

# GORI WINS AGAIN ON GLOBAL YACHTING SCENE



**The Barcelona World Race is one of the best regarded two handed ocean racing events in the world. Staged for only the second time in 2010/2011, the event is a huge media event in Europe with the 60 foot boats and 14 teams commanding media attention more commensurate with a F1 car racing team, than ocean yachtsmen.**

After 25,200 nm sailing around the world, the French duo of Jean-Pierre Dick (45) and Loïck Peyron (51) crossed the finish line in first position having been at sea on Virbac-Paprec 3, for 93 days, 22 hours, 20 mins and 36 seconds at an average speed of 11.18 knots.

Virbac-Paprec 3, like the majority of the IMOCA OPEN 60's, have Gori racing propellers fitted. Other teams using the renowned Gori racing propeller in this years Barcelona World Race were, "Foncia", "Hugo Boss", "Mapfre", "President", "Renault", "We are Water", "Groupe Bel", "Veolia", "Estrella Damm", "Spirit of Canada" and "Temenos".

"Safran" winner of the 2010 IMOCA 60 World Championship and "Veolia" winner of Route du Rhu also specify Gori racing propellers.

The performance of a propeller on a racing yacht may at first seem obscure, after all the prop is only used when moving in and out of port or when pressed into action during an emergency situation. Consider however, that for the entire 25,200 nm, the prop hangs under the hull of the boat, with the potential to act more like a brake.

That's where the racing series folding design from Gori excels. The design and shape of the propeller gives absolutely minimum drag when folded. In fact its reputation of being the world's fastest sailboat propeller is well known and fully documented by many independent sources. Geared blades that close together in a clam shape are used on the Gori racing propeller. The geared blade design ensures that the blades close simultaneously and stay closed when under sail. Each Gori racing propeller is tank tested before supply which ensures a safe and reliable opening of the fully

closed propeller each time when required. The folding propeller design will not snag seaweed, lobster lines, plastic bags or other underwater debris when sailing, something which cannot be said about a feathering type propeller design.

Typically, the Gori prop used in boats like Virbac-Paprec 3, have a diameter of 680mm or 750mm being the Gori 680 Racing or Gori Maxi racing.

The Barcelona World Race is a non-stop, round-the-world yacht race for crews of two, sailed on Open 60 IMOCA monohull boats. Following the Clipper Route, it starts and finishes in Barcelona.

The inaugural race, contested in 2007-2008 by nine boats, was won by Jean-Pierre Dick and Damien Foxall on the boat Paprec-Virbac 2 in a time of 92 days. The second edition of the race started on 31 December 2010, with Jean-Pierre Dick on board Virbac-Paprec 3 crossing the finish line in Barcelona on April 4th at 10.20am making Jean-Pierre Dick and Gori Propeller a dual winner of this prestigious event.