



BECOME EXTRAORDINARY

BECOME AN OCEAN RACER



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DEFY **YOUR** ORDINARY

**THOSE WHO ACHIEVE EXTRAORDINARY THINGS,
DO NOT BEHAVE IN ORDINARY WAYS**

Since the first Clipper Race in 1996, more than 7,000 people have trained to become ocean racers, choosing to cross an ocean, combine multiple legs or become one of the few to complete a circumnavigation of the globe.

Whether you're a seasoned sailor or have never sailed before, we invite you to join the Clipper Race and take on one of the world's greatest endurance challenges.

You bring the desire for adventure, a passion for life and the determination to take on a challenge of this scale.

We'll provide everything you need to succeed: world-class training, technical clothing and safety equipment, a new fleet of ocean racing yachts, and the support of a professional Skipper and First Mate, backed by dedicated maintenance and race management teams. Along the way, you'll experience unforgettable Host Port welcomes around the world, celebrate incredible milestones and forge lifelong friendships with people from all walks of life.

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

RACED BY PEOPLE LIKE YOU

SIR ROBIN KNOX-JOHNSTON: A SAILING LEGEND

“ The greatest rewards rarely come from taking the easy option. Every person who joins the Clipper Race chooses to step beyond the familiar, and in doing so discovers strengths, resilience, camaraderie and experiences that few people will ever know. ”

Chairman &
Co-Founder



“ I've never sailed before in my life. My husband died in 2021 and I just felt like I needed something that would challenge me, where I wasn't in control and Mother Nature was in control. ”

Wendy Greaves

UK

56 | Teacher

Circumnavigator

Team Warrant



“ Usually I'm a consultant, but I've enjoyed taking a break from that and being out here, meeting new people and going on a hell of a new journey. We all do these types of things, and we have all had the experience that really everyone can access, but not enough people do. ”

Chris Ruotolo

USA

43 | Training & Organisational
Development Manager

Leg 8

Team Washington, D.C.



“ I'm on a gap year away from A levels. I thought I was only going to take one year, but it's completely changed my life. I've always wanted to do the Clipper Race, but this gap year has been the perfect opportunity. It's always been a dream, but now it's one come true. My Dad did the first race when he was 17 – in 1997 – and I've brought it back 30 years later. I was meant to go to university next year, but I think I'm going to keep on exploring. ”

Zoe Ward

UK / France

18 | Gap Year Student

Legs 5 & 6

Team London Business School

RACE AROUND THE WORLD

THE FULL CIRCUMNAVIGATION

The 40,000NM race circuit is a mix of sailing conditions and challenges.

Each edition of the Clipper Race is different. The eight legs are typically split into 13-15 individual stages; a mixture of sprint and marathon challenges designed to test every team.

The winning team of each stage is awarded maximum race points, second place one less and so on. Bonus points can be gained for successful tactical decisions at race features, such as Scoring Gates and Ocean Sprints. These keep the racing exciting and competitive throughout the epic eleven-month campaign.

The dates and location information here are provided as a guide only.

Details of the distances, the Host 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.

CIRCUMNAVIGATION

CIRCUMNAVIGATION
 Round the world
 13 - 15 stages
 40,000NM
 Around 11 months
 2°C to 35°C
 August 2027 - July 2028

LEG 1

THE ATLANTIC TRADE WINDS
 United Kingdom - South America
 1 - 2 stages
 6,250NM
 Around 35 days racing
 13°C to 35°C
 August 2027 - October 2027

LEG 2

SOUTH ATLANTIC CHALLENGE
 South America - South Africa
 1 stage
 3,600NM
 Around 17 days racing
 10°C to 20°C
 October 2027 - November 2027

LEG 3

THE ROARING FORTIES
 South Africa - West Australia
 1 stage
 4,800NM
 Around 25 days racing
 10°C to 26°C
 November 2027 - December 2027

LEG 4

THE AUSTRALASIA TWO OCEAN ADVENTURE
 Australasia
 1 - 2 stages
 3,400NM
 Around 19 days racing
 5°C to 32°C
 December 2027 - January 2028

LEG 5

THE ASIA-PACIFIC CHALLENGE
 East Australia - China
 2 - 3 stages
 5,800NM
 Around 35 days racing
 16°C to 35°C
 January 2028 - March 2028

LEG 6

THE MIGHTY PACIFIC
 China - West Coast, North America
 1 - 2 stages
 6,900NM
 Around 37 days racing
 0°C to 18°C
 March 2028 - April 2028

LEG 7

THE AMERICAS COAST-TO-COAST
 West Coast - East Coast, North America
 2 - 3 stages
 6,200NM
 Around 40 days racing
 15°C to 32°C
 April 2028 - June 2028

LEG 8

THE ATLANTIC HOMECOMING
 East Coast, North America - United Kingdom
 2 - 3 stages
 3,900NM
 Around 22 days racing
 12°C to 25°C
 June 2028 - July 2028

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CIRCUMNAVIGATION

£66,500*
[Plus training & kit package]

KEY FEATURES

40,000 nautical miles over eleven months

Six ocean crossings

Become one of an elite group of circumnavigators

EXPERIENCE EVERYTHING



To complete the Clipper Race, you'll need determination, resilience and the ability to adapt to life aboard a stripped-back ocean racing yacht for eleven months. While nothing can fully prepare you for sailing around the world, you'll develop the skills, confidence and experience to take on one of the world's greatest endurance challenges.

You may begin as a sailing novice, but by the end of the race you'll have more than 40,000 nautical miles in your logbook. You'll have crossed the Equator twice and sailed through warm trade winds, heavy weather and the tropical heat of the Doldrums – experiencing the full range of conditions the world's oceans can deliver.

There will be days of calm and days battling 65-knot winds, driving rain, sleet, snow and fog. You'll experience the anticipation of your first Race Start and the

satisfaction of arriving in Host Ports around the world, with time to recharge before the next challenge begins.

Along the way, you'll visit more than a dozen Host Ports, celebrate achievements with your teammates, meet people from around the world, build lasting friendships, strengthen your seamanship and discover what you're capable of as part of a team.

When you return to your point of departure and cross your outward track, you'll join one of the world's most exclusive clubs: circumnavigators. You'll return home as an around the world ocean racer, with memories that will stay with you for life.

“ A mix of emotions having completed a circumnavigation and being back in Portsmouth. A lot of people have said it, but you leave as one person and come back as another. Those moments in life that define you and change you, this is definitely one of them and something that I will never forget. It is such a great accomplishment that we have achieved as a team. ”

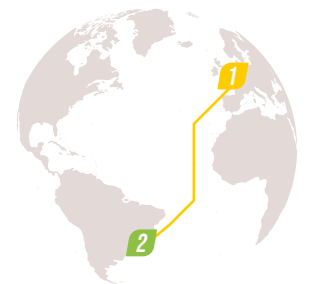
Jimmy Johnson
USA
59 | Retired Firefighter
Circumnavigator
Team Warrant



£10,295*
[Plus training & kit package]

LEG 1

THE ATLANTIC TRADE WINDS



KEY FEATURES

Be part of the Race Start celebration

Atlantic crossing

Equator crossing

The first ocean crossing – the Atlantic – sees the crew at sea for around four weeks. After the emotions of saying goodbye to loved ones, you'll experience a huge variety of conditions, from the calm of the Doldrums and exhilarating Trade Wind spinnaker sailing to an exciting Equator crossing, before celebrating your arrival South American style.

After crossing the start line, the first challenge is negotiating the fast-running tides around the UK and Northern France. The Bay of Biscay, notorious for heavy seas and violent storms, can provide an early test as teams look to make a fast passage south.

With the first European stopover behind you and watch systems established, the first major tactical decision of the Clipper Race soon arrives. Should you leave the Canary Islands to the east, sail through the middle or pass to the west? Choose the

wrong route and you could find yourself in the lee of the islands while the rest of the fleet pulls away towards Cape Verde.

Typically found just north of the Equator, the Doldrums test crews with unpredictable winds, squalls, intense heat and prolonged calms, demanding patience and careful decision-making.

Crossing the Equator for the first time is a memorable milestone. King Neptune's traditional ceremony transforms Pollywogs into Shellbacks – it's a real leg highlight!

From there, teams pick up the south-east Trade Winds before making their way towards the finish line, where a memorable South American welcome awaits.

“ This is the second time I joined – I did Leg 7 last time and returned this time for Leg 1 and Leg 8, on the best team ever! It was an incredible experience. Sailing the Atlantic is so much fun! There are times you'll get a little intimidated, but the way you get trained and the people you are with make it all good – it is an incredible experience. ”

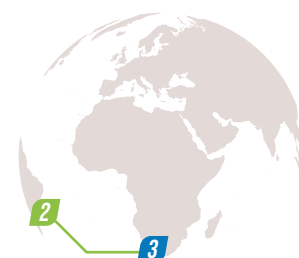
Megan Bell
USA
41 | Marketing & Events Manager
Legs 1 & 8
Team GOSH



LEG 2

THE SOUTH ATLANTIC CHALLENGE

£8,995*
[Plus training & kit package]



KEY FEATURES

| Big seas and surfing down waves

| Tactical racing

| South Atlantic crossing

If it's big seas and adrenaline you're after, this is the leg for you. Leaving the South American coastline behind, the fleet heads south-east into the powerful South Atlantic. Storms, albatross and tactical decisions all await. How far south should you go? How big will the first weather system be? Do you follow the rhumb line or sail extra miles in search of stronger winds? These decisions can make the difference between a podium finish and the middle of the fleet.

As the fleet leaves the South Atlantic Trade Winds behind, conditions begin to build. Bigger seas, stronger winds and long rolling swells make this one of the fastest and most exhilarating legs of the race.

Ocean racing tactics come into their own as teams make the most of the conditions. Boats regularly surf down the waves at speeds in excess of 20 knots, with some crews reporting speeds of more than 30 knots.

The asymmetric spinnaker is likely to feature heavily throughout this predominantly downwind leg. Maximising speed while protecting your sails is all part of the challenge, as damage to a spinnaker can have consequences for the rest of the race.

As you approach the point where the Atlantic meets the Indian Ocean, the finish line comes into sight. A warm African welcome awaits as you step ashore, having completed your South Atlantic crossing.

“ I chose Leg 2 so I would feel ready for the Roaring Forties and feel confident with racing and life on board, and it meant I could see South America at the same time. When we finished Leg 2 and saw Table Mountain, we didn't want to get off. ”

Christin Schulz
German
38 | Project Manager
Legs 2 & 3
Team Tongyeong



LEG 3

THE ROARING FORTIES

£10,295*
[Plus training & kit package]



KEY FEATURES

| Adrenaline seekers love the ultimate sleigh ride!

| Rounding the Cape of Good Hope

| Sail in one of the most remote areas on the planet

After a spectacular Parade of Sail past cheering crowds, it's time to leave South Africa behind and head out towards one of the world's Great Capes – the Cape of Good Hope. For many sailors, this marks the start of one of the most anticipated legs of the race.

The Roaring Forties offers some of the fastest, most exhilarating sailing of the circumnavigation. Once clear of the stunning, but often fickle, winds of Table Bay, teams round the Cape of Good Hope and cross the Agulhas Bank, where the Atlantic and Indian Oceans meet and conditions can quickly become challenging.

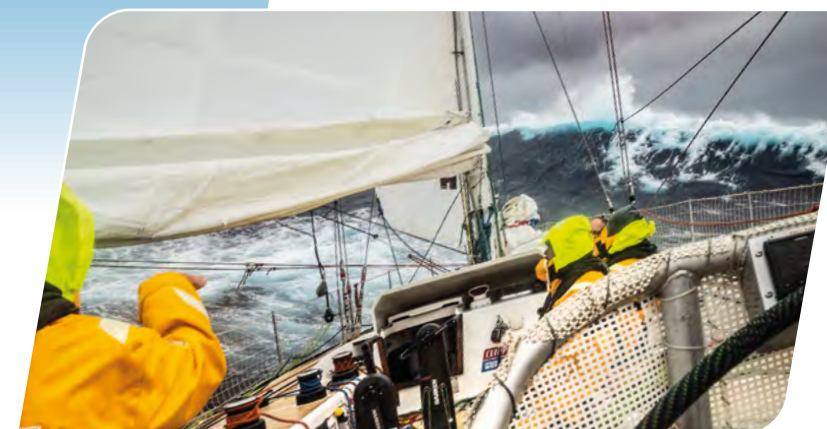
Ocean racing tactics come into their own as crews make the most of the strong winds. Spinnakers are likely to feature heavily, while the

yachts surf down 15-metre waves at speeds of more than 25 knots. Careful sail handling is essential, and you'll soon discover what these yachts are capable of.

Despite its formidable reputation, the Roaring Forties is regarded by many sailors as one of the most rewarding stretches of ocean on the planet. It's here that you'll experience the true scale and power of this stretch of ocean.

“ There's a mystique about it that I really admire. It is so absolutely remote. We didn't see a soul or any signs of man's imprint on the earth until we were a few hours from Fremantle. We didn't see pollution in the water, or plane trails in the sky; you really felt alone out there. ”

Morgan Delashmutt
USA
50 | Director of Safety & Compliance
Legs 3 & 6
Team Tongyeong



LEG 4

£8,295*
[Plus training & kit package]

THE AUSTRALASIA TWO OCEAN ADVENTURE



KEY FEATURES

- Celebrate Christmas and New Year at sea
- Round the famous Cape Leeuwin
- Sail through some of the southernmost latitudes of the route

This is an exhilarating, hold-on-to-your-hat kind of leg. It will challenge you in every way. Constantly changing conditions, from brutal to calm, mean there's little opportunity to relax as you're tested mentally, physically and emotionally. After the Race Start, the fleet heads deeper into the open ocean, towards the most southerly point of the circumnavigation.

As temperatures plummet, vigilance becomes essential. You'll sail through some of the most remote and inhospitable waters on the planet, where icebergs flow north from Antarctica.

Tactical decisions continue throughout the leg. Some teams head south of the rhumb line to take advantage of stronger winds, adding extra miles in search of greater speed. Others stay further north to avoid low-pressure systems, but risk the wind holes of the Great Australian Bight.

After rounding South East Cape, the southern tip of Tasmania, which divides the Pacific Ocean and the Indian Ocean, you'll turn north and cross the notorious Bass Strait. Traditionally a downwind section, it can also produce steep seas and demanding conditions. From there, you'll sail against the famous East Australian Current, which flows south along the coast at speeds of up to four knots. This presents another tactical decision: stay closer inshore to shorten the distance, or head offshore to avoid the adverse current.

As you approach Australia's East Coast, warmer waters, stunning scenery and tropical sailing conditions provide a memorable finish to one of the most varied legs of the race.

“ Leg 4 is arguably one of my favourites. Make no mistake - Australia is a big island and the 4000nm journey adds a mental edge that will challenge your grit to keep pushing. Any accomplished or aspiring sailor will learn a tremendous amount having tested themselves along this passage. ”

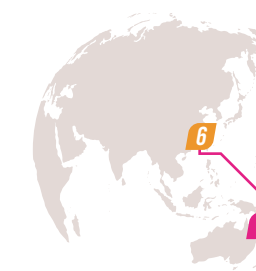
Dylan Kotze
South Africa
42 | Skipper
Circumnavigator
Team Warrant



LEG 5

£8,295*
[Plus training & kit package]

THE ASIA-PACIFIC CHALLENGE



KEY FEATURES

- Close, competitive racing
- Navigationally challenging
- Equator crossing

Probably the most competitive leg of the entire circumnavigation, this offers some of the most varied conditions of the race, with challenging, close racing throughout. Teams will be tested as you adapt to constantly changing sailing and climate conditions.

Traditionally, this is the first offshore start of the Clipper Race. As the fleet heads north, temperatures begin to soar, and as the teams reach the Equator, the breeze may well drop altogether. High levels of concentration will be needed, as every tweak can affect boat speed and crews 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 a second time. Here, Race Crew are likely to witness spectacular lightning storms,

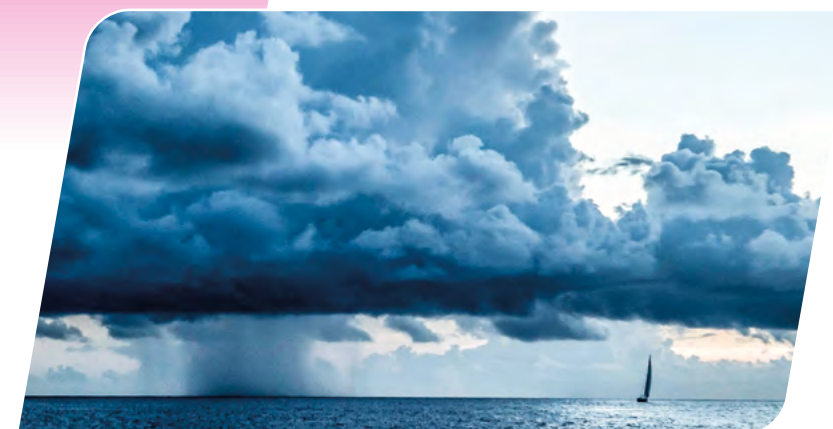
while passing squalls offer some welcome relief from the heat, often bringing heavy rain with them.

Continuing north of the Equator, the wind begins to build once again as the fleet enters the North East Monsoon, providing another opportunity for teams to pull away from the rest of the fleet.

A hero's welcome and spectacular ceremonies 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.

“ Anyone sailing on Leg 5 needs to be up for a bit of everything: upwind, downwind, southerly busters and squalls. And Race Crew will find the best sailing possible past incredible islands groups like Papua New Guinea and Micronesia. This is one not to be missed! ”

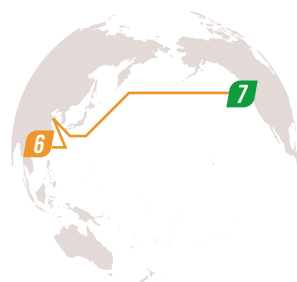
Dale Smyth
Clipper Race Director



LEG 6

£8,995*
[Plus training & kit package]

THE MIGHTY PACIFIC



KEY FEATURES

- | Pacific crossing
- | Crossing the International Date Line
- | Big waves and high wind speeds

Few people dare to cross the North Pacific, the world's largest ocean – and for good reason. The Clipper Race is the only round-the-world yacht race to take it on, and nothing will give you a greater sense of achievement than overcoming its enormous waves and storms.

Referred to as 'The Big One' for good reason, the Pacific is the world's largest ocean and, at times, the closest humans to the Clipper Race teams will be those aboard the International Space Station.

As you leave Asian waters behind and head towards the North Pacific, you're likely to navigate fog, fishing boats and even snow. It's then a race to the tip of Japan, where the Kuroshio Current (Black Stream) can help propel the fleet east, but also create confused seas and demanding conditions.

Once clear of Japan, the North Pacific awaits, bringing cold temperatures, powerful weather systems and long, dark nights. This leg is famous for its huge Pacific rollers, allowing the yachts to surf at speeds of up to 30 knots into the trough ahead.

Out here, you'll gain a true sense of the scale of the Pacific and just how remote this part of the world really is. Crossing the International Date Line by sea is an experience few people will ever have, though it can lead to some confusion over what the date actually is!

From there, it's roughly halfway to the American West Coast, but the challenge is far from over. Maintaining your competitive focus, preserving your equipment and looking after crew morale remain constant priorities. By the time you reach the other side of the Pacific, you'll have earned the right to call yourself an ocean racer.

“ Surfing down the huge waves is an amazing experience – it's like a melody – you feel the wind, feel the waves and feel the boat moving. And you're trying to be part of the melody. It's amazing! ”

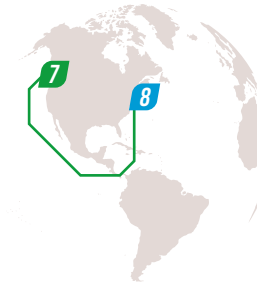
Julia Heitmann
German
36 | Airline Pilot
Leg 6
Team Power of Seattle Sports



LEG 7

£8,995*
[Plus training & kit package]

AMERICAS COAST-TO-COAST



KEY FEATURES

- | Transit the iconic Panama Canal
- | Caribbean Island sailing
- | Tactical racing off the Western Coast USA and Mexico

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 a unique and unforgettable experience.

The first big decision is whether to take the inshore or offshore route. The Californian Current flows south, but the helping hand it provides can be offset by heating effects from the North American land mass, which may create unfavourable winds.

The race south along the US and Mexican coasts brings contrasting conditions – from fast sailing early on to lighter winds that can test patience and tactics further south. Conditions near the ITCZ (Inter Tropical Convergence Zone – or Doldrums) could decide the final finishing positions before

Panama. Once the fleet has transited the 41 nautical miles of the Canal, surrounded by pristine tropical rainforest teeming with wildlife, the yachts set off on an upwind battle to the north.

Many sail changes are likely as lighter winds near the Windward Passage, between Cuba and Hispaniola, mark the exit from the Caribbean Sea into the Atlantic Ocean. Variable winds created by weather systems moving off the North American land mass present yet another tactical challenge.

Thunderstorms are likely to provide a spectacular backdrop, with the air alive with static and lightning striking the sea around the finish line.



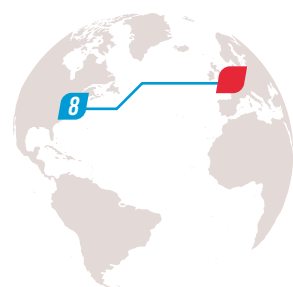
“ We saw absolutely loads of dolphins, which was incredible at night with all the bioluminescence – and they are like torpedoes coming at you, doing donuts and leaping out of the air. ”

Michelle Weissenborn
UK
50 | Head of Property & Facilities
Legs 5, 6, 7 & 8
Team London Business School

LEG 8

£10,295*
[Plus training & kit package]

THE ATLANTIC HOMECOMING



KEY FEATURES

- | The homcoming leg of the circumnavigation
- | North Atlantic crossing
- | Big downwind conditions

While this may be the homeward-bound leg for the fleet, there's still plenty of racing to be enjoyed. Overall victory has been decided on the final stage of this leg on more than one occasion, and on this race route there's the potential for some fast and exhilarating sailing.

It's important for teams to avoid complacency as they begin the final leg of the circumnavigation. Following the Great Circle route across the North Atlantic, the fleet heads back towards Europe, where weather conditions can be every bit as challenging as the Pacific, with powerful depressions bringing strong winds and big swells.

Continuing east, you'll enjoy some fast downwind sailing in the prevailing westerlies as the finish draws ever closer. With final points still up for grabs, everything remains to play for as you race towards Northern Europe.

A final power sprint home completes the adventure. With podium places and final standings often decided in the closing stages – this is a thrilling finish where anything can happen.

The celebrations at Race Finish provide a fitting end to an extraordinary achievement, as you celebrate everything you've accomplished and take your place among a remarkable community of ocean racers.



“ Oh, it was fantastic! It was a bit hotter than I expected! But it was lovely, great conditions. It was a great time to savour every moment of it. It was absolutely worth the wait for Leg 8 – I would do it all again in a heartbeat. ”

Katharine (Katie) Archibald
UK
29 | Software Engineer
Leg 8
Team GOSH

LIFE AT AN ANGLE

ON BOARD AN OCEAN RACING YACHT

The crew, typically divided into two watches alongside your Skipper and First Mate, will become a well-oiled machine, continually refining the way you work together to optimise boat performance in 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 watch spectacular sunsets beneath crystal-clear, star-filled skies. Along the way, you'll discover an inner strength and resilience you may never have known you had, and forge lifelong friendships built on teamwork, trust and the experiences you've shared together.



“ I wasn't a sailor before I signed up; I had no sailing experience. I was stuck in a cycle of work and I needed a getaway and to change my life and immerse myself in something new that would challenge me. I didn't really know what I wanted to achieve, but it has been more than I could have ever dreamed of. ”

Maartje Van Huijstee
The Netherlands
32 | Freelance Film & TV Producer
Circumnavigator
Team Power of Seattle Sports

CLIPPER RX

DESIGNED FOR SPEED AND ADVENTURE

The Clipper RX distils 30 years of ocean racing experience into a yacht designed to deliver the ultimate race experience.

The Clipper RX combines innovative design with exceptional performance. Its distinctive bow, smooth hull lines and integrated safety features create a fast, capable and seaworthy 72-foot ocean racing yacht. The new design was developed by the Clipper Race team, led by Sir Robin Knox-Johnston, in partnership with naval architects Fish Composites and renowned racing yacht designer Nigel Irens.

Every feature has been carefully considered to enhance crew safety, performance and life on board in the demanding conditions of the Clipper Race.

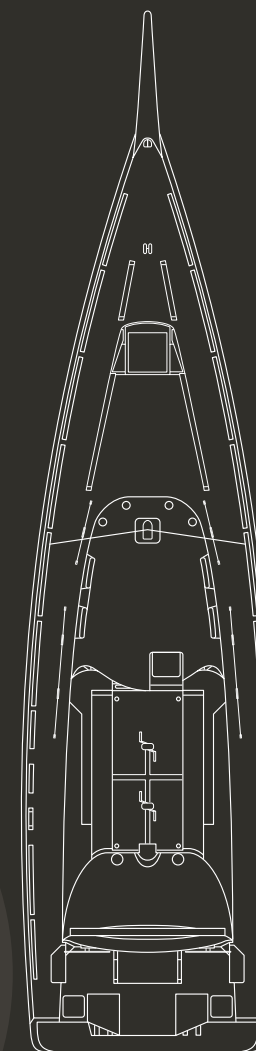
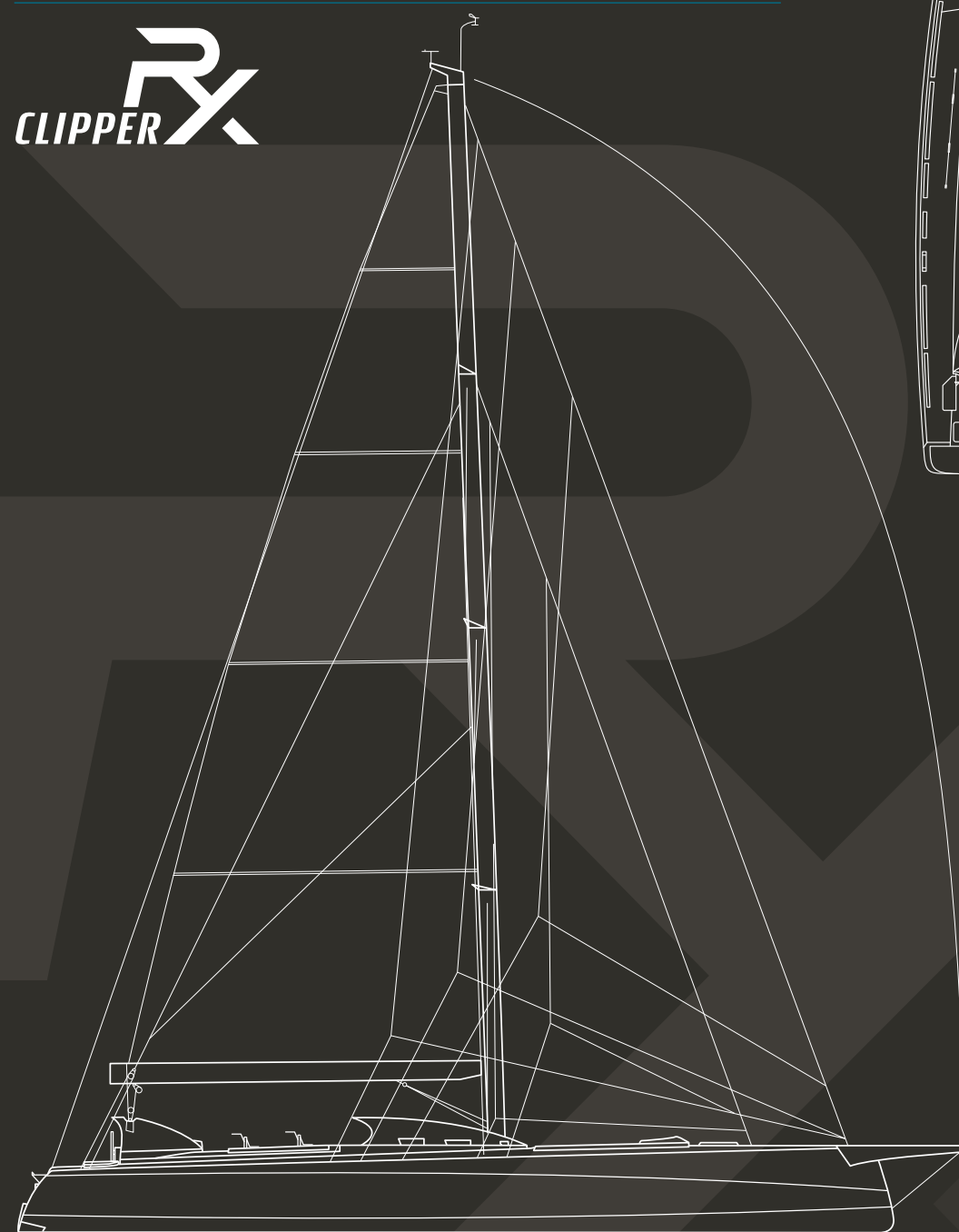
The wider, more buoyant bow helps keep crew drier and makes headsail changes easier. Bringing the forestay inboard also allows full deck access forward of the outer forestay, while retaining the simplicity and reliability of hanked-on headsails.

Innovative deck cuddies at two watertight companionways provide quicker access between the accommodation, mid-cockpit and twin helms, reducing the need for crew to move the length of the deck. They also give on-watch crew and helmsmen greater protection from wind and water sweeping across the deck.

Following an extensive programme of testing, rig tuning and crew training, the new Clipper RX fleet will make its racing debut in the Clipper 2027-28 Race – ready to deliver an even safer, faster and more rewarding ocean racing experience.

SPECIFICATIONS	IMPERIAL	METRIC
Length Overall (Hull)	71' 11"	21.92 m
Length Waterline	69' 11"	21.30 m
Beam	18' 10"	5.75 m
Beam Waterline	15' 4"	4.68 m
Draft	10' 6"	3.20 m
Mainsail Area	1326 ft sq	123.2 m sq
Headsail Area	1410 ft sq	131 m sq
Asymmetric Spinnaker Area	4392 ft sq	408 m sq
Air Draft	100 ft	30.5 m
Displacement	36.46 long ton	37,050 kg

CLIPPER RX



ROLES ON BOARD



“ A Watch Leader is management – you’re managing people. Starting with zero sailing experience, it was an honour to be asked to be Watch Leader, and I had a great group of people who made it a great role. ”

Ruby Thornton

Canada

28 | Teacher

Circumnavigator

Team Yacht Club Punta Del Este

A CLIPPER RX IS NOT A PLACE FOR THE FAINT-HEARTED

As a crew member, you’ll be trained as an ocean racer, working as part of a team to become a self-sufficient unit capable of handling almost any situation, whatever the conditions.

You’ll be involved in every role on deck – from helm, mast, pit, bow and grinder – with the opportunity to specialise in the areas where your strengths lie.

In addition, you’ll play a vital role within your team, taking on responsibilities that range from media and engineering to sail repair and galley duty.



BOSUN

Supports the Skipper with maintaining all deck equipment before, during and after each race. Helps care for the rigging, winches, ropes and deck hardware, making this an ideal role for someone practical with a good eye for detail.

GALLEY DUTY

A shared responsibility across the whole crew, galley duty keeps everyone fuelled for the race. From preparing meals and managing food supplies to cleaning the galley, you’ll also be ready to lend a hand on deck whenever needed.

ENGINEER

Works alongside the Skipper to keep the yacht’s mechanical, electrical and plumbing systems running smoothly. Routine maintenance, servicing and repairs help keep the team racing safely throughout the challenge.

STOPOVER MANAGER

Coordinates the crew’s stopover programme under the guidance of the Skipper. From organising maintenance and safety checks to planning the deep clean, this role helps keep the yacht race-ready while giving the crew time to rest ashore.

VICTUALLER

Plans meals and manages food supplies for the team throughout the race. From provisioning at stopovers to ensuring everyone is well fed, this role plays a key part in keeping the crew performing at their best.

TEAM COORDINATOR

Helps to support the Skipper with the day-to-day organisation of the yacht, including customs paperwork, race administration and planning for each stopover. A role suited to someone organised, reliable and calm under pressure.

SAILMAKER

Leads the sail repair team, maintaining and repairing the yacht’s sails throughout the race. Well-maintained sails are essential to both performance and racing success.

SOCIAL SECRETARY / TREASURER

Looks after the crew fund, helps organise social events and keeps everyone connected both on and off the yacht. This role also supports communication with friends, family and incoming leggers to help maintain team spirit.

MEDICAL ASSISTANT

Supports the Skipper and First Mate with medical care on board. While they retain overall responsibility, this role helps respond to illness and injury, maintains medical supplies and ensures equipment is always ready for use.

MEDIA CREW

Liaises with the Clipper Race Communications Team to capture life on board through stories, photography and video, while helping coordinate media requests throughout the race.

WORLD-CLASS TRAINING

PRE-RACE TRAINING IS COMPULSORY FOR EVERYONE

A core part of the Clipper Race experience, our pioneering training programme prepares complete novices and experienced sailors alike for some of the world's most demanding sailing conditions.

We take the lessons learned from racing more than five million miles and apply them to our global training courses, continually updating our material to ensure our crews are trained to the highest standard and remain focused on safety.

Working alongside our professional Skippers and First Mates, you'll live on board our racing yachts from day one. You'll build strong teams,

practise safety drills, learn the ropes, cook, clean and race. Along the way, you'll also learn yacht maintenance and management, racing tactics, survival at sea and weather routing.

The most important skill you'll develop is working as part of a multi-disciplined, high-performance team that can perform in whatever conditions Mother Nature has to offer.

There are four levels of compulsory training to pass. Each is an intensive physical and mental programme delivered through the Clipper Race Training School in the UK.

The sequential one-week courses must be successfully completed before you race but can be taken 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.

Around 30 percent of crew members won't have ever sailed before they start their training. If you wish, you can also complete optional courses designed to complement your compulsory training at the Hamble School of Yachting in the UK or build your miles with Clipper Events.



LEVEL 1 INTRODUCTION TO OCEAN SAILING

To become an ocean racer, you first need to become a safe and competent sailor. This is where you'll learn the fundamentals of sailing and how to move confidently around a Clipper Race yacht.

Within a few days, you'll take your turn at the helm, experience every role on board and discover how well you can perform as part of a team when you're cold, wet and tired. Completing Level 1 will make this adventure feel more real, and it will set you well on the way to becoming an ocean racer. During this level, you'll also be measured for your Clipper Race technical clothing kit.



LEVEL 2 LIVING AT SEA

You'll be surprised how quickly the skills you learned on Level 1 return, particularly the essential safety drills and procedures.

Level 2 introduces life at sea for extended periods. You'll experience sailing at an angle, stand night watches and begin working within your watch system, testing both your concentration and physical endurance.

By the end of this level, you'll be well on your way to becoming an ocean racer.



LEVEL 3 POWER AND PERFORMANCE

As your skills and confidence grow, so do the demands we place on you, ensuring you're ready to react instinctively when it matters most.

The Clipper RX yachts fly asymmetric spinnakers, making for fast, exciting and physically demanding sailing. This is where you'll really develop your sailing skills, learning more about sail trim, boat speed and the weather systems you'll race in.



LEVEL 4 RACE READY

You're almost there – Race Start is just around the corner.

Now it's time to put the finishing touches to your training. You'll join your Skipper, First Mate and team to race against the rest of the Clipper Race fleet, practising Race Starts, building team cohesion and gaining valuable experience in competitive fleet racing.

There may be no points at stake during Level 4, but make no mistake – the racing has already begun.



HOST PORTS AND STOPOVERS

A WORLD OF EXPERIENCES BEYOND THE RACE

Between ocean crossings, you'll visit Host Ports around the world where you'll have time to rest, prepare for the next leg, explore new destinations, experience different cultures and enjoy unforgettable local hospitality. In many ports, you'll receive a hero's welcome as the fleet arrives, with celebrations, events and a warm welcome from the communities that host the Clipper Race.

Whether you're racing a single leg or completing the full eleven-month circumnavigation, stopovers also give family and friends the opportunity to reunite with you, celebrate your achievements and share in the excitement of Race Starts and Race Finishes.



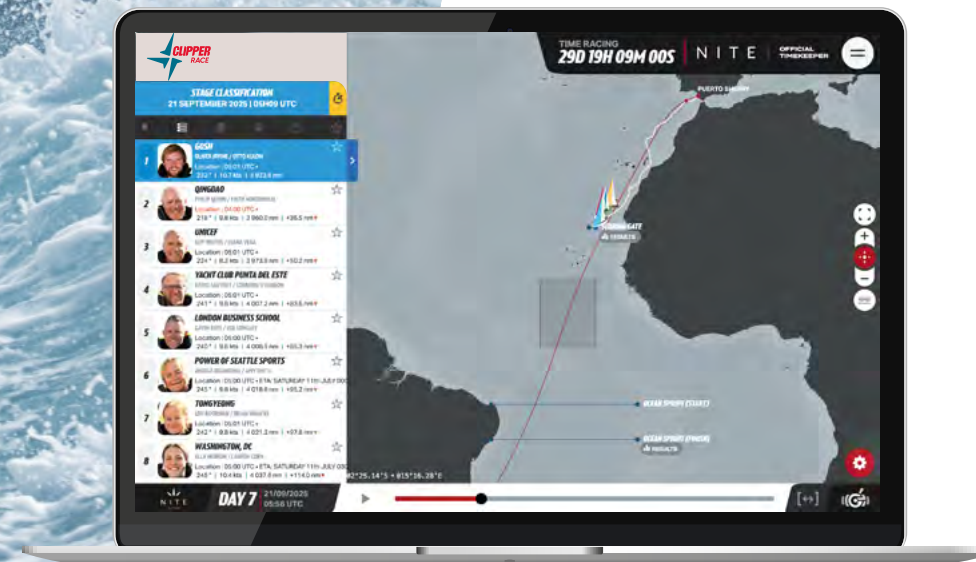
SHARE THE ADVENTURE

YOUR FRIENDS AND FAMILY ARE PART OF THE EXPERIENCE

The Clipper Race is an unforgettable adventure, not just for you, but for the people supporting you along the way.

Family and friends can follow every moment through the Clipper Race website, Race Tracker and social channels. Updated hourly, the Race Tracker shows the latest yacht positions, weather conditions and team standings, often revealing just how close the racing really is.

The adventure isn't limited to life at sea. Throughout the race, friends and family are encouraged to visit Host Ports, where they can reunite with you, experience the excitement of Race Starts and Race Finishes, and soak up the unique atmosphere of the Clipper Race.



RACE FOR A REASON

MAKE YOUR MILES MEAN MORE

Every Clipper Race crew member has their own reason for taking on this extraordinary challenge. For many, it's also an opportunity to make a difference.

Over the years, Race Crew have raised millions for charities and causes close to their hearts, using their Clipper Race journey to inspire others and create lasting impact. Whether supporting the Clipper Race Charity or a cause that's personal to you, your race can become part of something even bigger.

FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS

Do I need previous sailing experience?

No. Around 30% of Race Crew have never sailed before they begin training. Whether you're a complete novice or an experienced sailor, our compulsory training programme will prepare you with the skills and confidence to take on the Clipper Race.

Is it safe?

Safety underpins everything we do. The Clipper Race is an extreme endurance challenge, which is why every crew member completes comprehensive training before racing. From day one, our professional Skippers and First Mates will prepare you with the skills, procedures and confidence needed to race safely.

What are you looking for in a crew member?

What matters most is your attitude. Crew come from countries around the world and all walks of life, bringing different skills and experiences to the team. Determination, resilience, enthusiasm and the ability to work together are far more important than previous sailing experience. While some crew choose specialist roles such as Medical Assistant or Engineer, full training is provided and everyone has an important part to play.

How fit do I need to be?

Like any major physical challenge, a good level of fitness will help you get the most from training and racing. Teamwork and technique are just as important as strength, and your training will help identify areas you may wish to improve. During the race, it's not unusual to burn around 5,000 calories a day.

How much personal kit can I take?

Space is limited, so packing is all about striking the right balance. Ultimately this is a decision you will make together with your team. However, most crew bring between 20 and 30kg of personal kit, and we'll provide detailed guidance before your race.

How flexible is the training?

All four levels of compulsory training take place in the UK and run throughout the year, allowing you to plan around work, family and other commitments. You can also choose to complete optional courses through the Hamble School of Yachting.

How are teams allocated?

We carefully balance every team across the fleet, considering experience, nationality, age and background to ensure competitive racing. If you have a preferred Team Partner, let us know and we'll do our best to accommodate your request.

What if I get seasick?

Most people experience some degree of seasickness during their first few days at sea. Everyone finds different remedies that work for them, and for most people it passes as their body adapts to life on the ocean.

What happens in the Host Ports?

Host Ports are your chance to rest, prepare for the next leg and experience new destinations and cultures. They're also an opportunity to reconnect with family and friends, enjoy local celebrations and experience the unique welcome the Clipper Race receives around the world.

Can my family visit me during the race?

Yes. Family and friends are welcome to join you in many Host Ports throughout the race, making stopovers the perfect opportunity to reunite, celebrate your achievements and experience the Clipper Race together.

Can I race just one leg?

Absolutely. You can join the Clipper Race for a single leg, multiple legs or take on the full eleven-month circumnavigation.

What happens next?

The next step is to speak to our Recruitment Team. Join a Discovery Webinar, arrange a call or book an interview to discuss your goals and find out which race option is right for you. If your application is successful, you'll receive your contract and begin preparing for the adventure ahead.

STILL HAVE QUESTIONS?

Our Recruitment Team is here to help. Whether you're curious about training, choosing the right leg or life on board, we're always happy to answer your questions.

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Routes, Host Ports and prices are indicative and may be subject to change. The Clipper RX fleet is currently planned to launch for the Clipper 2027-28 Race, subject to the successful completion of its development programme.

BECOME AN OCEAN RACER

HOW TO APPLY

THE APPLICATION PROCESS

- 1 Download information pack**
To get started, download the information pack. It contains all the key details you need to know about the race and should whet your appetite for adventure.
- 2 Join a Discovery Webinar**
Discover the qualities we seek in our crew, gain insights into the selection and training process, and learn what to expect when racing as part of the team. Have your questions answered in a live Q&A session.
- 3 Complete Race Application**
Start your Clipper Race journey by filling out a short online application.
- 4 Informal interview**
We'll invite you to an informal interview to discuss your goals and explain the training process. If successful, you'll receive a contract offer for your chosen leg(s). Once accepted, you can start payments and plan your training.
- 5 Complete Race Crew Training**
Your Race Crew Training takes place over four levels of practical courses each lasting a week. These will give you a grounding in sailing techniques and advanced ocean safety.

2027-28 CLIPPER RACE RACE FEES

PRE RACE	£7,995*	TRAINING & KIT PACKAGE
LEG 1	£10,295	THE ATLANTIC TRADE WINDS
LEG 2	£8,995	THE SOUTH ATLANTIC CHALLENGE
LEG 3	£10,295	THE ROARING FORTIES
LEG 4	£8,295	THE AUSTRALASIA TWO OCEAN ADVENTURE
LEG 5	£8,295	THE ASIA-PACIFIC CHALLENGE
LEG 6	£8,995	THE MIGHTY PACIFIC
LEG 7	£8,995	THE AMERICAS COAST-TO-COAST
LEG 8	£10,295	THE ATLANTIC HOMECOMING
CIRCUMNAVIGATION	£66,500	EXPERIENCE EVERYTHING

Your total berth cost is made up of the pre-race training and kit package plus the combined cost of your selected legs. Insurance costs are included in cost of the leg.

SPREAD THE COSTS OVER SEVERAL MONTHS

You can pay by standing order commencing the month after your contract is processed.

APPLY ONLINE AT:

clipperroundtheworld.com

YOUR PERSONAL RACE CREW KIT PACKAGE

Included as part of your compulsory training, you'll receive premium Musto technical clothing worth over £2,600 RRP. Tried and tested by professional ocean racers, it includes the renowned HPX GORE-TEX Pro Series Smock and Salopettes.

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*The pre-race training and kit package includes 26 days of compulsory training, and technical clothing worth more than £2,600 RRP.

READY TO FIND OUT MORE?

Whether you're ready to race or simply want to explore what's possible, our team is here to help.

JOIN A DISCOVERY WEBINAR

Learn more about becoming Race Crew, hear from past participants and ask any questions you have.

SPEAK TO THE TEAM

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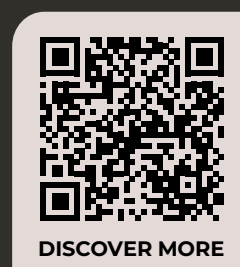
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