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The Nepalese Bullet (c.2070)

Namaskaar Kaptan,
(Greetings, Captain)

Hi-to HimalaKing spesh solo-fiter, mor talim plus for yu bossman shasan superspesh dugaa mark 6 Boo-letz. No eezy lite man taek yu liff surakshaa garnu HimalaKing esser bhuin batt esser finduzkrap esser magnitzers esser fite-fite maanaviya.

(Welcome to the Himalayan Kingdom Navy's elite Privateers, you have passed training and selection to now be able to command one of our advanced Mark VI Bullets. This is no light duty as you have the responsibility to safeguard our kingdom, protect our Sea Batteries, search for materiel, (untranslatable - magnets?) and protect the human race.)

Aamaa Prakriti sorlee tuch warvinash so HimalaKing-yu fite-fite jindagi graha taraadzu caltika. Pahilo jhagaDaa garnu Cin esser Yoorop akraman esser propa Ganesha liff.

(Mother Nature needs nurturing after the wars/cataclysms and we need to protect our way of life until the planet finds balance once again. But first we must continue to stand against Chinese and European incursions and bring forward the word of Ganesha.)

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The above is a transcript of the introduction to new captains of the Mark VI Nepalese Bullets, a feared and respected armed sea going vessel with a crew of three. To place the importance of this craft in the resurrection of the human race post-apocalypse it is necessary to remind ourselves of the history that led to its creation.

After the first of major floods during 2013-21 there was a period of war within Europe as well as Asia as most countries sought allegiances and protection from massive migrations of peoples from the flooded regions of the planet. The largest flooding took place in the Caucuses with most of that region disappearing (refer: Map).

Civil war broke out in North America as the flooding wiped out most of the eastern half of what used to be called the United States. The South American countries also faced this eastern flooding and invaded what remained of the US.

European countries formed a stronger union after their in-fighting and proceeded to invade Africa in an attempt to resettle there. With the sea levels rising up to around 1500 metres above pre-2013 levels the primary causes of the estimated population decreases over this period of time that ranged from 5 to 6 billions were disease, fighting and famine.

With most land masses under water, power generation became nearly impossible. The resultant increase in surface water increased the level of humidity in the atmosphere as well as created more and greater variance in localised pressure systems leading to almost total cloud cover for the entire planet. High winds of 30-40 knots average became the standard. Ironically, with the increase in surface water came the decrease in potable water, which is why the Himalayan Kingdom held a pivotal role in the survival of the human race (refer: Sino-Himalay War).

Retention of knowledge became one of the most important aspects in surviving which allowed a lot of the societies already well versed in low-level engineering and construction using local materials to survive and adapt with greater ease. Consequently, the more specialised and conceptual societies of the West had the greatest difficulty in adapting to the sudden and rapid deterioration of the planet (refer: American War) and indeed saw the greatest level of collapse.

With power generating abilities severely curtailed and raw materials, previously mined, at almost non-existent levels, the main focus for surviving societies was to find and defend arable land, water sources and salvage *materiels* from either below the surface (refer: Untersee Explorers) or floating as wreckage. The details about the period of time that followed, from 2021 - 2067, remains largely unknown to us due to no records being kept other than verbal histories. However, for our purposes, the scant documentation and histories involving the creation and crewing of the Nepalese Bullet series of craft (up to and including Mark IX) provide an excellent insight into the life and conditions of the people of this time.

The Mark VI Bullet that this chapter focuses on is considered by most Historians to be one of the key elements that allowed the human race to survive beyond the Darkness of 2021-63 and strong enough to adapt to the continuing environmental as well as socio-political changes. The vessel is also an important milestone for the evolution of Himalayan society in that it was the first truly, constructed vessel, not a salvaged one. Not only were the Mark VI types strong and fast, capable of long range cruises and interdiction tasks, they also carried the philosophy of their Nepalese crew, largely based on Hinduism, that realised a missionary aspect to all contact they had with outsiders in their belief that the planet and all life needed spiritual healing and protection. This feature led to a sort of Crusader mentality and was the reason why their crew were sometimes referred to as "The Nites".

It is only with a full understanding of the role that this vessel and its crew played in the preceding years can we also understand why the Central War took place that led to the fall of the Himalayan Kingdom. That there are still sightings of this fabled vessel to this day is testament to the strength and adaptability of the crews as well as the ingenuity of the shipwrights of Khalanga.

This text of this History is headed according to the Mark version of the craft.
References cited are to be found in the Trollheimen Library.

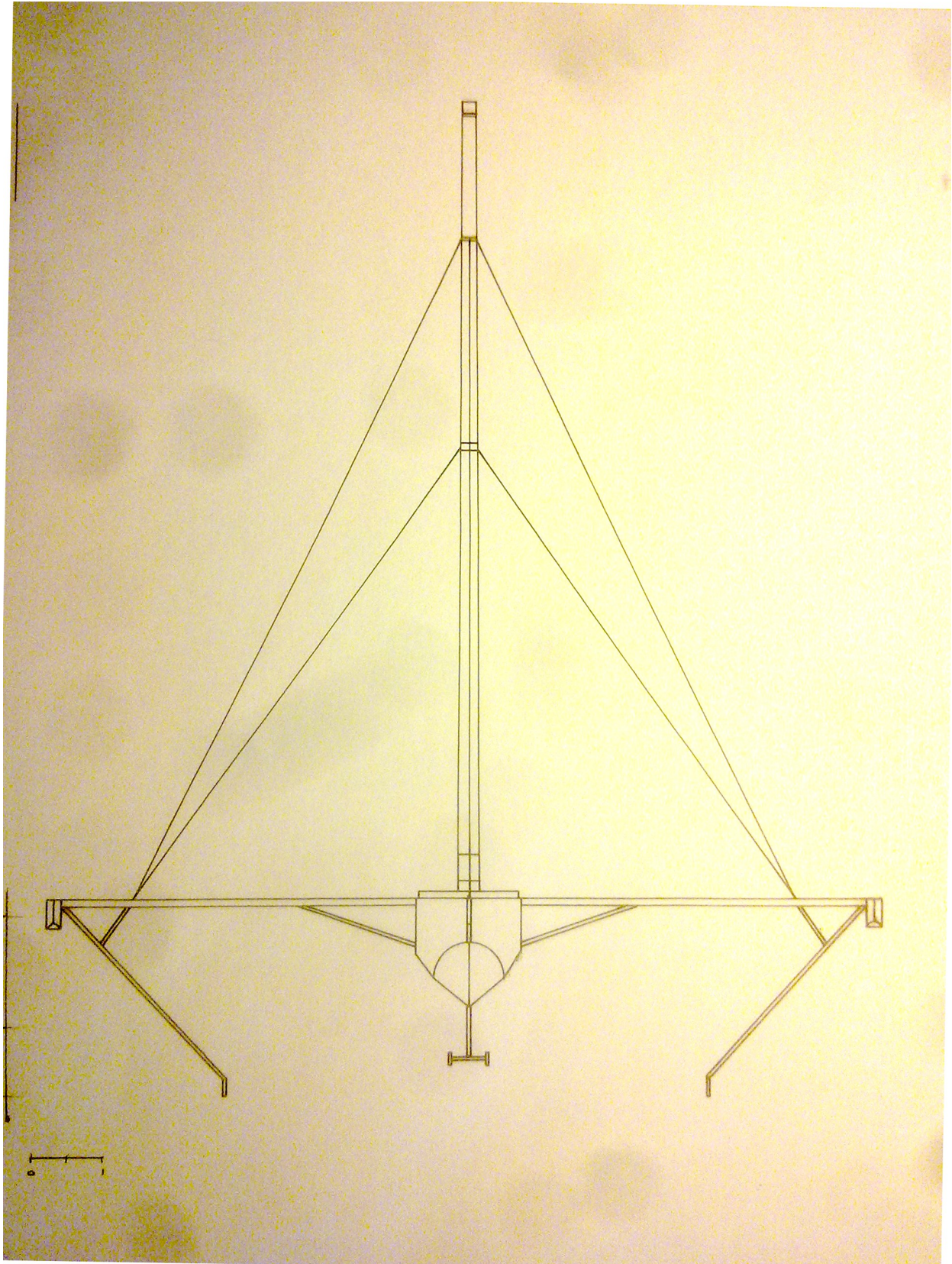
World Map c.2070



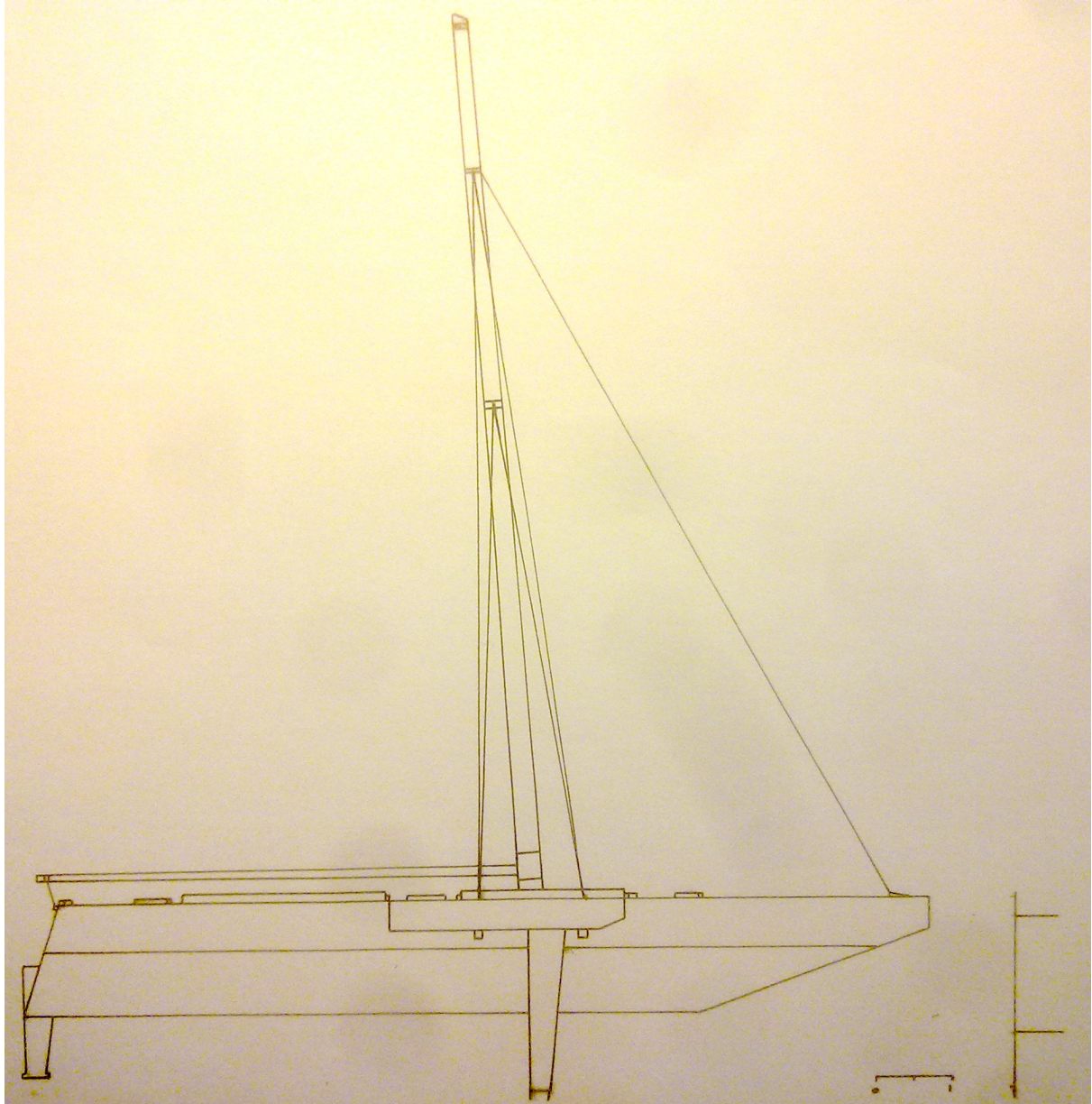
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(taken from engineering documents recovered at the Khalanga site dig, 2083)

Front Elevation



Side Elevation



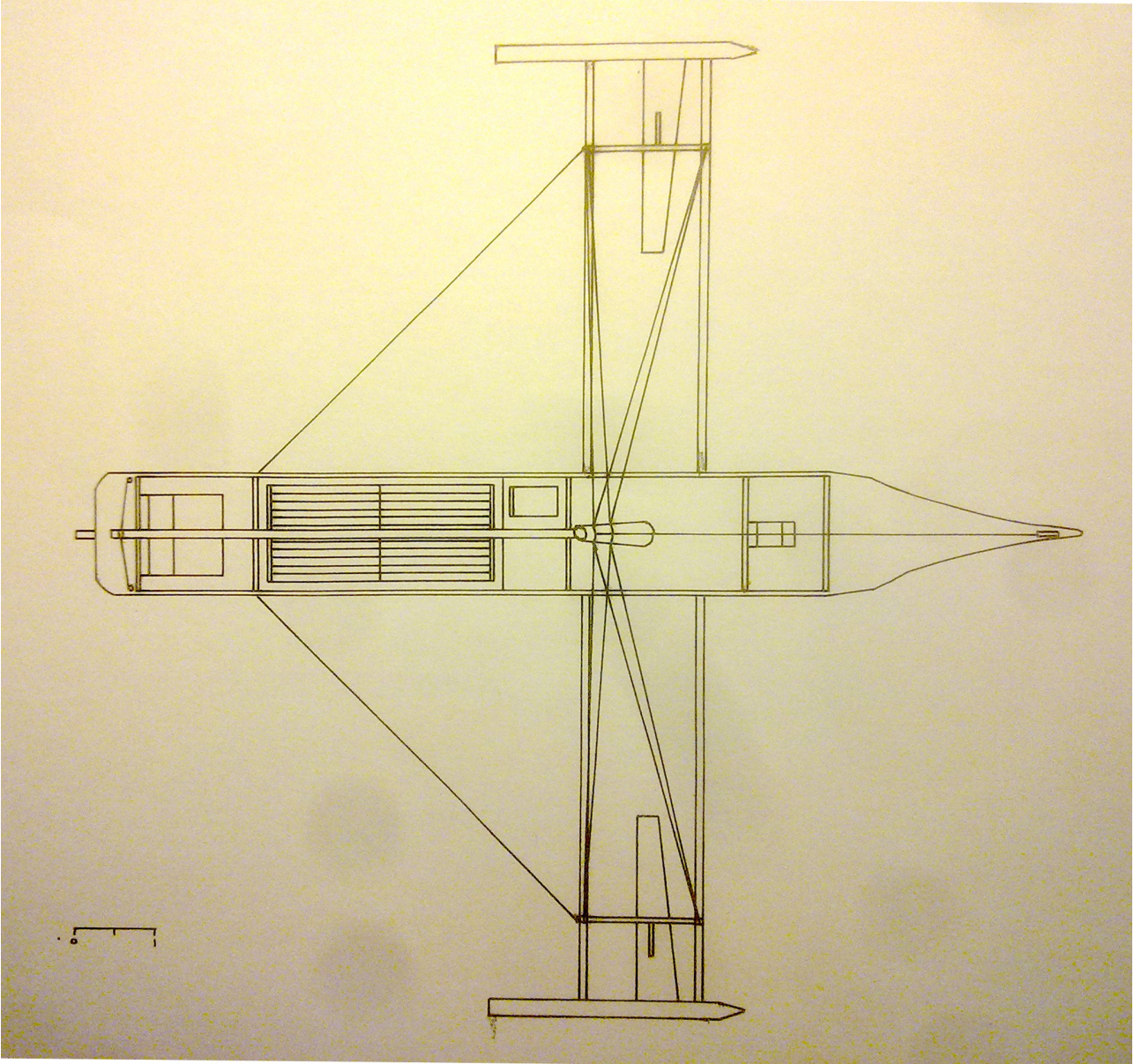
Notes:

Scale marks refer to 0 to 1 metre

The height bar at far right is thought to refer to sea levels at different aspects. The top most mark reflects low speed or docked sea level height. The lower mark, just below the hull line refers to top speed hydroplaning sea level.

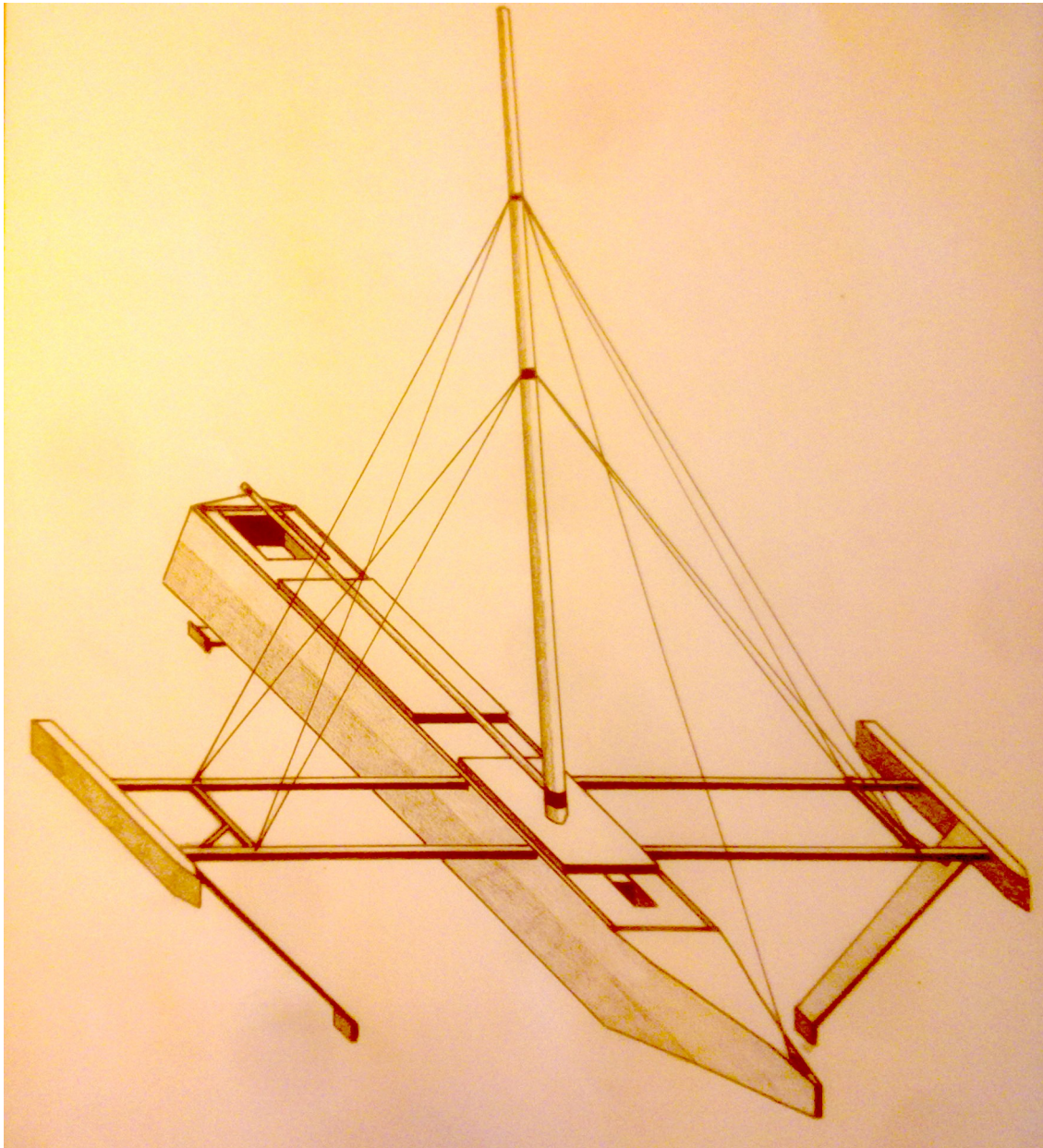
The thickness of the mast is attributable to the prevalent high wind conditions and scarcity of building materials.

Plan View



Notes:

Perspective



Notes:

The Mark VI vessel – a hydroplaning trimaran

3 crew, 1 berth

stores for 1 month approx.

range 4000km approx.

powered by main sail

pedal powered ballast and bilge pumps

constructed from wood plastic composites (PWC)

sails and rigging constructed from hemp and rice composites

Wingspan: 11.75 m

Hull length: 12 m

Hull width: 1.5 m

Mast height: 11.5 m

Depth incl. Keel: 2.5 m

Hydroplane height above sea: 1.75 m

Mood Board

