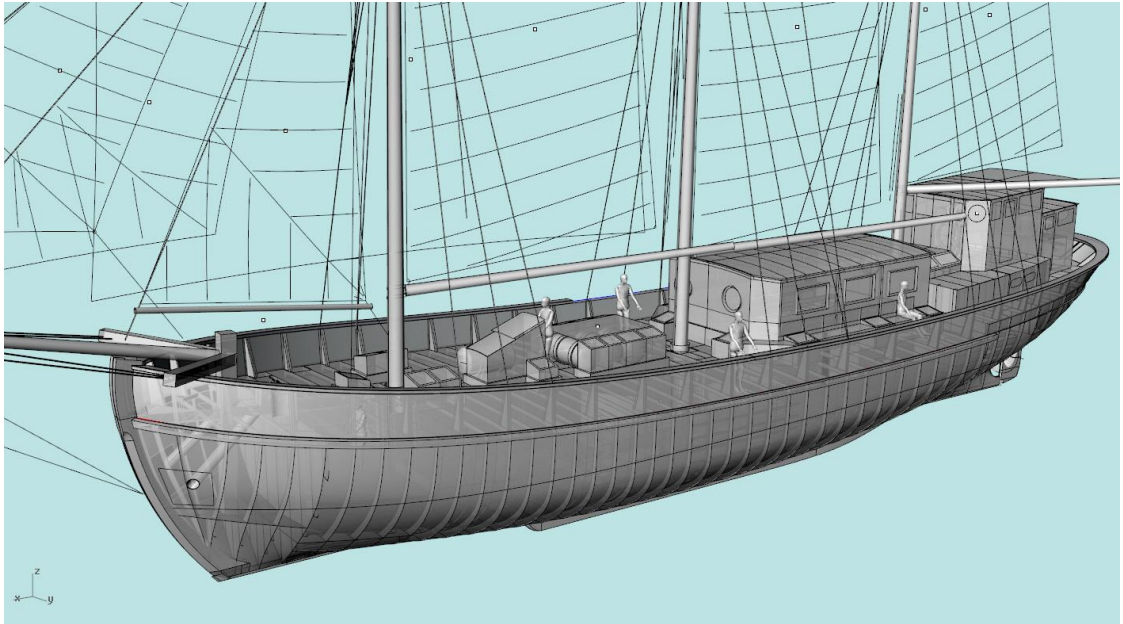


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## PIRIOU starts building hull of the 37 m new 'BEL ESPOIR'



PIRIOU started building the hull of the BEL ESPOIR in its shipyard in Concarneau (29-France). The keel laying ceremony took place on November 13<sup>th</sup> with the members of the association AMIS DE JEUDI-DIMANCHE (AJD).

Lately the Bel Espoir II would show signs of deterioration and the association started a first refit step but a violent storm happened at the AJD shipyard in February 2017 and the Bel Espoir II tipped over: the hull warped and structural parts split apart by several centimetres.

After several months of consideration, the association AJD decided to choose the building of a new steel hull where all the parts of the old Bel Espoir II that can be kept will be fitted –among them the whole rigging. Actually a replica will be built –just a little longer and wider– because of the material used.

The building of this hull was awarded to PIRIOU in summer 2018. Following the industrialisation studies, the building of the hull started beginning of November. It will be delivered to AJD at the beginning of March 2019. Then all the outfittings will be completed at the AJD shipyard in Lannilis (France) using their technical means, know-how, skills and motivation, as they did for the Rara Avis –the other three-master of the association refitted between 1998 and 2002.

Vincent Faujour, PIRIOU group General Manager says: **‘Following the delivery of very technical vessels as the Polar Logistic Vessel ‘*l’Astrolabe*’ for the French Austral and Antarctic Territories or ‘*Dar Al Beida*’ for the Moroccan Royal Navy, PIRIOU and all their teams are very proud to build the hull of this ship that will soon be part of the maritime heritage, as were her predecessors –thus perpetuating the work Michel JAOUEN initiated’.**

Philippe Rossigneux, President of the association AJD adds: **‘To build this new Bel Espoir, at least 24 months of work are required once the hull is delivered –and a total budget of approximately over 2 million euros. We have financed the hull but we have to get 1.5 million euros for the remaining part. The faster we get the budget, the faster the vessel will be launched to embark people again’.**

## Main characteristics

Length .....	37.00 m	Sail area .....	415 m <sup>2</sup>
Breadth.....	7.20 m	Power.....	539 KW
Depth at main deck .....	2.97 m	Hull.....	steel
Draught.....	2.13 m	Gasoil.....	7.94m <sup>3</sup>
Displacement.....	186 t.	Fresh water.....	3.36m <sup>3</sup>
Crew .....	42 p.		

## About PIRIOU

Involved in shipbuilding, repair, naval engineering and services since 1965, PIRIOU specializes in producing vessels up to 120 m with high added value through a combination of high-performance engineering and a global network of industrial sites in Europe, Africa and Asia. With over 470 ships built and delivered worldwide, PIRIOU provides bespoke solutions as well as a complete range of standardized or customized vessels that satisfy the requirements of international shipowners, whether they be private or public, civilian or military.

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