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# COURAGE IS CONTAGIOUS

**WHETHER YOU'RE A SEASONED SAILOR OR NEVER SAILED BEFORE WE'RE LOOKING FOR INTREPID ADVENTURERS WITH A PASSION FOR LIFE AND A DESIRE TO EXPERIENCE THE THRILL OF CIRCUMNAVIGATING THE GLOBE.**

Since the first race in 1996, more than 6,000 people have trained to become ocean racers choosing to embark on an ocean crossing, to combine several legs, or to become one of the elite few to complete a circumnavigation of the globe.

Whether you're looking for the challenge of epic ocean storms, to face 15 metre waves and hurricane force winds, or you prefer the highly tactical mental challenge of navigating the doldrums with equatorial sunsets and extraordinary wildlife in pristine seas, you'll bond with your fellow crew - from all walks of life and around the world - creating lifelong memories before returning victorious.

We will provide comprehensive world class training, the technical clothing and safety equipment needed, the modern racing yachts, a professional Skipper and First Mate on board, maintenance and medical support, as well as a warm welcome in ports around the world.

You bring the desire for adventure, a passion for life and the fortitude needed to embark on an endurance challenge of this magnitude.

**Not for the faint hearted, this will be The Race of Your Life.**





# RACED BY PEOPLE LIKE YOU

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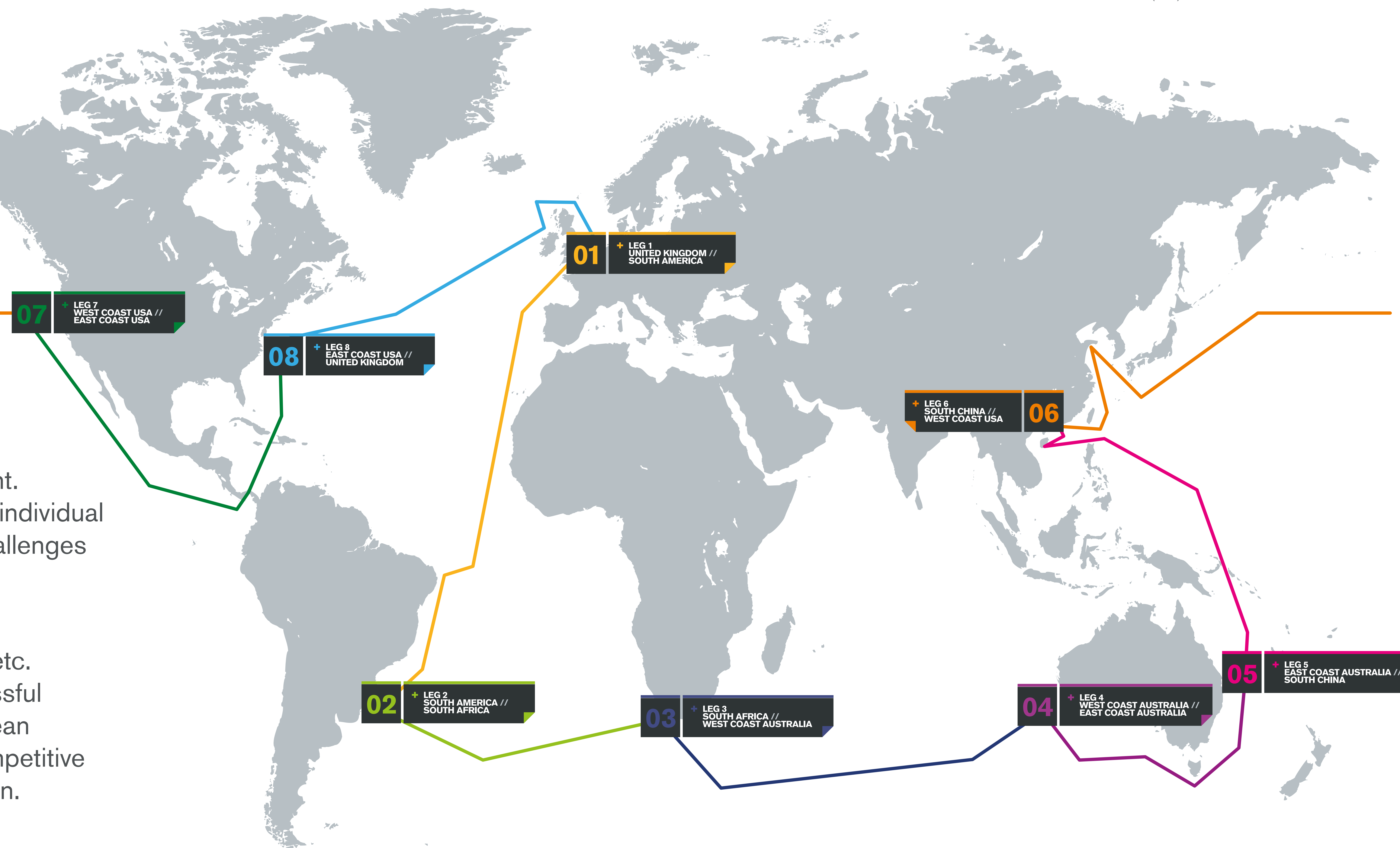
1 nautical mile (nm)= 1.852 kilometre and 1.15 miles.

# GLOBAL CIRCUIT

**THE 40,000 NM RACE ROUTE SETS OUT AN INTRIGUING MIX OF SAILING CONDITIONS AND CHALLENGES.**

Each edition of the Clipper Race is different. The eight legs are typically split into 13-15 individual races; a mixture of sprint and marathon challenges that are a true test of each team's ability.

The winning team of each race is awarded eleven points; ten points to second place etc. Additional points can be gained for successful tactical decisions at scoring gates and ocean sprints. This keeps racing exciting and competitive throughout the epic eleven month campaign.



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The information provided here is for your guidance based on previous editions of the race to help you consider which leg or legs suit you best. The route and destination ports of any future edition is confirmed closer to departure.



# RACE AROUND THE WORLD

Dates and location information is provided for your guidance.

Details of the distances, the destination ports, departure dates and more will be confirmed prior to your Race Start.

In addition to the racing days shown per leg, four to five days are spent in port preparing ahead of each race, and a similar amount of time after your team arrival.

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# EXPERIENCE EVERYTHING CIRCUMNAVIGATION

Welcome to one of the biggest challenges you can imagine.

**£51,500\*** [ Plus training package ]



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To complete the Clipper Race you will need to stay mentally focused and competitive, keep in top physical shape and cope with living on a 70-foot stripped down ocean racing yacht for eleven months. Nothing can fully prepare you for a circumnavigation of the globe; the range of emotions you'll go through while racing and the sense of achievement when you cross the finish line after 40,000 nautical miles of gut wrenching, energy sapping ocean racing.

You might start as a sailing novice but by the end of eleven months at sea you will have more than 40,000 racing miles in your log book. You will have sailed in all conditions from warm trade winds, through winter storms and the tropical heat of the Doldrums, crossing the Equator twice.

You will have been becalmed, battled through 65-knot gales, struggled through squalls of stinging rain, snow flurries, sleet and fog. You will have experienced the emotions of untying your lines and saying goodbye to loved ones as you head into the drama of your first Race Start in front of the world's media and tens of thousands of spectators.

Typically, you will have visited more than 13-15 ports and been welcomed ashore with all the fervour deserved for long distance sporting champions. You will have celebrated at prize givings, shaken hands with the great and good, made friendships that will last a lifetime and realised you can achieve more than you ever thought possible.

You will be fitter, healthier and more alive than you dared to believe. You will have joined an elite club and, as you return to the point of departure and crossed your outward track in the world's longest yacht race, you'll head home with a set of experiences that will live with you forever. You have just become a circumnavigator.



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Circumnavigating the world I learned from Mother Nature to be more humble for the things we have and to appreciate everything more. You also experience very interesting and different places. This all leaves a footprint on you. It makes you a little bit more open towards other cultures, towards other points of views, towards other ways of of living. And I really appreciate that experience.

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Bettina Neid, Austrian | on board *Dare To Lead*



# THE ATLANTIC TRADE WINDS LEG 1

£8,300\* [ Plus training package ]



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The first ocean crossing - the Atlantic - sees the crew at sea for four weeks. After experiencing the emotions of saying goodbye to loved ones, there is a huge range of conditions to battle - the doldrums, Trade Wind spinnaker sailing, the first Atlantic crossing and celebrating South American style.

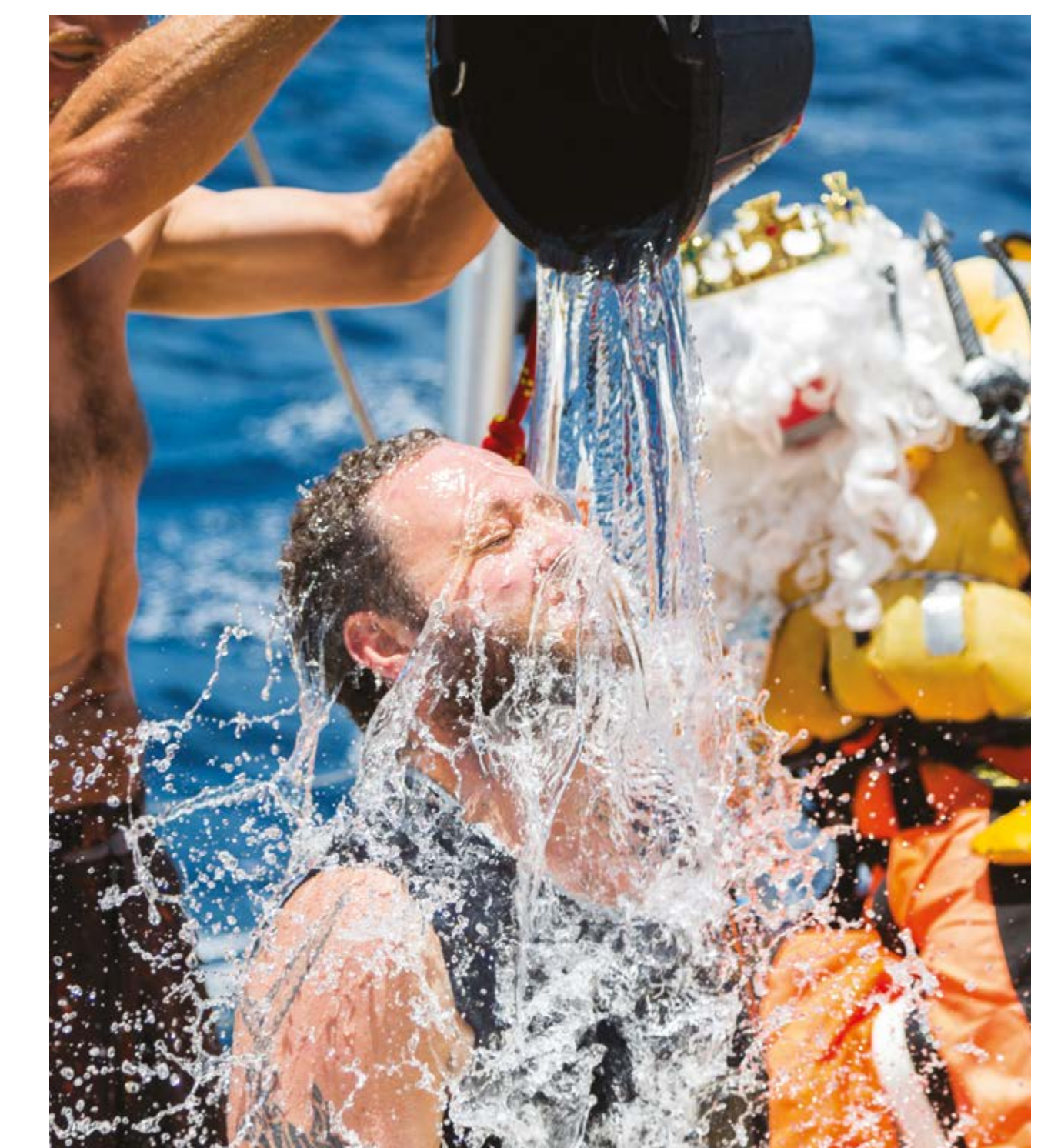
After crossing the start line, the first challenge will be to negotiate the fast running tides around the UK and Northern France. The Bay of Biscay, notorious for violent storms and heavy seas, could present its own challenges and teams will be eager to cross it quickly.

With the adrenaline-filled start over and settled into watch systems, the first major tactical decision of the Clipper Race comes quickly. The Canary Islands are on the direct route. The decision whether to leave them to the east, sail through the middle or pass on the west delivers a major tactical headache. Pick the wrong route and teams could end up in the lee of the land, watching the rest of the fleet accelerate towards the Cape Verde Islands.

Typically sitting just north of the equator, the Doldrums will be waiting to test teams mentally and physically with unpredictable conditions, big wind holes, squalls, and high temperatures.

The first equator crossing of the race will call upon King Neptune to pay the boats a visit and a ceremony will turn Pollywog crew into Shellbacks – it's a real leg highlight!

Teams will then continue south to pick up the easterly trade winds, being careful not to get too close to the South American coast, and head all the way to the finish line. You can look forward to celebrating your achievement in typical South American carnival style.



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The mental fortitude and dedication of the crew are hard to quantify or put into words. We are uncommon folk, taking on a challenge that few would dare to attempt. Our strength comes from each other; especially when we feel our weakest or at our lowest. The drive to continue and to keep giving everything on every shift comes from that dedication to the crew and the boat.

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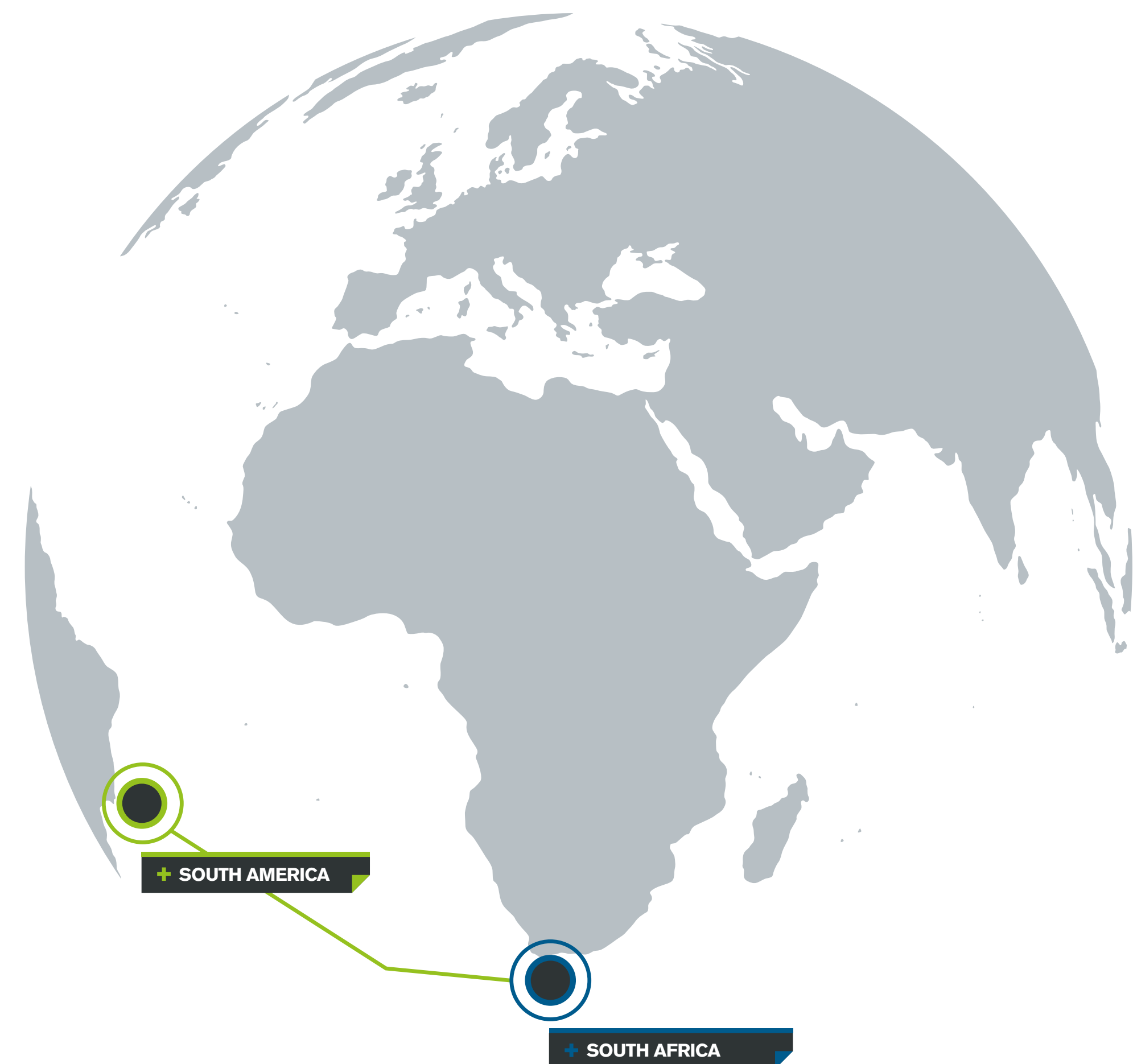
Hill Martin, American | on board *Washington, DC*



## THE SOUTH ATLANTIC CHALLENGE

# LEG 2

£7,000\* [ Plus training package ]



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One for thrill-seekers! After leaving the South American coastline behind, the fleet heads south east into the infamous South Atlantic. Storms, albatross and tactical decisions - how far south to go? How big will the first weather system be? Do you race the rhumb line or add miles looking for stronger winds? These are big decisions that can mean the difference between a podium position and a mid-fleet finish.

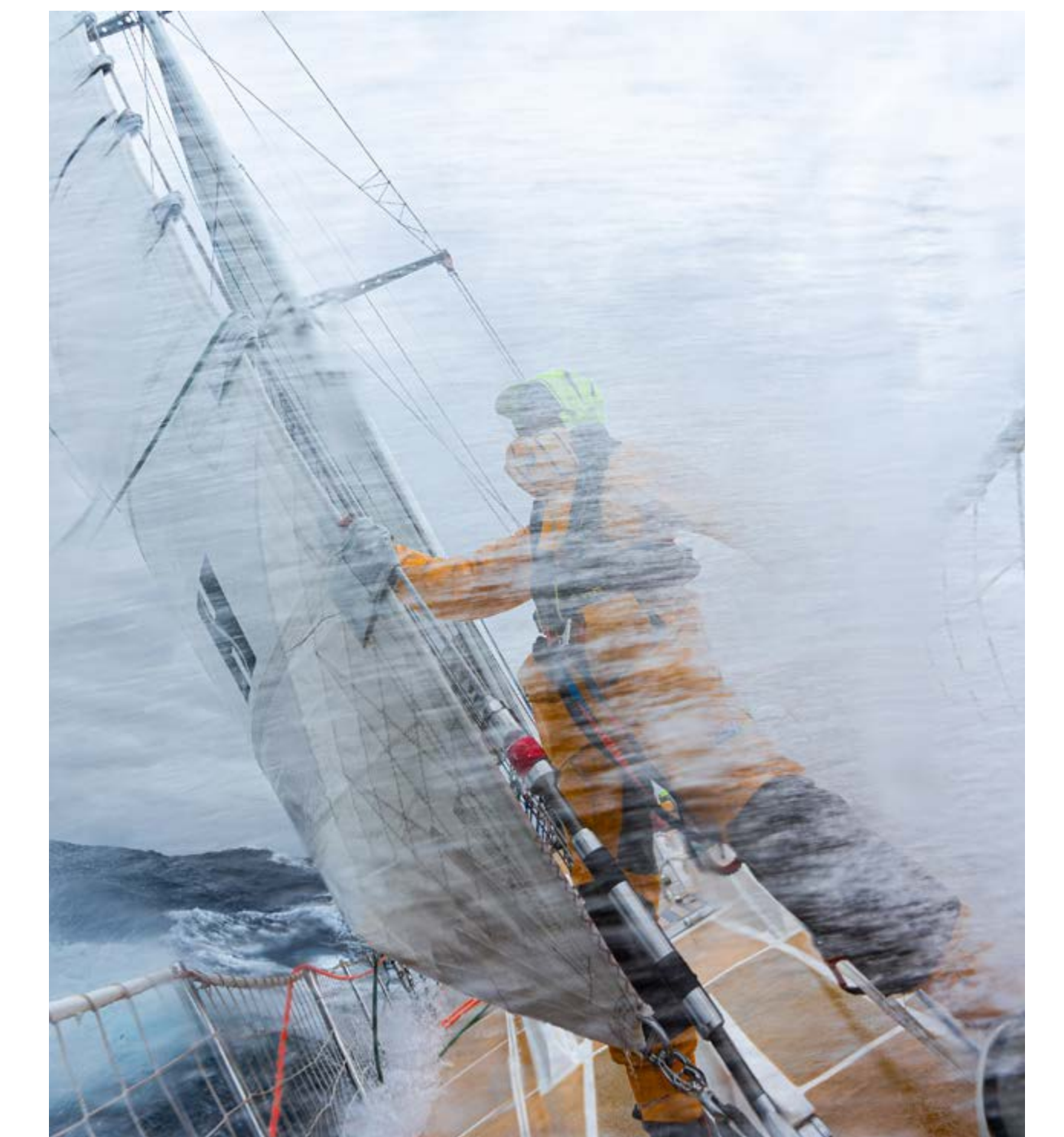
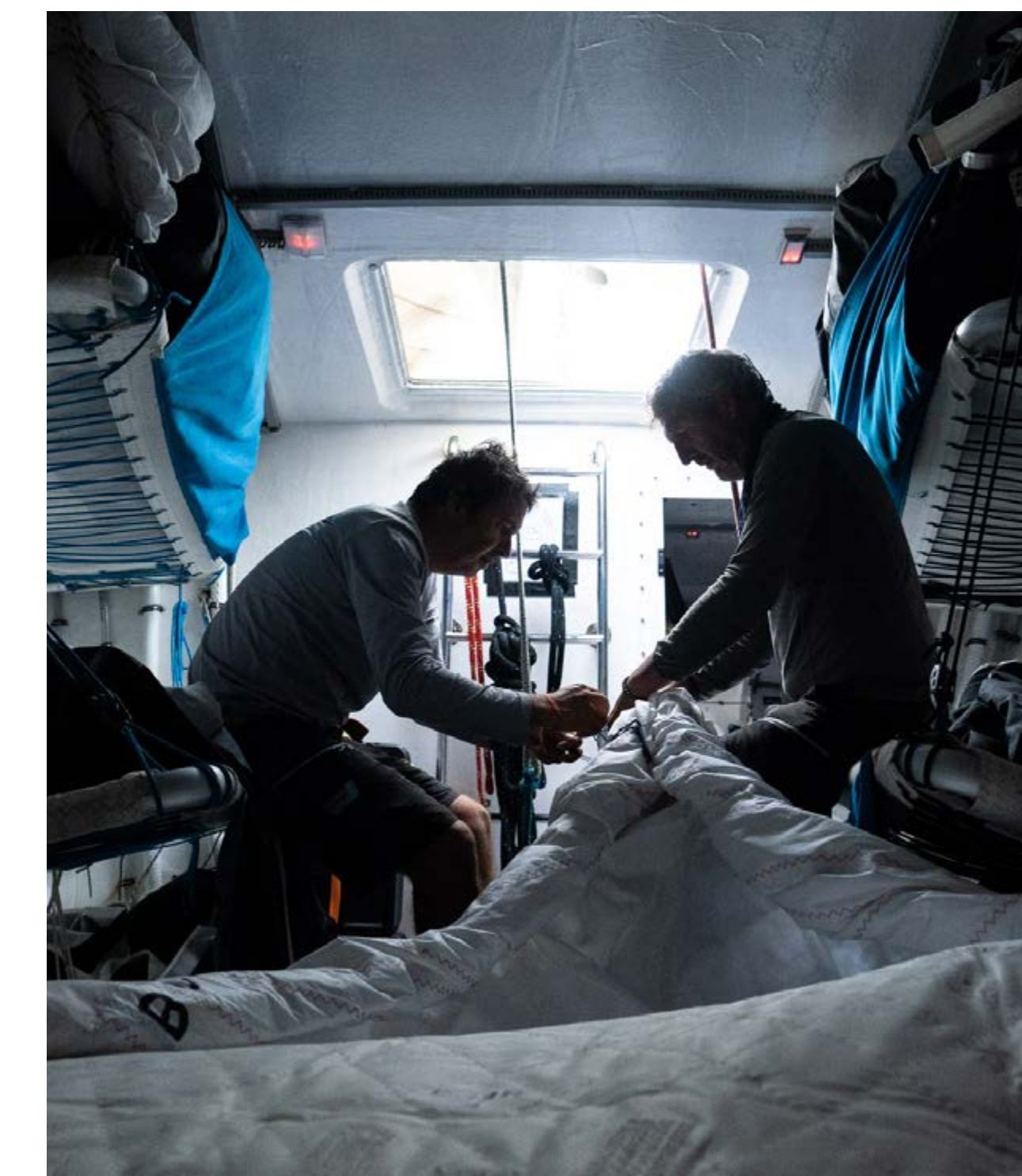
Upon leaving South America, teams will say farewell to the Trade Winds of the South Atlantic as they head towards the bigger conditions of the Southern Ocean with spinnakers flying.

Big tactical decisions await; previous editions have seen podium places decided by just 15 minutes.

As the fleet races south-east, long rolling swells will provide fantastic conditions for surfing down waves. An exhilarating leg, boat speeds will easily be in excess of 20 knots and some teams have previously reported speeds of over 30 knots as impressive fountains of water emerge over the bow.

As a predominantly downwind leg, the asymmetric spinnaker will feature heavily, though crew will need to be careful not to overpower it as a blown spinnaker will compromise the rest of their race.

As you close in on the point where the Atlantic meets the Indian Ocean, the race will almost be over. The traditional African welcome awaits as you finally step ashore having crossed the South Atlantic Ocean.



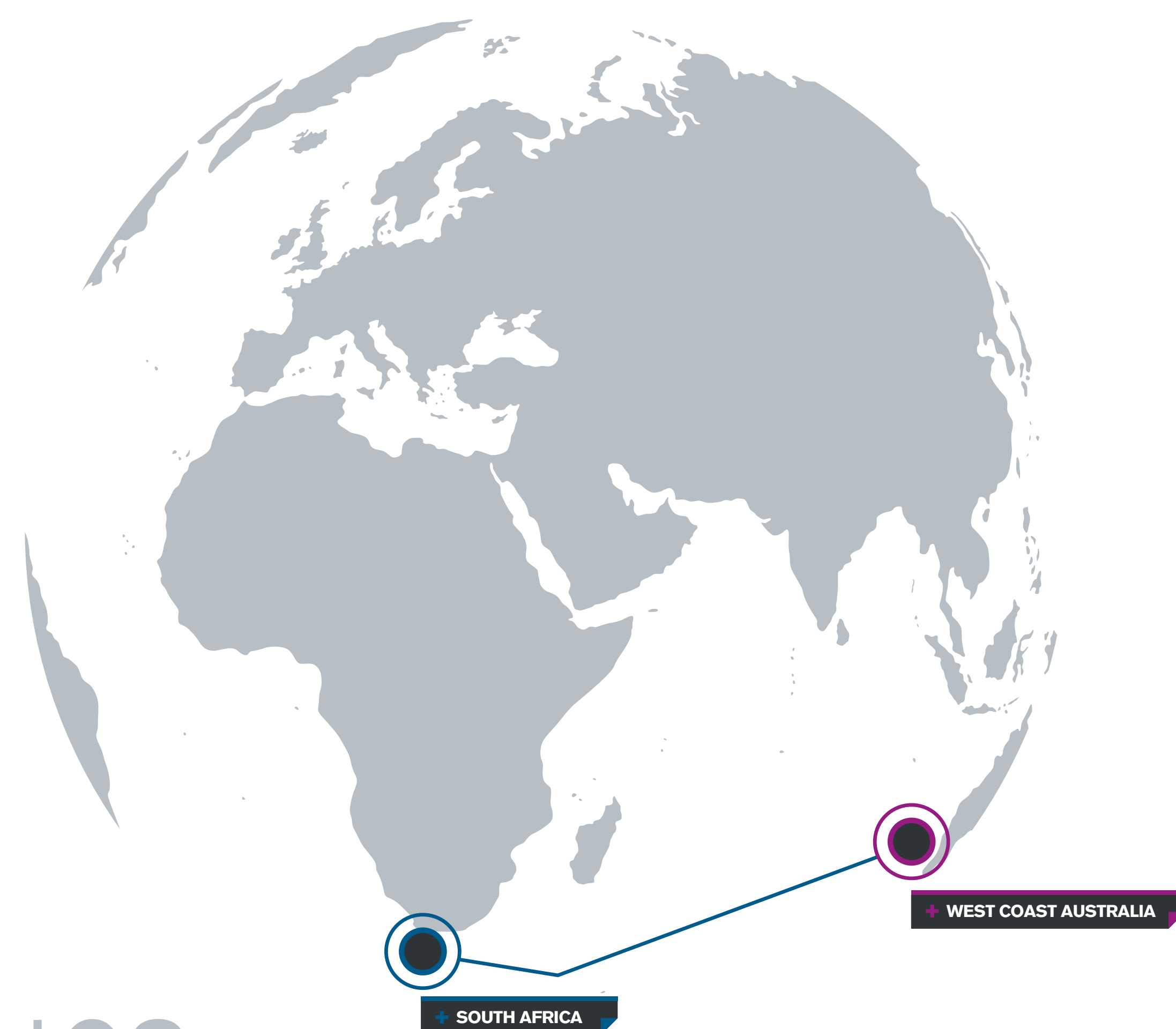
“ We have been racing for nearly two weeks and are fast approaching the last thousand miles to the finish. It has been a time of incredible sailing and extraordinary contrasts. Days with wind and days without; days with flat azure seas and others with dark grey rolling surf; starry nights where the moon has created a day-time like visibility and nights so dark the only things visible have been the reflective strips on parts of the boat and our fellow crew, and the faint red light emerging from around the companionway cover. ”

Ed Crook, New Zealander | on board *UNICEF*



# THE ROARING FORTIES LEG 3

£8,000\* [ Plus training package ]



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After a Parade of Sail past waving crowds, it's out onto the waters of one of the world's Great Capes - Good Hope - and getting ready to face what, for many sailors, will be their ultimate challenge.

Sometimes known as the Southern Ocean Sleigh Ride, the Roaring Forties leg offers some of the most exhilarating and testing conditions of the entire circumnavigation as teams dip into the notoriously strong winds of the Roaring Forties which lies between 40 and 50 degrees latitude.

Once clear of the stunning but often fickle winded Table Bay, crews will make their way to the first Great Cape, the Cape of Good Hope and onto the Agulhas Bank, an area notorious for very disturbed seas where the Indian and Atlantic oceans meet.

Spinnakers are likely to re-appear as ocean racing tactics will be in full flow. Teams get to discover exactly what the Clipper 70s are made of as they surf downwind at more than 25 knots on 15 metre waves.

Despite the gruelling reputation that the Roaring Forties command, this is a place respected by sailors as one of the best places to fully appreciate Mother Nature in her most raw and powerful glory.



“ The size of the waves became even bigger. The wind speed recorded up to 66 knots. Even the albatross and other birds flying around us disappeared. Except one, the biggest, the king of all, flying in front of us as if showing us the way, or maybe it was just playing with us. At some point the sun appeared from the thick cover of clouds, ready to set, and for a moment the sky became yellow. I felt no fear just great respect for the immense strength of this uncontaminated nature. We felt as ONE: the boat, the crew, the ocean. ”

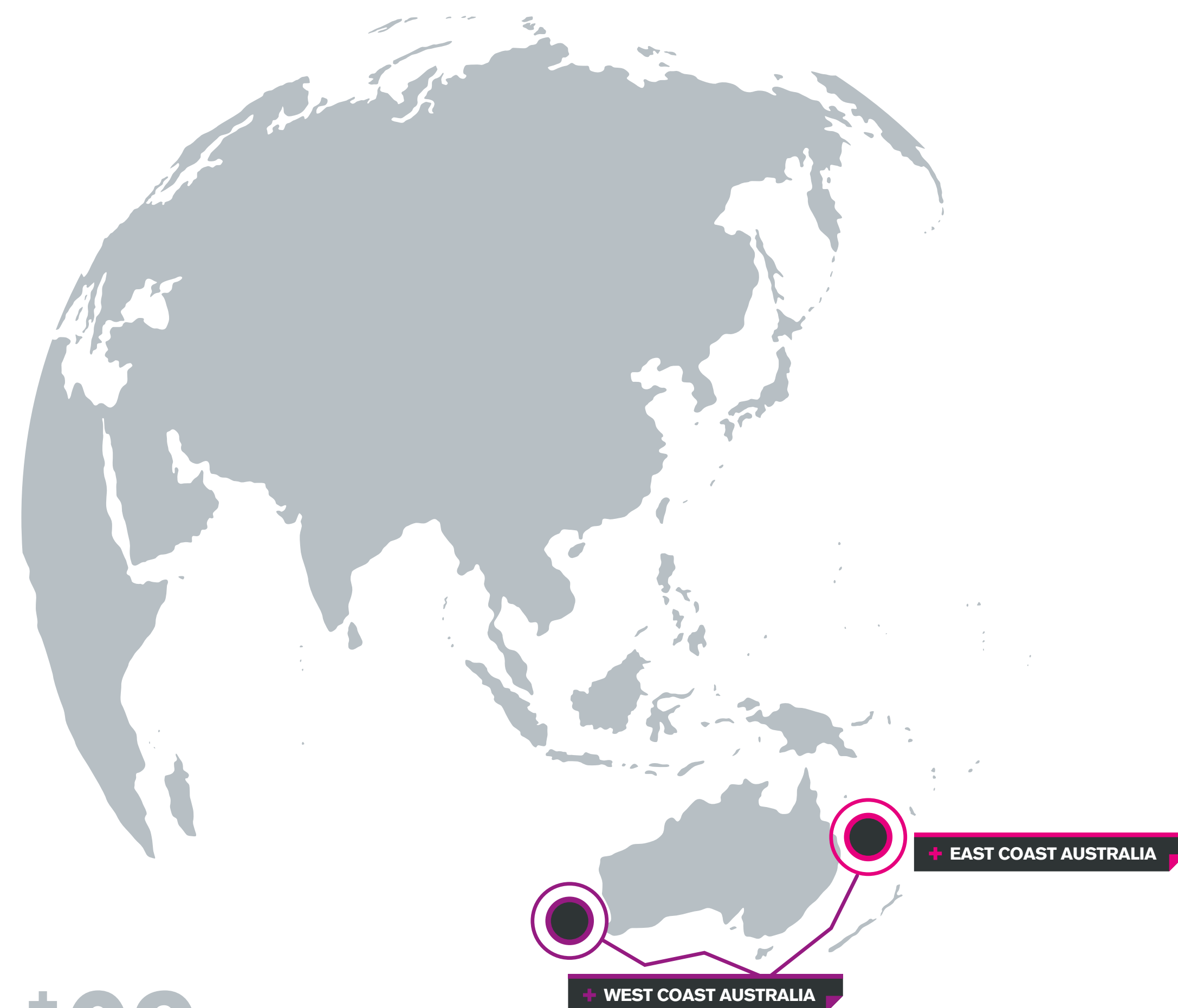
Paolo Perillo, Italian | on board *Qingdao*



## THE AUSTRALIAN COAST-TO-COAST

# LEG 4

£7,000\* [ Plus training package ]



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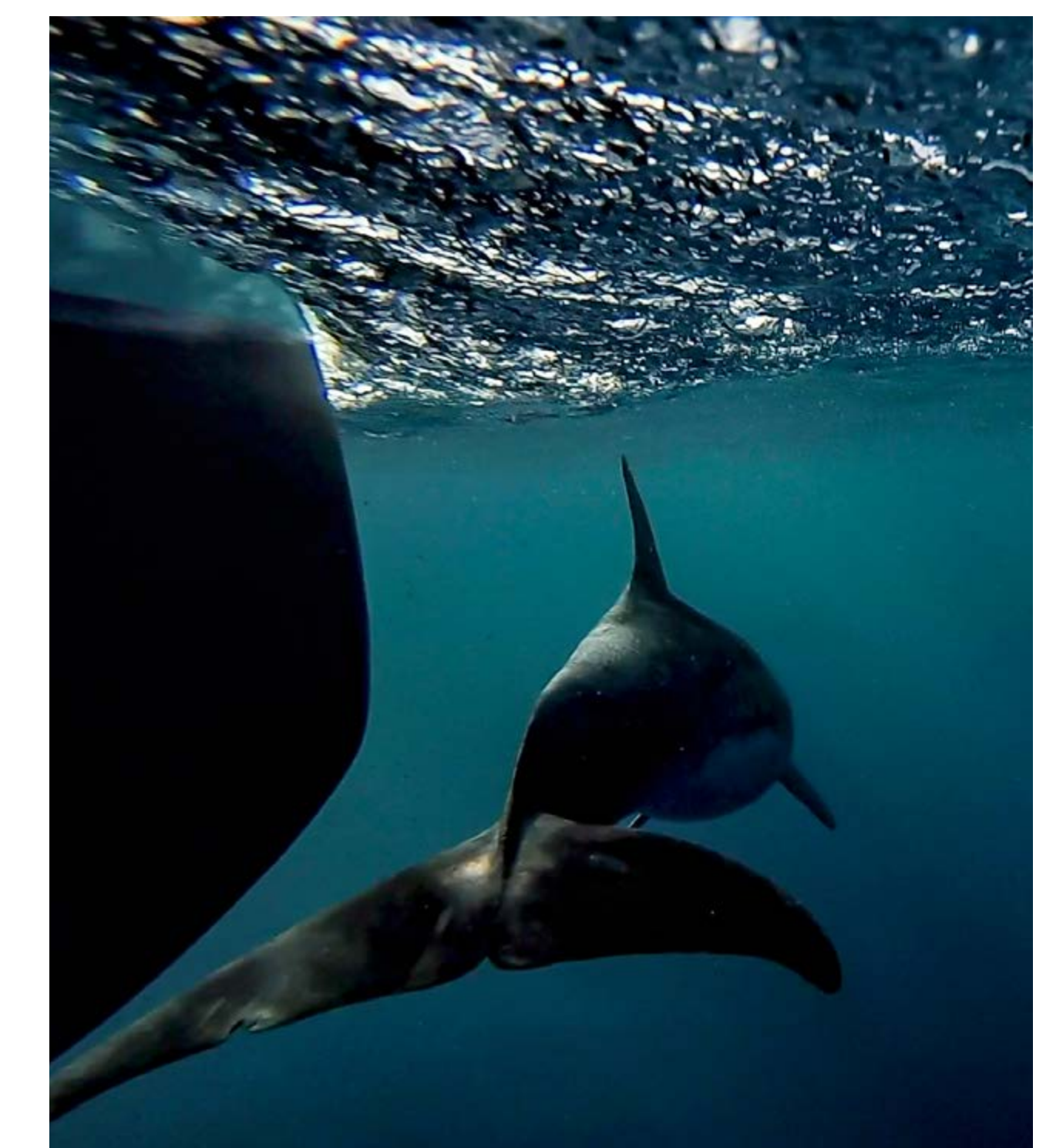
This is an exhilarating, hold-on-to-your-hats type leg. It will challenge you in every way. The constant changing conditions, from brutal to mild mean there is no relaxing, pushing you mentally physically and emotionally. The fleet will first head deeper towards the Southern Ocean, to the most southerly point of the entire circumnavigation.

Crews can expect plummeting temperatures and vigilance will be key as they experience some of the most inhospitable parts of the planet where icebergs flow north from Antarctica.

Some teams may choose to head south of the rhumb line to take advantage of stronger winds, though this will add extra miles to their race. Those that choose this option will need to watch for building low pressure systems heading west around the bottom of the planet. Stay too high and teams risk lengthy wind holes in the Great Australian Bight.

As you round the southern tip of Tasmania you will then make the turn to head north and across the notorious Bass Strait. Traditionally a downwind section of this race but equally with the ability to provide steep seas and challenging conditions. Continuing, you will be sailing against the famous East Australian Current which flows south and east along the coast and can reach speeds of up to four knots. This presents another tactical challenge – whether to stay inshore and reduce the overall distance or whether to head offshore, increasing the mileage, but escaping the effects of the adverse current.

After an exciting race, you will experience stunning scenery and fantastic tropical sailing conditions as you approach your east Australian destination.



“ I remember the epic starry skies on the clear nights, and surfing our way past Tasmania in winds up to 63 knots. The camaraderie amongst the crew: a group of people from the four corners of the globe with a bond based on the collective desire to experience the remote oceans of our planet. On this leg we also shared the celebration of Christmas and New Year at sea. These were fun in a “we still have to race the boat” kind of way, and I expect, for me, will not be repeated. ”

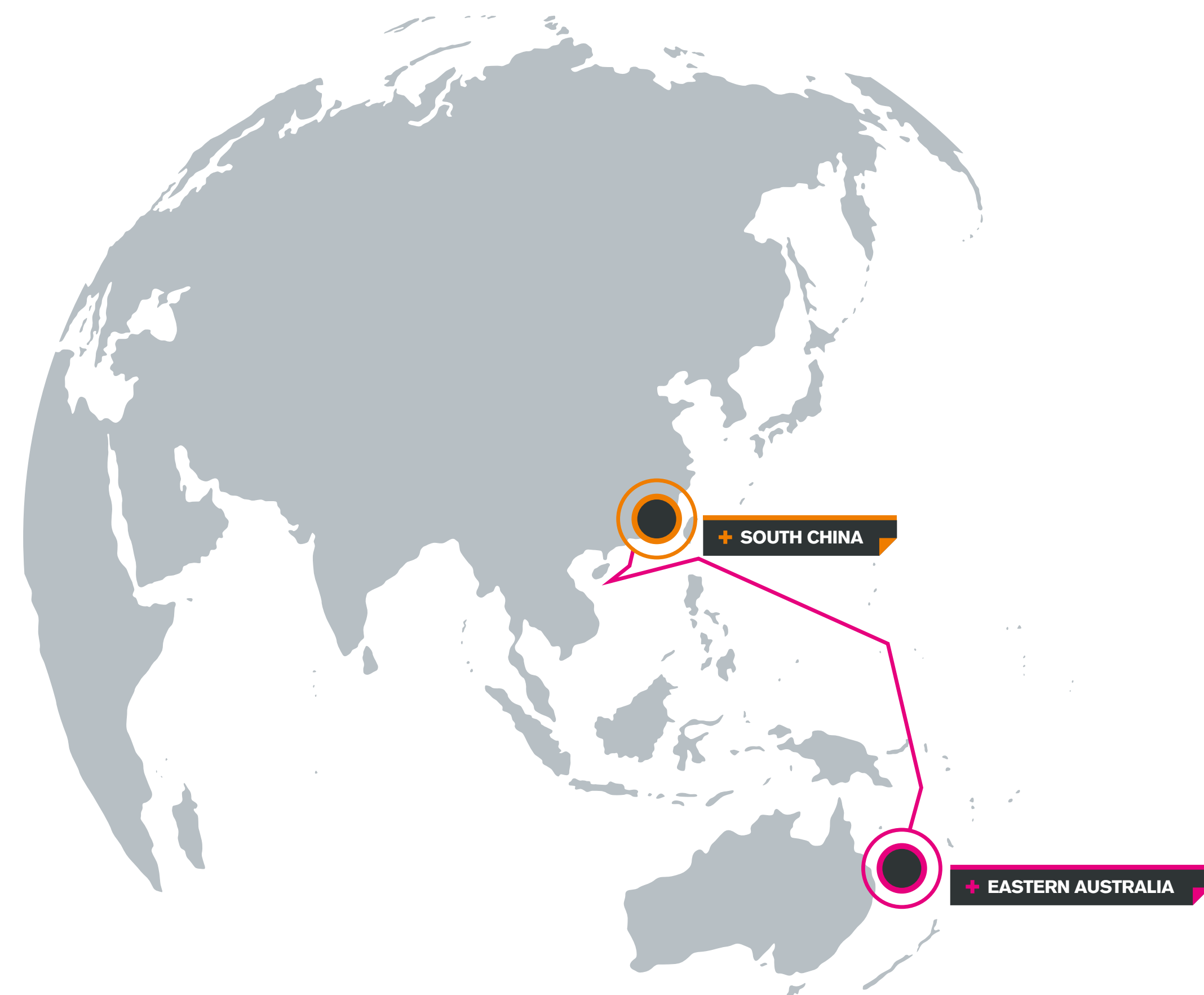
Ed Crook, New Zealander | on board **UNICEF**



# THE ASIA-PACIFIC CHALLENGE

## LEG 5

£7,000\* [ Plus training package ]



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Probably the most fast-paced of the entire circumnavigation, this leg offers some of the most varied conditions of the race with challenging, energising close racing. Teams will be tested in the extreme as they adapt to a host of changing sailing and climate conditions.

Traditionally the first Le Mans start of the Clipper Race as the fleet heads north the temperatures begin to soar and as the teams reach the equator the breeze may well drop. High levels of concentration will be needed as every tweak will affect the boat speed and teams with strong light wind sailing skills may use this time to their advantage.

As the teams race from the southern to the northern hemisphere King Neptune returns for the second time. Here Race Crew are likely to witness some spectacular lightning storms and passing squalls can offer some much-needed relief from the heat, but can bring some heavy rain conditions with them.

Continuing north past the equator, the wind will start to build as the fleet enters the North East Monsoon where teams will be looking to pull away from the rest of the fleet.

A hero's welcome and spectacular ceremony attract huge crowds in each of the Host Ports where you'll have time to recuperate and experience the richness of the local Asian culture..



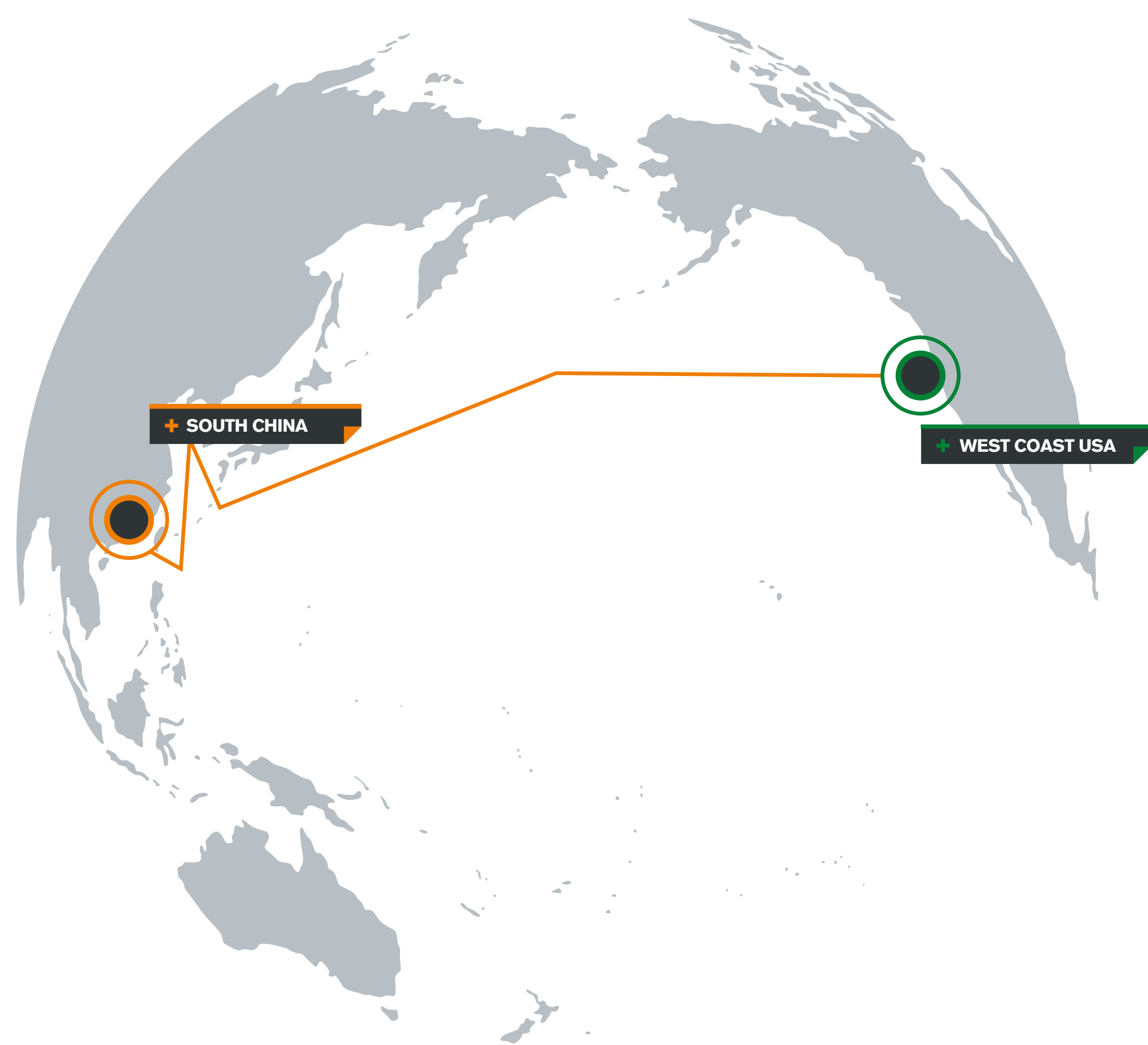
“ This race was a bit of everything! A couple of sprints, boat-on-boat match racing, such varied conditions, and we crossed the Equator again. It was very fortunate to celebrate Lunar New Year with our crew. Usually we celebrate with all of our family, and this time it was with my crew at sea which was a really great experience. We had a dumpling making class, a Chinese teaching class, taught everyone what the Year of the Dragon means. It was a wonderful time. ”

Frank Zeng, Chinese | on board *Zhuhai*



# THE MIGHTY PACIFIC LEG 6

£7,300\* [ Plus training package ]



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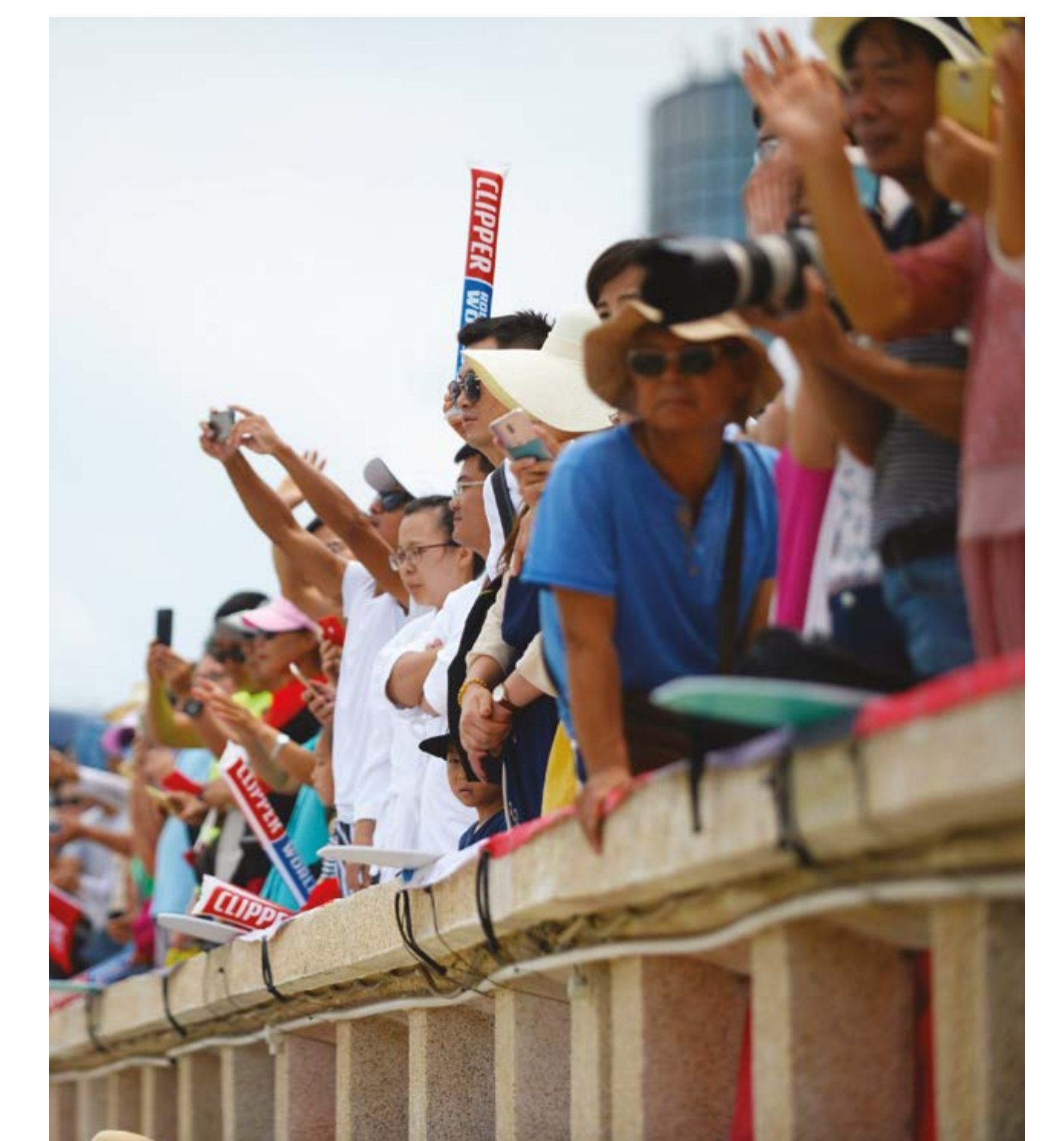
Few people dare to cross the North Pacific, the world's largest ocean - and for good reason. Nothing will give you a bigger sense of achievement than overcoming its enormous waves and storms. Referred to as 'The Big One' with good reason, the Pacific is the world's largest ocean and at times the closest humans to the Clipper Race teams will be those on the International Space Station.

Before teams reach the North Pacific Ocean, they are likely to have to navigate fog, fishing boats or even snow. It is then a race to the tip of Japan where the 'Black Stream' (Kuroshio Current) runs west to east and can help propel the fleet, but the vicious current can also come at a cost of big seas with confused waters and teams will have to be careful not to get caught out.

Once clear, the North Pacific awaits and will soon bring with it some very cold temperatures, big conditions and dark nights.

This leg is famous for the huge Pacific rollers which pick up the yachts and allow them to surf at 30 knots down into the trough ahead. Out here you can really understand the magnificent scale of our planet and our place within it.

Crossing the International Date Line by sea is a rarely achieved feat by most in this world and often leads to much confusion over what date it is. Once over the line, teams know they are roughly half way to the American West Coast, though keeping competitive focus, preserving kit and looking after crew morale will be a constant physical and mental challenge. Those who cross the Pacific Ocean can truly call themselves ocean racers.



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You get to the top of the wave and the ocean is all foam and spray. You're looking around and it's just amazing. Five seconds later, you're down among these giant waves and the wind is quieter. Then the next wave comes. It looks like it's going to crash on top of you and then you're up on top of it. That was what I went for. It was amazing to me. Yeah, I loved it.

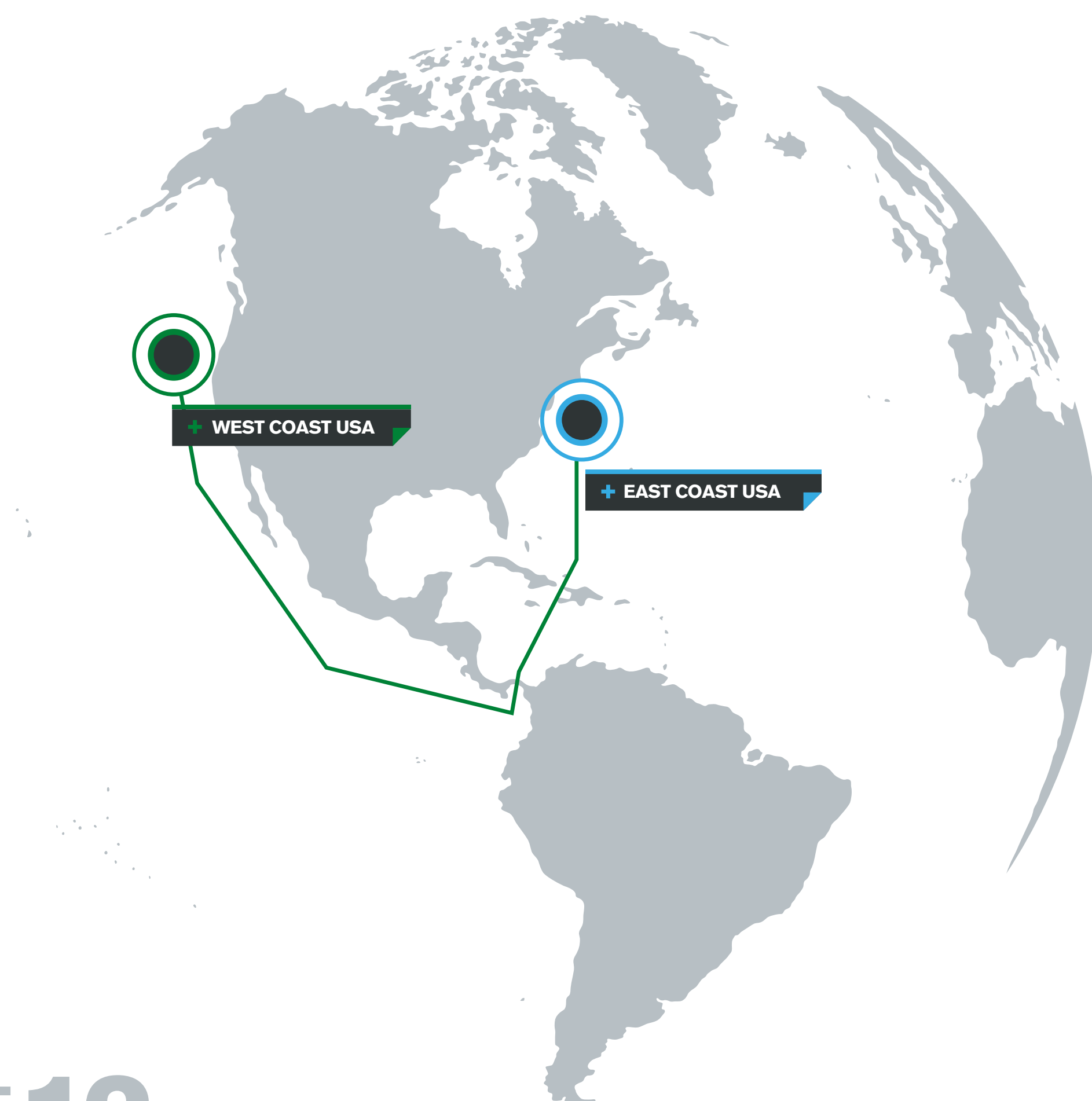
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Jody Shaw, American | on board *Qingdao*



# AMERICAS COAST-TO-COAST LEG 7

£7,600\* [ Plus training package ]



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Big tactical decisions, rising temperatures and easing winds characterise the Americas Coast-to-Coast leg. Passing through the historic Panama Canal, one of the Seven Wonders of the Modern World, is also a unique and evocative experience.

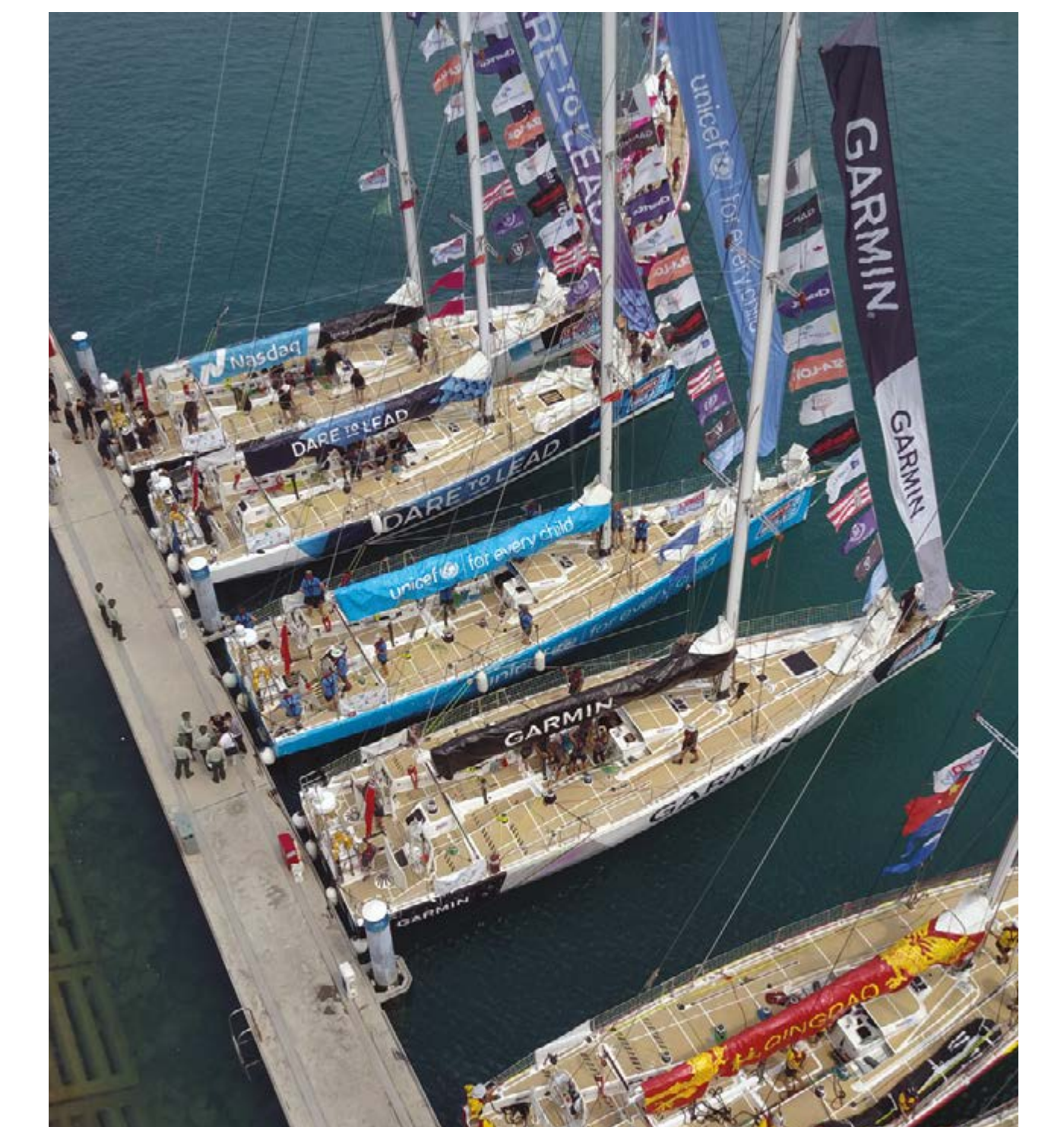
The first big question is whether to take the inshore or offshore route. The Californian Current flows South, but the helping hand this gives can be counteracted by heating effects from the North American land mass which might change the winds unfavourably.

The race down to the coast of Mexico should be a fast one but as the breeze becomes lighter the racing becomes more intense. Conditions near the ITCZ (Inter Tropical Convergence Zone - or doldrums) could decide the final finishing positions off Panama.

Once the fleet has transited the 41 nautical miles of the Canal, surrounded by pristine tropical rain forest alive with wildlife, the yachts will set off on an upwind battle north.

Many sail changes will be required due to lighter winds near the Windward Passage between the islands of Cuba and Hispaniola, which mark the exit from the Caribbean Sea into the Atlantic Ocean. Wind will also be variable because of the depressions coming from the North American land mass.

Thunderstorms are likely to provide some spectacular backdrops with the air alive with static and lightning cracking into the sea around the finish line.



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Having never sailed before, every single experience was a brand new one and no matter how you expect it to be, look, feel, sound, smell and taste beforehand, I think it will always be different. I was overwhelmed at times. I was expecting to be affected mentally too, but this race has completely changed the way I look at the entire world.

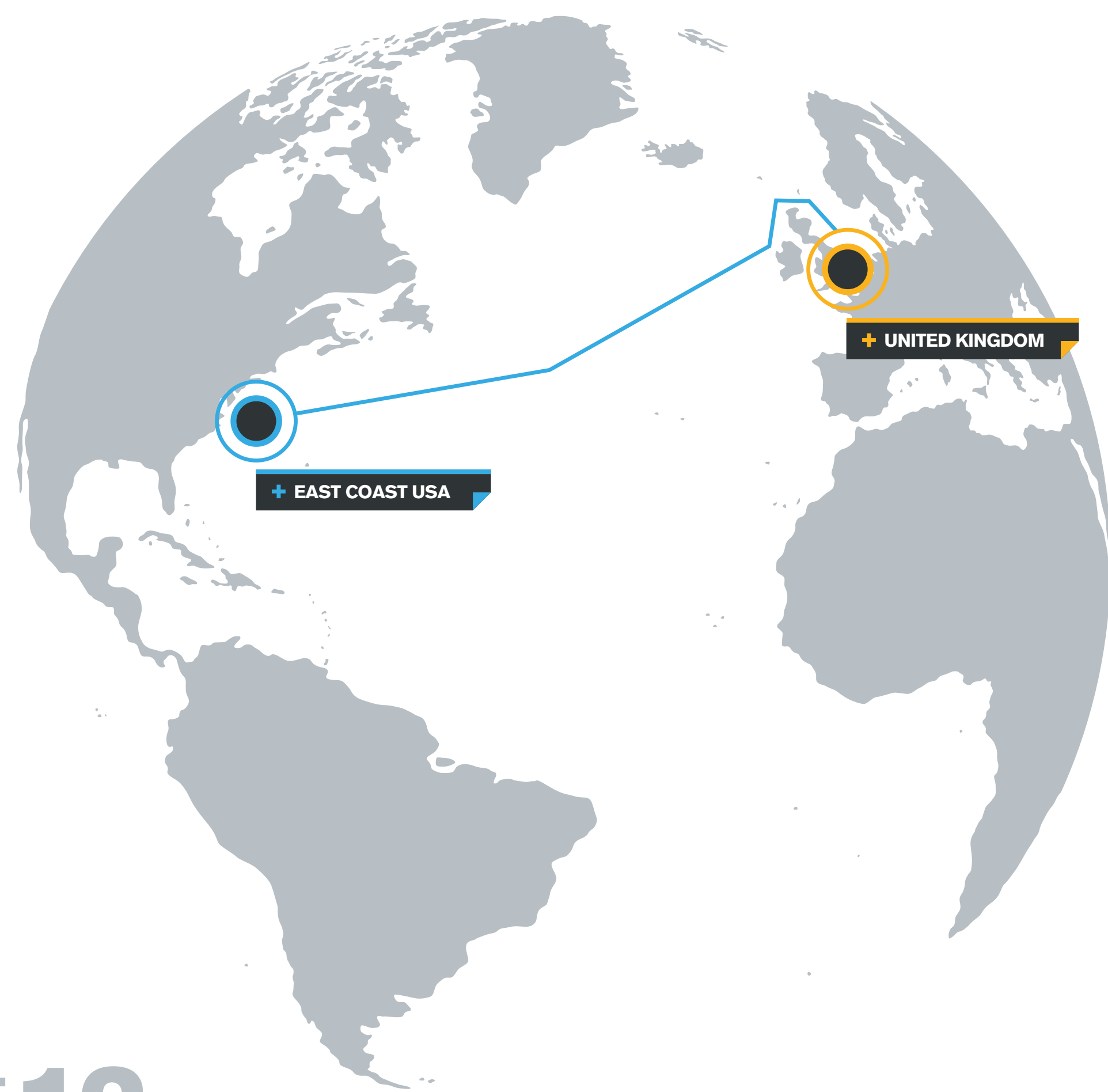
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Mitesh Pattni, British Indian | on board *Garmin*



# THE ATLANTIC HOMECOMING LEG 8

£8,300\* [ Plus training package ]



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While this might be the homeward bound leg for the fleet, there is plenty of racing still to be enjoyed. First place overall was decided on the final race of this leg on more than one occasion. On the classic race route there is the potential for some very fast sailing. Whilst it may be the end of the adventure, the memories of all that has been endured and celebrated will last forever.

It is important for teams to avoid complacency as they begin the final leg of the circumnavigation. Taking a popular route across the North Atlantic, the fleet will follow the Great Circle on its way back towards Europe.

Weather in the North Atlantic can be as heavy as the Pacific with depressions swirling across causing high winds and big swells. Continuing east back towards Europe, some fun and fast downwind sailing is on offer in prevailing westerlies.

With final points up for grabs, there is still everything to race for as you sail into a port in Northern Europe. Finally, an exhilarating power sprint home to complete the adventure of a lifetime. With podium and final positions likely to be in close contention, and the possibility of some Joker points still to win, this will be an intense final fling where anything is possible.



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Regardless of how you do in the race every crew member deserves to be applauded. But the feeling when you get up on the podium is indescribable. You put a lot of work in for a long time and to have that rewarded feels absolutely amazing!

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Victor Ansart, French | on board *Sanya Serenity Coast*



# LIFE AT AN ANGLE

## GOING BEYOND THE CONSTRAINT OF YOUR COMFORT ZONE

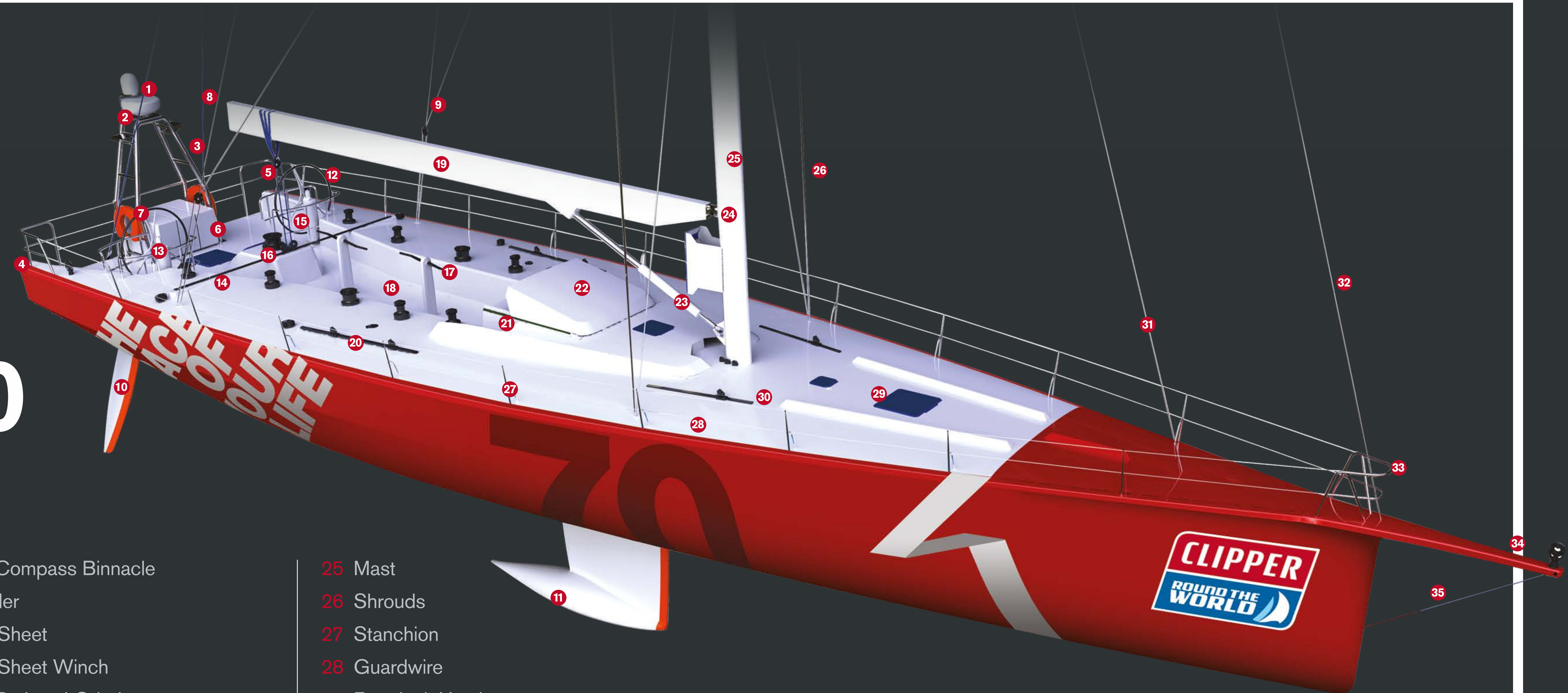
The crew, typically divided into two watches together with your Skipper and the First Mate, will become a well-oiled machine, constantly developing as you look for ways to optimise boat and team performance in the ever-changing conditions.

But racing is only part of the experience. You'll witness the vastness of the oceans, encounter extraordinary wildlife up-close and see sunsets and clear starry-night skies that'll take your breath away. You'll discover an inner strength and resilience that you may not know you had and forge life-long friendships from the bonds created through team work and trust.



# THE CLIPPER 70

## THE GUIDED TOUR



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| 1 Satellite Communication System | 13 Twin Compass Binnacle               | 25 Mast                         |
| 2 Radar Scanner and GPS Antenna  | 14 Traveller                           | 26 Shrouds                      |
| 3 A Frame                        | 15 Main Sheet                          | 27 Stanchion                    |
| 4 Transom                        | 16 Main Sheet Winch                    | 28 Guardwire                    |
| 5 Pushpit                        | 17 Twin Pedestal Grinders              | 29 Foredeck Hatch               |
| 6 Liferails                      | 18 Main Cockpit                        | 30 Staysail Sheet Track and Car |
| 7 Horse-shoe Float               | 19 Boom                                | 31 Inner Forestay               |
| 8 Split Backstay                 | 20 Yankee Headsail Sheet Track and Car | 32 Forestay                     |
| 9 Running Backstay               | 21 Main Companionway                   | 33 Pulpit                       |
| 10 Twin Rudder                   | 22 Main Hatch                          | 34 Bowsprit                     |
| 11 Bulb Keel                     | 23 Vang                                | 35 Bobstay                      |
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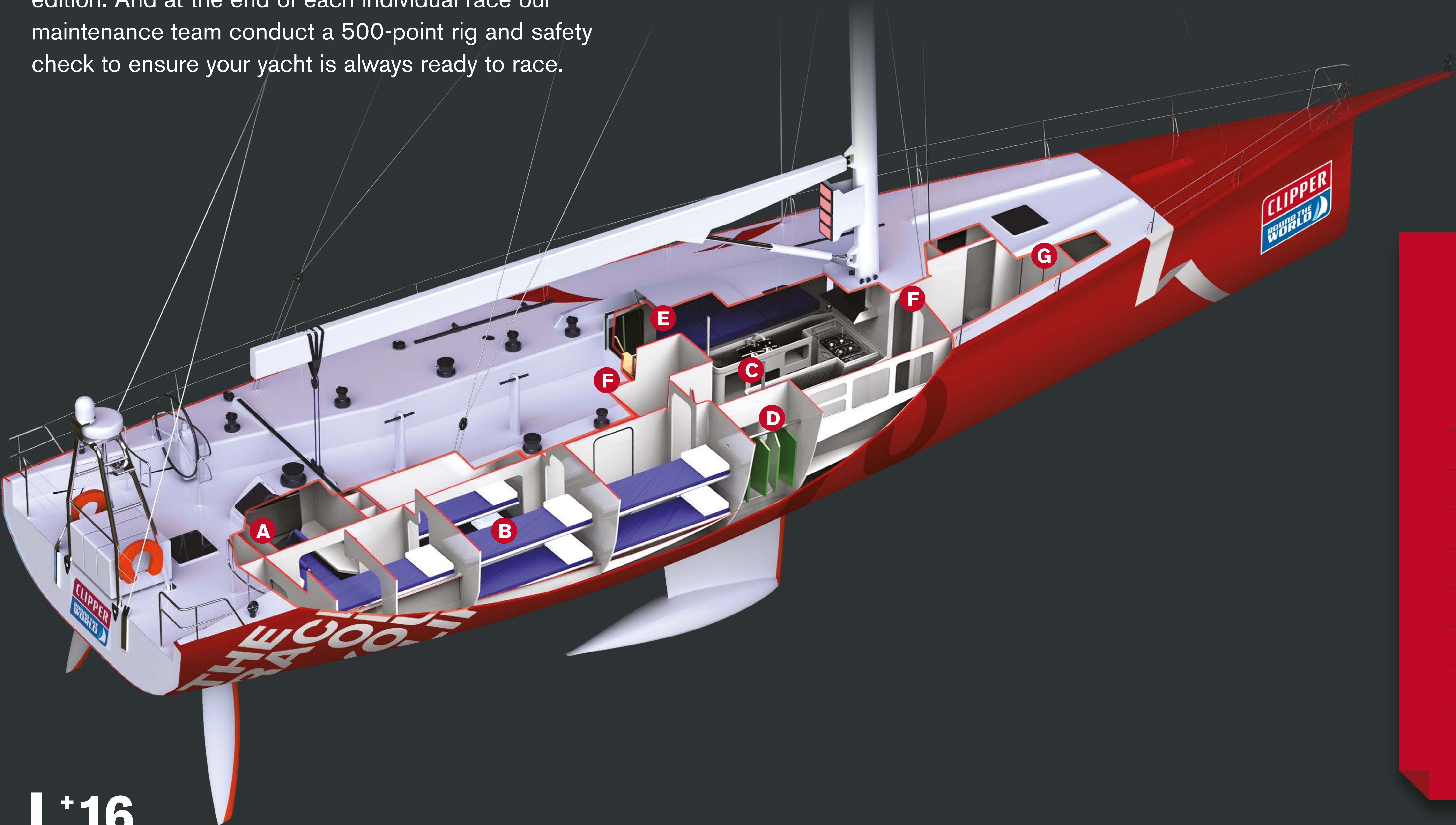
Designed by renowned naval architect Tony Castro, the 70-foot yachts are fast and dynamic.

Features include twin helms, twin rudders and a six-foot bowsprit which allows the inclusion of three large asymmetric spinnakers to complement a suite of Yankee headsails which add to increase performance and boat speed.



# THE WORLD'S LARGEST MATCHED FLEET OF OCEAN RACING YACHTS

A full refit of the fleet is conducted ahead of each race edition. And at the end of each individual race our maintenance team conduct a 500-point rig and safety check to ensure your yacht is always ready to race.



## BELOW DECK

- A

Navigation Area
- B

Crew Bunk
- C

Galley
- D

Wet Locker
- E

Saloon
- F

Heads (Toilet) X2
- G

Sail and Rope Storage

## THE CLIPPER 70

SPECIFICATIONS	IMPERIAL	METRIC
Length Overall	75'6"	23m
Beam	18'6"	5.65m
Draft	9'10"	3m
Mainsail Area	1,326 ft sq	123.19 m sq
Headsail Area	1,812.97 ft sq	168.43 m sq
Asymmetric Spinnaker Area	3,555.75 ft sq	330.34 m sq
Mast Height from waterline	95 ft	29 m
Displacement	31.19 UK long ton	31,700 kg
Bulb Keel	11.81 UK long ton	12,000 kg



# ROLES ON BOARD

A CLIPPER 70 IS NOT A PLACE FOR THE FAINT HEARTED OR WORK-SHY.

As a crew member you will be trained as an ocean racer, working as a team to be a self-sufficient unit capable of taking care of any situation, no matter what the conditions.

You will be able to get involved in all roles on deck - as helm, mast, pit, bow and grinder - or go on to specialise in the areas where your strengths lie.

In addition, you'll also play a crucial role in your team across various roles from media to engineer, sail repair to galley duty.

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## BOSUN



Assists the Skipper with co-ordinating maintenance and servicing of all deck equipment pre-start, at sea and in stopovers. Helps to care for standing and running rigging, winches, halyards, sheets, guys, blocks, whipping, splicing and care of ropes. Good attention to detail, an inventive mind and practical skills are required.

## ENGINEER



Under guidance from the Skipper, helps to keep the mechanical, electrical and plumbing systems on board in full working order. Routine maintenance of the engine, generator and watermaker as well as servicing and repairs en route and at stopovers is essential.

## VICTUALLER



Ensures the team is properly fed, watered and has the necessary provisions for the duration of the race. The Victualler is in charge of meal planning as well as ensuring that communal supplies and general items are purchased. An army marches on its stomach and the nutritional and calorie content of meals needs to be considered depending on the weather and duration of each race.

## SAILMAKER



Leads the sail repair team to coordinate maintenance and repair of the team's sail wardrobe. The condition of the yacht's sails will be critical to racing success.

## MEDICAL ASSISTANT



The Skipper and AQP are ultimately responsible for medical care, but the Medical Assistant is trained to support with any injuries or illness on board. Also helps to ensure that medical kits are correctly maintained and resupply requests are made.

## GALLEY DUTY



A vitally important role shared amongst all crew, those on Galley Duty are responsible for preparing meals and snacks throughout the day. The role includes monitoring food stores, cleaning and restocking the galley, whilst remaining prepared to be on deck to help if needed.

## STOPOVER MANAGER



Responsible, under direction of the Skipper, for organising the yacht and crew stopover program. This may include ensuring rig and safety checks are completed, organising the deep clean of the yacht, being on hand to supervise the crew to ensure all tasks and overseeing maintenance days. Must have good leadership and organisational skills in order to allow maximum time for rest and recuperation ashore.

## TEAM COORDINATOR



The Team Coordinator helps the skipper with yacht administration and organisation. This includes compiling yacht paperwork for customs and immigration on arrival and ensuring the Skipper has completed post and pre-race paperwork. The role requires good planning and time-management skills, integrity and tact.

## SOCIAL SECRETARY/ TREASURER



Helps to manage the crew fund, acts as a liaison with the families of the team, social events, team building, manage or curate social media and anything else that will help bring the team together. Once the race is in action, the cohesion of the whole team is maintained by having a strong link between those sailing and legger's who are yet to join.

## MEDIA CREW



Works with the Clipper Race Communications Team to organise media output from the yacht. This includes blogs, photos and videos and helps organise crew for any media interview requests.



# WORLD CLASS TRAINING

**PRE-RACE TRAINING IS COMPULSORY FOR EVERYONE.**

A core element of the Clipper Race experience is our pioneering training programme that enables novices and skilled yachts-people to tackle the most challenging situations on the planet.

**COMPULSORY Training and TECHNICAL CLOTHING KIT Package**

**£6,700\***

**+19**

We take the lessons from having raced more than five million miles, and apply them to our global training courses, constantly updating material to ensure our crews are focused on safety and trained to the highest level.

Working with our professional skippers and mates, you will live on board 68-foot and 70-foot yachts. From day one you will build teams, practice safety drills, learn the ropes, cook, clean and race. On top of that you'll learn the basics of yacht maintenance and management, racing tactics, survival at sea and weather routing to weather conditions.

The most important skill you'll learn is being part of a multi-disciplined high performance team that will function in every condition that Mother Nature can muster.

There are four levels of compulsory training. Each is an intensive physical and mental programme undertaken from the Clipper Race training school in the UK.

The sequential one-week courses must be completed successfully before you race but this can be scheduled back-to-back or spread over several months.

Your fitness levels will improve during training and while racing but your pre-race fitness programme will benefit you and add to your overall enjoyment of the race.

We estimate around 30 percent of crew members have not sailed before they start their sail training. If you wish, you can also complete optional courses designed to compliment your compulsory training by the Hamble School of Yachting in the UK.

\*Price given is for the Clipper 2025-26 Race.





**+ LEVEL 1**



## CREWING SKILLS

To be a great sailor, you first need to be a safe and competent sailor. This is where you will learn the fundamentals of sailing and how to safely navigate your way around a Clipper Race yacht.

Within a few days you'll take your turn at the helm, and learn about all the roles on board. You may be pushed to your physical limits, but you'll understand just how well you will be able to function as a team player while cold, wet and tired.

During this level you'll also get measured for your Clipper Race technical clothing kit. As part of the selection process you need to successfully complete Level 1 before you're guaranteed a place on the Clipper Race.

**+ LEVEL 2**



## OFFSHORE SAILING AND LIFE ONBOARD

You will be amazed at how the crewing skills you learned on Level 1 come back to you, especially the necessary safety drills and procedures.

On Level 2 you will start to experience sailing at an angle for long periods of time. Your physical fitness and concentration will be tested as this is the first time you will sail through the night, as you work in your watch systems.

You are now well on your way to becoming an ocean racer.

**+ LEVEL 3**



## ASYMMETRIC SPINNAKER TRAINING AND RACING TECHNIQUES

As your skill and confidence levels increase so will the demands we place on you so that when you race for real, you will do things right first time and quickly.

We will help you build your confidence and stretch your comfort zone. The Clipper 70s fly asymmetric spinnakers, which are great fun, fast, furious and rewarding, although more technical and physically demanding. Here you will really hone your sailing skills. Everything will be about sail trim, making the boat go faster and understanding the weather systems that you're racing in.

**+ LEVEL 4**



## TEAM TACTICS AND OFFSHORE FLEET RACING

You're almost there; you can feel the Race Start. Now it's time to put the final touches to your pre-race training. Here you will train with your Skipper, First Mate and team while racing against the rest of the Clipper Race fleet. You will practice Race Starts, build and really get to know your team and importantly start to work on a psychological edge over your rivals.

There are no race points at stake during Level 4 – but you'd better believe that the race has started. Imagine the feeling as you win practice race after practice race.



A woman with dark hair, smiling broadly, is wearing a bright yellow sailing jacket with black accents and a black safety harness. She is holding onto a rope on the deck of a sailboat. The background shows the rigging and sails of the boat against a bright sky.

# GETTING THE INSIDE EDGE

## YOUR PERSONAL RACE CREW CLOTHING PACKAGE.

When you face the world's most extreme ocean conditions, you need the world's best ocean sailing clothing. Because when a sailor is protected on the outside, they are stronger on the inside.

From Musto's collection, we've hand picked a technical clothing package, tried, tested and approved by professional ocean racing sailors who venture to the most extreme places on earth.

**Valued at over £2,400 RRP the technical clothing package is included in the cost of your compulsory training and contains the renowned HPX GORE-TEX Pro Series Smock and Salopette.**





# ADVENTURE FOR GOOD

**TOGETHER WE CAN HELP BUILD A BETTER WORLD.**

As a member of the Clipper Race crew, you'll be taking on one of the greatest challenges on Earth, testing your wits, skills and courage in an endurance race across the toughest oceans. At the same time we see vulnerable children and environments around the world experiencing even more precarious challenges.

Since its inception, the Clipper Race has been fund raising for charities and supporting corporate social responsibility programmes around the world.

As part of your race campaign, you may also want to raise funds and awareness for the Clipper Race Charity by participating in activation opportunities pre-race and at each stop-over port.

“

By raising just 10p for every kilometre raced, I was able to reach 86% of my goal, and thousands of pounds for an important cause. One hundred percent went directly to the charity.

”

Leonora Bowen | Legs 1-4 on *Garmin*, Clipper 2015-16 Race



# RACE TO GREATNESS RACE TO WIN

PERHAPS THE GREATEST EXPERIENCE  
OF ALL IS THE THRILL OF WINNING.

There are as many reasons to race as crew. Whatever your reason - to challenge and push yourself, to learn or discover, or to encourage others - the courage of crossing an ocean or the pace of coastal racing is always marked in true celebratory style, watched on by the world's media, your friends and family.

+23





# SUPPORTING YOUR SUPPORTERS

**YOUR FRIENDS AND FAMILY PLAY AN IMPORTANT ROLE IN YOUR EXPERIENCE, WHETHER MEETING UP WITH YOU IN PORTS AROUND THE WORLD OR FOLLOWING YOUR JOURNEY FROM THE COMFORT OF HOME.**

## RACE VIEWER

By checking the Clipper Race website regularly family and friends can follow every exhilarating moment around the world. Updated hourly when racing, the Race Viewer shows the most up to date information on the yacht positions, weather conditions and the points position of each team.

**+24**







We encourage your loved ones to get involved with your adventure whether they plan to meet you in stopovers around the world, or to follow you from the comfort of home.

Through regular, tailored updates, drop-in events and informal gatherings, Race Crew Supporters will never miss a beat of the action.



## FUTURE CREW

Junior Crew Supporters' activities provide a way to connect further with the race and help them feel a part of the Clipper Race family while their loved one is at sea.



# ACHIEVE SOMETHING REMARKABLE

CREW FROM AROUND THE WORLD ARE TAKING  
ON THE CHALLENGE OF A LIFETIME.

This epic event sees the teams battle extreme conditions as they race identical modern race yachts over 40,000 nautical miles around the globe.

A true test of fortitude and determination, crew members from around the world, and all walks of life, will experience Mother Nature in her raw and powerful glory.

Each race edition lasts eleven months and crew can join for any number of its individual legs, or complete an entire circumnavigation.

Raced by People Like You, no previous sailing experience is required but four levels of intense ocean racer training is completed before you can compete.

APPLY ONLINE AT [www.clipperroundtheworld.com/apply](http://www.clipperroundtheworld.com/apply)

CLIPPER 2025-26 RACE FEES			OR	CLIPPER 2027-28 RACE FEES		
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	TRAINING AND KIT PACKAGE	£6,700*		<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	TRAINING AND KIT PACKAGE	£7,995*
LEG 1	£8,300	The Atlantic Trade Winds		LEG 1	£9,495	The Atlantic Trade Winds
LEG 2	£7,000	The South Atlantic Challenge		LEG 2	£8,195	The South Atlantic Challenge
LEG 3	£8,000	The Roaring Forties		LEG 3	£9,495	The Roaring Forties
LEG 4	£7,000	Australian Coast-to-Coast		LEG 4	£7,495	Australian Coast-to-Coast
LEG 5	£7,000	The Asia-Pacific Challenge		LEG 5	£7,495	The Asia-Pacific Challenge
LEG 6	£7,300	The Mighty Pacific		LEG 6	£8,195	The Mighty Pacific
LEG 7	£7,600	Americas Coast-to-Coast		LEG 7	£8,195	Americas Coast-to-Coast
LEG 8	£8,300	The Atlantic Homecoming		LEG 8	£9,495	The Atlantic Homecoming
CIRCUMNAVIGATE THE WORLD		£51,500		CIRCUMNAVIGATE THE WORLD		£59,995
Experience everything and race around the world.				Experience everything and race around the world.		
Your berth cost is made up of the pre-race training and kit package plus the combined cost of your selected legs.						

**SPREAD THE COSTS OVER SEVERAL MONTHS.**

You can pay by standing order commencing the month after your contract is processed.  
\*The pre-race training and kit package includes 26 days of compulsory training, and technical clothing worth more than £2,400 RRP.

**ALL COSTS ARE SUBJECT TO CHANGE\***



# FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS

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If no prior sailing experience is required, is it safe?

The Clipper Race is not for the faint hearted or unprepared. Extreme sport of this nature requires training to participate safely so your safety is core to everything we do. Whether you are a complete novice or experienced sailor, from the first moment you begin your training, our professional Skippers and First Mates will focus on safety protocols and procedures.

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What are you looking for in a crew member?

Crew members join from across the globe, are from all walks of life and have different levels of experience. What is crucial is your level of desire, determination and enthusiasm. You need to be a team player and someone who is tolerant, forgiving, understanding and supportive. If you have these soft skills we can turn you into an accomplished ocean racer.

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Does it matter that I'm not a sailor, medic or engineer?

Not at all. Your unique life experience will bring as much to the team as your career and background. But if you do have the relevant background you may wish to be the on board medic, engineer, or watch leader to support the Skipper and First Mate if needed.

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Will I need a visa?

It is highly probable, but depends on your nationality and the countries you are visiting. We will advise you of the correct visa to apply for, and when. It will be up to you to make the required visa applications. Your passport will also need to be up to date.

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How fit do I need to be?

Like any big challenge, most people will need to put a programme in place as part of their physical preparation. Everyone coming to the Clipper Race has a different level of fitness. Teamwork and technique are just as important as core strength. So our training will show you what areas you may need to work on. Be prepared to burn around 5,000 calories a day during the race.

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How are people allocated to teams?

Not only are the yachts identical we also make sure that each crew is matched to ensure an even and competitive race. We spread ages, experiences, vocations and nationalities across the fleet. Of course if you have a particular team that you would like to represent please tell us and, although we can't guarantee it, we will do our best to grant your request.

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How do people deal with seasickness?

Everyone finds a different remedy that works for them; an over the counter medicine, herbal remedies like ginger, wrist bands that apply pressure to key points and even cotton wool in the ears. The worst case scenario is you feel terrible for 48 hours and then your body adjusts.

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What technical clothing or kit will I need?

We provide you with the essential, technical sailing and team kit package from a range by our Technical Clothing Partner. Depending on the races you choose, we will advise you on other items you may wish to add. We also supply your life-jacket, AIS beacon and all safety equipment.

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What happens in the Host Ports?

Following the initial celebrations of your arrival, your priority is the yacht's maintenance, preparing for the next race, re-provisioning and race planning. You'll want to participate in events with your Team Partner including the Prize Giving ceremony. And catch your breath with friends and family as you see the local sights.

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How much personal kit can I take?

As a team you will make that decision together. Everything you do is a fine balance between having enough and having too much. Too much adds weight and slows the boat down. Not enough means you are cold, wet and demoralised. Somewhere between 20 and 30 kgs of kit is typical.

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How flexible is the training?

All four levels of training take place in the UK where our courses are available most weeks of the year so you can plan ahead of time around your own projects, holidays, family and other commitments. In addition, you can elect to complete optional courses designed to compliment your compulsory training by the UK based Hamble School of Yachting.

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When do I have to pay?

Your payments commence when you sign your contract. We encourage you to spread the cost of your legs with our interest-free payment plan. The terms and conditions are set out in your contract and we are also available to discuss this with you when you make your application.

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What happens now?

We know a decision of this importance requires time and consideration. You can attend a presentation, join webinars, or call us to ask questions before you apply.

APPLY HERE

When you have applied you will be invited for an interview to discuss your goals. With this successfully behind you, the next step is to receive a contract offer. Once you accept the offer you will start your payments and be invited to take part in the comprehensive training programme, preparing you for the adventure of a lifetime and The Race of Your Life.



# SPEAK TO THE TEAM

Why not sign up for the next Discovery Webinar where you find out more about becoming a Race Crew member and ask us any questions you have.

**OPEN**

**WE ARE HERE TO HELP**

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