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**Press Release**

**Archambault Yachts launches the SKA 650, Production Class Mini**

After having introduced the "COCO" (as in "coconut") in 1984, first production Class Mini, designed by naval architects Harlé/Mortain, Archambault is teaming up with Sam Manuard Yacht Design to launch the "SKA 650".

The SKA 650 is a Production Class Mini, class defined by Class Mini organization in Lorient, France.

The SKA 650 is conceived and designed as a production boat, and will be able to qualify as Production Class Mini after 10 boats are produced.

The first SKA 650 is planned to be delivered at Archambault yard in December 2014. Archambault hopes it will attract many "minist" racers, and will be able to participate by numbers in the various races of the Mini tour, and in particular in the 2015 Mini Transat.

"The beauty of the Class Mini is its simplicity. It allows us to propose a lively boat, hyper simple, allowing high level offshore racing in a magical program, or to enjoy sporty cruising. The SKA 650 fits perfectly well with Archambault's spirit: simple and efficient", declares Sam Manuard.

Emmanuel Archambault, Production Manager of Archambault Yachts, confirms: "we are impatient to live again a similar experience to the one we enjoyed with the «COCO », and hope that the SKA 650 will soon become the Production Class Mini of choice".

"Archambault, with its reputation for fast and efficient racing boats, whether one design boats or boats optimized for IRC rating, had to come back into the Mini tour. Our intention is that the SKA 650 will allow skippers to reach the top rankings in Mini races" ensures Thomas Duhén, President of Archambault Yachts.

Archambault Yachts builds at Dangé Saint Romain one design racing sailboats, such as the legendary "Surprise", and racing sailboats optimized for IRC rating, such as the famous A35R, or the new A13, that recently shined during the Commodore's Cup in Cowes, England.

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