



An unusual race happened in France last week. Athletes raced in 'flying boats' which were boats that were powered by **pedaling**.

Nicolas Picard started the company JetCycle in 2020, but the idea of a flying boat came from two French professors in 2013. Picard explained that using a JetCycle boat looked like boat cycling. Then he put **foil** in the front and at the back, which made the boat fly. The boat could move at the speed of around 9 kilometers per hour.

Picard hopes that people will enjoy this new activity, which **combines** sailing and cycling. One boat costs 12,000 euros, and Picard wants to sell 100 boats in the next three years.

Difficult words: **pedal** (to use your legs and feet to move a bicycle), **foil** (a piece of very thin material), **combine** (to put two or more things together to make one thing).

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

1. Define the following words: *pedal, foil and combine*
2. Where was the race of flying boats held?
3. What is unique about the race?
4. What made the boats fly?
5. What does the founder of JetCycle hope for this new activity?

Express Your Thoughts

1. Do you have a similar kind of race in your country or any unusual race?
2. Do you think this activity will catch on in your country? Why or Why not?
3. On the whole, are the people in your country into sports?