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**Y. Parlier** has succeeded brilliantly in all the major nautical races and has strived throughout his life to promote respect for man and the environment. He has a graduate degree in composite materials and launched several innovations in sail yacht design. We remember the Vendée Globe 2000 when all alone, near an island off New Zealand, he successfully rebuilt and erected a new mast and finished his round the world voyage. Taking advantage of wind energy by using kites as auxiliary propulsion device is the aim of the “Beyond the sea” project launched by Yves Parlier.

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