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## **MdR HOLIDAY BOAT PARADE TURNS 50**

“Whale Wars” Boat Visits MdR

A Dolphin Tale

Interview with Sailing Great Peter Isler

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## Dolphin Tracking

A couple of years ago, Ocean Conservation Society spearheaded a collaborative effort to create an online database of coastal bottlenose dolphins along the entire California shoreline. This database is now available online at <http://seamap.env.duke.edu/photoi d/cdoc>. The goal of this database is two-fold. First, to exchange data with other researchers and scientists around the world; and secondly, to raise public awareness of bottlenose dolphins and their status along the California coastline, including our study area of Santa Monica Bay.

A poster on this collaborative effort among California scientists is also being presented at the American Cetacean Society Conference in San Diego.

To learn more about what's happening with our local bottlenose population and other marine life happenings go to [www.oceanconservation.org](http://www.oceanconservation.org)

## A Poem

We are the path of  
Polished stones  
A jungle for the children  
Are these bones

Only the water  
The unique of this  
Slips away faster than  
A newborn's first gaze

Leaving the sun behind  
To buy a new day  
To forget a fear of  
The new and the old

A rhythm  
Beneath bare feet  
A water of a way  
To nowhere only home

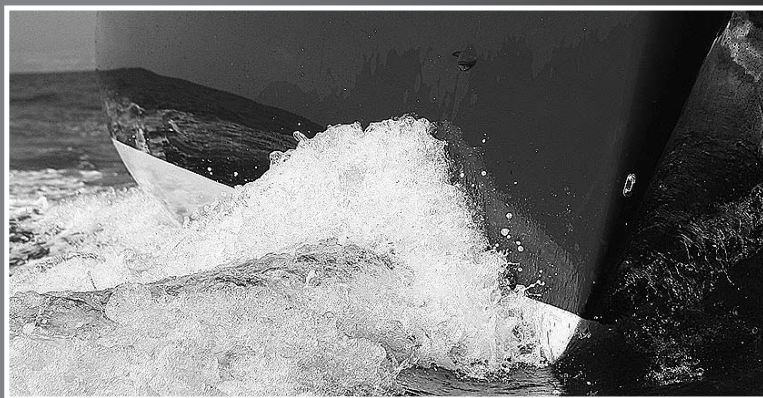
*By Tim Kannard*

## Fastest Sailboat on Earth



After an enormous amount of work, disappointment, more work and endless dedication, Paul Larsen and his team have successfully smashed the sailing speed record in Sailrocket 2. Larsen piloted the missile on Walvis Bay clocking speeds of 65.45 knots over 500 meters.

"I am... speechless," Larsen said of the performance. "Performance sailing has entered a new era."



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