the water at Southend - quite an event for holidaymakers down there. Catamarans are a development of an idea centuries old in the South Pacific. The ship has two hulls, joined together, which gives it speed, stability and a lot more room inside; a point appreciated at the launching celebration. With a thousand square feet spread of sail, Morima the Second, as she was now officially named by the wives of the building yard partners, will be sailed round to the Mediterranean by a professional crew.

The lucky owner is Fritz von Opel, retired multi-millionaire of Germany. The 4-ton yacht cost him £6,000; worth every penny to a man whose made so many cars that the only peace and quiet left anywhere is afloat on the briny.