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Catamaran claims

transatlantic solar first

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 spent six months travelling from Spain to the Caribbean and then along the U.S. East Coast, the group transatlantic21 said. Surplus solar energy from roof panels was stored in batteries, allowing the boat to travel at a constant speed of 10.5 km/h day or night, the group's website said.