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Solar-powered boat finishes fuel-free Atlantic voyage

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A Swiss-built solar-powered vessel arrived in New York City yesterday on what the group behind the project said was the first sun-powered voyage across the Atlantic.

Dubbed "sun21," the catamaran journeyed six months and some 13,000 kilometres from Chipiona, Spain, to the Caribbean island Martinique and then along the U.S. East Coast to New York, the Switzerland-based group transatlantic21 said in a statement.

"This proves that in our modern society it is indeed possible to travel the world efficiently and still safeguard the environment," said the boat's skipper, Michael Thonney.

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