

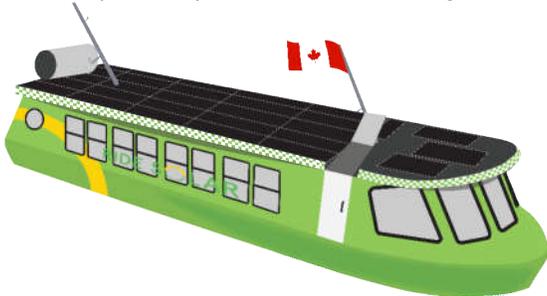
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## **North America's largest solar boat to make first Canadian interprovincial solar-powered boat crossing from PEI to NB**

**Charlottetown, PE** – Local business, *Ride Solar (Island Solar Transit System)*, launches via *Kickstarter* in PEI with their first vehicle—*Isola Solaretto*, a 40 ft, 40 passenger, solar dinner cruise and tour boat, which will attempt Canada's first interprovincial solar-powered boat crossing from Borden, Prince Edward Island to Cape Tourmentine, New Brunswick in September, 2019.

### **North America's Largest Solar Boat, World's First Solar Dinner Cruise & Tour Boat**

Sporting 6kW of solar panels on the roof connected to 48 high-capacity batteries powering a quiet “green” electric motor, the vessel will be used for tours and dinner cruises in the Charlottetown Harbour from May to October (possibly in the non-freezing Halifax Harbour, Nova Scotia from Nov to April) every year.



*The 40 passenger floating restaurant has WiFi, LED TV's, swim platform, bathroom, shower, licensed bar, booth/bar seating and will serve local craft beer, wine, produce, beef, and of course – fresh PEI lobster. The boat is expected to be North America's largest commercial solar vessel and the only solar dinner cruise and tour boat in the world.*

### **'67 Montreal Expo / 1970's PEI Connection**

The vessel was originally a 1967 Montreal Expo “Vaporetto” (Italian for water taxi/bus) used to shuttle up to 60 visitors through the canals of the man-made island. One of only a handful of Vaporetto's simply named “Expo Service No. 5” the boat was decommissioned after the Expo and sold to local PEI residents Beverlee and Niels Jorgensen who used it for tours of the Charlottetown Harbour and the West River in the early 70's.

In the 80's, after leaving PEI, a wooden cabin was added and after spending time in Cape Breton and New Brunswick doing cruises and tours, the boat sat for several years near Shediac, NB where it was purchased by Ride Solar for a complete renovation & repower. Come celebrate *Isola Solaretto's* 52<sup>nd</sup> birthday by cruising once again back in the Charlottetown Harbour this summer – this time via the power of the sun.



### **About Ride Solar**

Co-founded by Islanders, Peter Ixkes and Steve Arnold, Ride Solar is a private sector solution to an ongoing government commitment to help reduce provincial greenhouse gas emissions by 30 per cent below 2005 levels by 2030 as per PEI's Provincial Energy Strategy. Solar boat tours will include a \$5 docked tour with all proceeds going to the IWK Foundation (Children's Hospital) in NS. Ride Solar will also be launching the *Island Solar Pedal Bus* this summer – an 18 passenger bicycle with solar assist for sight-seeing & pub hopping in Charlottetown with a portion of all proceeds going to the Queen Elizabeth Hospital in PEI.

Canada's first solar-electric transit system employing both land and water vehicles, Ride Solar is an integrated network for the purpose of commute, sight-seeing, and entertaining. Ride Solar provides a unique opportunity to see PEI from a different perspective in a way which has never been available to the public before. Ride Solar is clean, green, quiet, and fun – just like PEI!

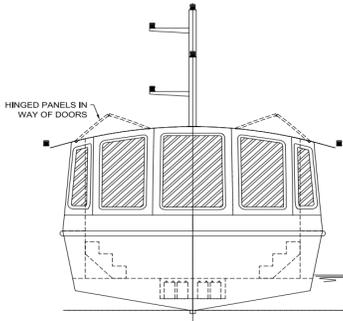
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**PRINCIPAL PARTICULARS**

LOA (HULL)	11.66 m
LWL	11.30 m
BEAM MOLDED	3.91 m
DESIGN DRAFT	0.570 m
PASSENGERS	<50
VOYAGES	NEAR COASTAL, CLASS II LIMITED TO HOME TRADE IV
OPEN DECK VESSEL	

