



Athletes in France competed in the first ever flying boat race, a new type of foil cycling that allows cyclists to 'fly on water' aboard pedal-powered boats.

Anancy-based startup JetCycle created the boats. According to JetCycle's CEO Nicolas Picard, the pedaling system resembles the concept of boat cycling while laying down.

However, there is an **innovation** of foil at the front and at the back. A pushing system allows pedaling at the speed of around 9 kilometers per hour, and it start a small flight controller, just like in a plane, to fly on water by using the foil.

This mix between sailing and cycling is intended to be a new fitness activity with no **carbon dioxide emissions**. It combines performance, **endurance**, and the pleasure for boat sports. Sold for 12,000 euros each, the JetCycle is for rental professionals, and Picard hopes to sell 100 JetCycles within three years.

**Difficult words:** **innovation** (a new method or idea), **carbon dioxide emissions** (the gas that comes from vehicles which move), **endurance** (the ability to do something for a long time).

*Anancy - the name of the lake where the competition is held*

**Discussion Questions****Topic Talk**

1. Define the following words: *innovation, carbon dioxide emissions and endurance*
2. How do cyclists fly while on boats?
3. What was the innovation that JetCycle made at the front and back of the boats?
4. Why does this new fitness activity have no carbon emissions?
5. What are the positive things one can get from doing this new fitness activity?

**Express Your Thoughts**

1. Do you find this new fitness activity interesting? Have you tried sailing?  
How was it?
2. Would give this sport (flying boats) a try? Why or why not?
3. Is sailing popular in your country? Do you think people in your country will be interested in this new fitness activity?