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LANGKAWI, Oct 2 (Bernama) -- Prime Minister Datuk Seri Dr Mahathir Mohamad today inspected the Optimist yacht "Langkawi Hi Flyer" built by a local company at Awana Porto Malai here.

Zeta Marine Sdn Bhd Managing Director Mohd Afendy Abdullah gave a short briefing to Dr Mahathir about the yacht which was suitable to be used by students.

So far, the company had received orders for 20 units of the yacht from Yachting Clubs in Perak and Perlis, he told reporters after accompanying Dr Mahathir to inspect the yacht at the maritime component of the ongoing Langkawi International Maritime and Aerospace Exhibition (LIMA '03).

Mohd Afendy said the 2.5m-long fibreglass yacht is made completely from local components.

He said his company had built 10 yachts, with each costing RM7,800.

"We plan to build 100 yachts in stages and will build more if there is demand," he said.

Meanwhile, members of the Malaysian Paramotor Association would perform a 75km marathon flight from Melaka to Dumai in Sumatera, Indonesia to create a record in the Malaysia Book Of Records.

Its President Lt-Kol (Rtd) Basir Abdul Rahman said the paramotorists would perform the flight soon after their recent feat in flying across the Straits of Melaka-Langkawi-Kuala Perlis-Alor Star.

"The marathon flight is the biggest project to be carried out by the association. Twenty local and foreign paramotorists are expected to take part," he told reporters after Dr Mahathir visited his booth this evening.

Two paramotorists would fly over the air show segment of the ongoing LIMA at Padang Matsirat for two days beginning tomorrow.

They were scheduled to perform the flight today but was postponed due to the rain, he added.

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