**Global Ocean Race goes solo-double around the world** The world's first solo-double round the world yacht race sets off from Portugal for the ultimate sailing challenge. Professional and privately-funded competitors will use a new 50-ft class of boat specially designed for single- or double-handed racing Stopovers (departure date) in the most demanding conditions on the seas Scoring gates START: Portimao Portugal (departure Oct 12) FINISH: Portimao (arrival Jun 18-21) Charleston U.S. (May 31) Pico Fernando de Azores Noronha Brazil Cape Horn Chile -0 **Eclipse** Wellington Island Australia New Zealand (Feb 8) Cape Town South Africa (Dec 7) Ilhabela Brazil (Apr 5) 1 6,900 nautical miles 2 7,500 nm 3 7,100 nm 4 5,000 nm 5 3,500 nm

**GOC 50 RACING YACHT** New single class design to enable "affordable" transoceanic racing

Sails: Maximum eight \_\_\_\_\_ Mast, spars: Two spreader carbon-fibre\_

protection for crew Twin rudders Hull: E glass on foam sandwich construction

Coachroof: Low-profile -

Boom: Aluminium \_

Keel: Fixed, unlike costly canting keel of Open 50 designs \_\_\_\_ Source: Portimão Global Ocean Bace

Waterline length: 14.84m Overall length: 15.24m Displacement: 6.950kg Draught: 4.1m

Starting price Euros 508,000 © GRAPHIC NEWS

Fore and aft stavs: Aramid fibre

Athwartship rigging:

Nitronic rod

carbon fibre

Beam: 5.0m

Bowsprit: Fixed.

Crew: 1-2 people

Length: 15.24m