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FARR YACHT DESIGN'S *VIRBAC-PAPREC* VICTORIOUS IN 2005 TRANSAT JACQUES VABRE

In a dogfight race to the finish, Jean-Pierre Dick and Lööck Peyron aboard *VIRBAC-PAPREC* crossed the finish line at 23:19:02 GMT on Friday, November 18th and claimed first place in the IMOCA Open 60 Class of the 2005 Transat Jacques Vabre.

At the start of the race on November 5th, *VIRBAC-PAPREC* left Le Havre, France and pushed her way west to the head of the pack. In winds ranging from 25-40 knots, Jean-Pierre Dick and Lööck Peyron sailed *VIRBAC-PAPREC* the 4,600 miles to Bahia, Salvador in a record breaking 13 days, 9 hours, 19 minutes and 2 seconds. The incredible duo with their racing machine shaved 3 days and 4 hours off the former record set by Roland Jourdain and Gael Le Cleac'h in 2001.

This is the second consecutive victory for *VIRBAC-PAPREC* in the Transat Jacques Vabre. Shortly after her launch, Jean-Pierre and Nicolas Abiven finished in 17 days, 15 hours, 18 minutes and 05 seconds to win the 2003 event.

VIRBAC-PAPREC is a state-of-the-art Open 60 designed by Farr Yacht Design and built by Cookson Boats in New Zealand.

The success of *VIRBAC-PAPREC* since her launch in 2003 is the major reason Farr Yacht Design has received three new Open 60 commissions, including one from Jean-Pierre Dick and one from Vincent Riou, winner of the 2004 Vendée Globe.

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