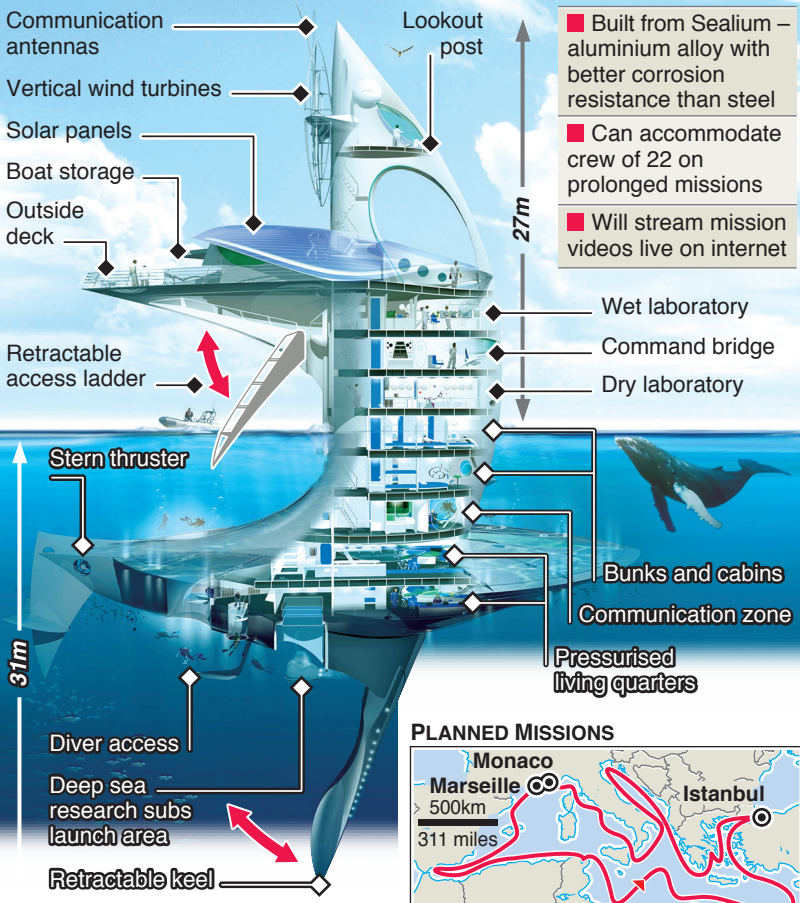


# Futuristic marine research vessel

The French *Foundation Jacques Rougerie* is to begin construction of the *SeaOrbiter* in November, a high-tech vessel for studying marine life



■ Built from Sealum – aluminium alloy with better corrosion resistance than steel

■ Can accommodate crew of 22 on prolonged missions

■ Will stream mission videos live on internet



▲ **Mediterranean abyss:** Search for new species and sunken civilizations

◆ **Atlantic:** Locate 10,000 unknown submarine mountains and explore ocean trenches