

GIOVANNI SOLDINI

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Giovanni Soldini was born in Milan on 16 May 1966. An ocean navigator and a pioneer in the development of innovative technology and trim for racing yachts, he has over thirty years of solo and crewed ocean racing behind him, including six Québec-Saint Malo (one won in the monohull category), six Ostar (two victories in the 50' and 40' classes), three Transat Jacques Vabre (one victory in the 40' class), four Rolex Middle Sea Races, more than 40 trans-ocean races and two solo round-the-world races in legs: in 1994/95 with second place in the B.O.C. Challenge and in 1998-99 with victory in the Around Alone, on board *Fila*. During the third leg he rescued the French sailor Isabelle Autissier, who capsized in the South Pacific at 60° South.

He also set historical records, such as the Golden Route from New York to San Francisco in 2013 (13,225 miles in 47 days, 42 minutes and 29 seconds) and the Cape2Rio distance record in 2014, still unbeaten today, both aboard the *Maserati* VOR 70. And again the Hong Kong-London route record in 2018 (15,083 actual miles in 36 days, 2 hours, 37 minutes and 12 seconds), the English Channel record and the record on the original Fastnet route with *Maserati Multi70*, the first flying ocean trimaran.

Soldini has always been a passionate spreader of the culture of the sea and is committed to its preservation. In 2022, he transformed *Maserati Multi70* into the first full electric racing boat and collected useful data for the scientific community in the ocean as part of the UNESCO Decade of the Sea.

Since 2024, he has been charged with the role of Team Principal of the groundbreaking new sports project that will bring Ferrari to compete on the sea as well.

HONORS

In 2000, by decision of French President Jacques Chirac, he received the Légion d'honneur for the rescue of Isabelle Autissier. In 2004, he was appointed Officer of the Order of Merit of the Italian Republic by Italian President Carlo Azeglio Ciampi. In 2008, he was awarded the Medaglia d'Oro al Merito di Marina for his achievements in sailing sport by the President of the Republic Giorgio Napolitano.