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### First success for Mirabaud LX

*Thomas Jundt's 18ft skiff foiler wins Geneve-Rolle-Geneve*

Sunday June 7th 2009, Author: [Bernard Schopfer](#), Location: [United Kingdom](#)

Thomas Jundt, Antoine Ravonel and Eric Gobet have won their first major regatta on board their spectacular hydrofoils 18 footer *Mirabaud LX*, clinching the 32 mile return-course between Geneva and the town of Rolle in a time of 3 hours 43 minutes. Jo Richards and his crew on board *Full Pelt* finished two minutes later, while *Oyster* - the fabulous Seb Schmidt prototype - completed the podium 15 minutes later. *Mirabaud LX* smashed the previous record, held until now by a Psaros 40 monohull hwo's time was 3 hours 55 minutes.

237 boats crossed the starting line at 2:00pm, pushed at great speed by a strong westerly breeze. *Mirabaud LX* didn't make a good start, and struggled to find its rhythm in the strong gusts and big chop generated by so many boats. The crew finally started flying, the boat lifted by its hydrofoils and overtaking the fleet at great speed.

The wind blew between 10 and 30 knots throughout the race a rare occurrence on Lake Geneva. Showing fantastic speed and stability, downwind as well as upwind, the *Mirabaud LX* clearly proved the validity of its concept today, overtaking lake Geneva's spectacular and expensive carbon fibre prototypes one by one to finally take the lead in sight of the arrival line and win the event with a small margin.

Next week, Thomas Jundt and his team will compete in the famous Bol d'Or Mirabaud. They are not an outsider anymore, and have proven today that their innovative and original technological concept is extremely competitive.

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