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Since the launch of the [Class Globe 5.80](#), over 230 people in more than 27 countries have purchased plans to build their own 19-foot plywood 'mini' yacht. The '5.80' refers to its length in metres, which is compact enough to be shipped in a 20-foot container to and from international events.

Conceived by Australian adventurer [Don McIntyre](#) and designed by Polish sailor and designer [Janusz Maderski](#), this new class of 'mini' yacht opens up exciting new possibilities for adventurous and affordable ocean racing.

In 2025, a group of brave adventurers will race their 5.80 yachts solo around the world. The [Mini Globe Race](#) will start on 23 February 2025 and will be divided into four legs:

- Leg One: Start of the race from Antigua to Panama;
- Leg Two: Panama to Fiji via Tahiti and Tonga;
- Leg Three: Fiji to Cape Town via Darwin, Australia, Mauritius and Durban;
- Leg Four: Cape Town to Antigua via St Helena and Recife, Brazil.

The race covers 28,000 miles and is limited to 20 entrants from around the world.

It should take around a year to complete.

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RACE ROUTE

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In the spirit of John Guzzwell & 'TREKKA'

LEG 1 FEBRUARY 23, 2025

Start of race from Antigua to Panama

LEG 2 MARCH 23, 2025

Start of leg 2 from Panama to Fiji via a mystery island, Tahiti and Tonga

LEG 3 JULY 25, 2025

Start of leg 3 from Fiji to Cape Town via Darwin, Mauritius and Durban

LEG 4 DECEMBER 22, 2025

Start of leg 4 from Cape Town back to Antigua via St Helena and Recife



KEY DATES

GLOBE 5.80 TRANSAT (MGR Qualifier)

START	Lagos	Saturday, December 28, 2024
· ETA	Lanzarote	Friday, January 3, 2025
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· ETA	Antigua	Saturday, February 8, 2025

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START	Antigua	Sunday, February 23, 2025
· ETA	Panama	Sunday, March 9, 2025
START	Panama	Sunday, March 23, 2025
· ETA	Mystery Island	Thursday, May 8, 2025
· ETD	Mystery Island	Friday, May 16, 2025
· ETA	Tahiti	Friday, May 30, 2025
· ETD	Tahiti	Friday, June 6, 2025
· ETA	Tonga	Saturday, June 21, 2025
· ETD	Tonga	Sunday, June 29, 2025
· ETA	Fiji	Friday, July 4, 2025
START	Fiji	Friday, July 25, 2025
· ETA	Darwin	Sunday, August 24, 2025
· ETD	Darwin	Monday, September 1, 2025
· ETA	Mauritius	Monday, October 13, 2025
· ETD	Mauritius	Thursday, October 23, 2025
· ETA	Durban	Friday, November 7, 2025
· ETD	Durban	Friday, November 21, 2025
· ETA	Cape Town	Monday, December 1, 2025
START	Cape Town	Monday, December 22, 2025
· ETA	St Helena	Sunday, January 11, 2026
· ETD	St Helena	Monday, January 19, 2026
· ETA	Recife	Sunday, February 8, 2026
START	Recife	Sunday, February 22, 2026
· ETA	Antigua	Thursday, March 19, 2026



**Mini°
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2025**

ENTRANTS

The **Mini Globe Race** is undeniably a formidable challenge and far from easy. At times, it will be anything but fun. Only those seeking something extraordinary in their lives will rise to the occasion.

One thing is certain: this will be an incredible community of people embarking together on a truly remarkable, low-impact, extreme adventure. The stopovers will be wild, the conversations unreal, and the depth of friendship and bonding from sharing a common challenge will be utterly unique. This experience will be a life-defining moment for every sailor involved.

The toughest part awaits at the end: navigating around the Cape of Good Hope and then north of Cape Town will be challenging. But that's just the way it is—the only way.

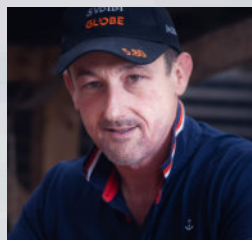
Currently, there are **19 entrants** from **12 countries** officially signed up to compete in the Mini Globe Race: Ireland, Germany, Spain, Australia, the Netherlands, France, Canada, the UK, the USA, Italy, Portugal, and Switzerland.





JASMINE HARRISON

Jasmine is a British adventurer with two World Records under her belt. She achieved worldwide recognition in 2021 when at aged 21 she became the youngest solo female to row the Atlantic Ocean. In 2022 she was the first female to swim the full length of the British Isles, from Lands End to John o' Groats.



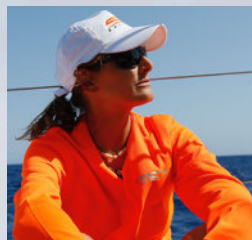
JAKUB ZIEMKIEWICZ

Jacob, a lifelong sailor, grew up navigating Poland's lagoons and lakes in small craft built by his father. Inspired by the Golden Globe Race, the Mini Globe Race is exactly what he's been waiting for in order to fulfil his dream of single-handedly circumnavigating the globe.



DANIEL TURNER

Hailing from Port Lincoln, South Australia, Daniel is a seasoned sailor with roots in competitive sailing since age six. After serving as a Combat Engineer in the Australian Army and excelling in endurance running, including the gruelling *Marathon Des Sables*, his thoughts turn towards the sea once more.



PILAR PASANAU

Pilar Pasanau, an accomplished sailor from Catalonia, has over 25,000 ocean miles to her name, including multiple solo Atlantic crossings. Pilar is thrilled to join the Mini Globe Race, embracing the adventure and community it offers.



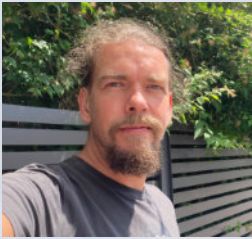
JOSHUA KALI

Josh has spent the past 12 years exploring mountains across three continents. An avid alpinist, he's tackled the Cascades and Patagonia, always seeking new heights. Beyond the mountains, Josh enjoys photography and vintage motorcycle restoration.



ERTAN BESKARDES

Ertan Beskardes was an entrant in the 2018 and 2022 Golden Globe Race. Known for his friendly demeanour and legendary marina omelettes, Ertan's extensive sailing experience promises an exciting journey ahead.



CHRISTIAN SAUER

Christian has dreamt of circumnavigation since childhood. After discovering the Class Globe 5.80, he decided to build his own boat, leveraging his skills as a carpenter and civil engineer. He's excited for the ultimate challenge of sailing around the world.



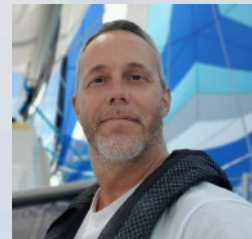
ERIC MARSH

Eric began sailing at 18, progressing from dinghies to catamarans and trailer sailers. He has extensive offshore experience and now aims to fulfil his lifelong dream of circumnavigating the globe, embracing the journey with nature.



TOM KOOLHAAS

Tom, an aspiring solo sailor with an MSc in Climate Studies, is eager to gain ocean crossing experience and sail the world he's spent years studying. He is ready to embark on his dream adventure, mastering skills like cooking with a jetboil along the way.



DAN TURK

Dan honed his skills in keelboat races and solo voyages, sparking a passion for long-distance solo sailing. He aims to inspire underrepresented and at-risk youth through his nonprofit, *Sailing into S.T.E.M.*, inspiring the next generation at each race stopover through the lens of sailing and exploration.



JOHN BLENKINSOP

Mike and John Blenkinsop, a father-son duo, are building two 5.80s and racing against each other around the world. John embraces the 5.80 challenge with the motto, "Catch me if you can!"



ADAM WAUGH

In his late 50s, Adam sought adventure and found freedom in sailing. In January 2022, he embarked on a new journey, purchasing timber to build his 5.80 Mini, setting the stage for his next great adventure.





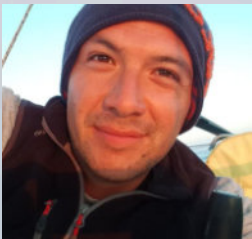
KERI HARRIS

Keri is a French sailor and current owner of *Origami* (Hull 47). *Origami* was built using a CNC kit by former owner Peter Kenyon (UK) and took part in the first ever Class Globe 5.80 Transat in 2021.



GARY SWINDAIL

Gary is a boatbuilder from North Narrabeen, NSW Australia. He is looking forward to completing the build of his own boat, hull number 111, and then sailing it around the world. Gary is racing for the adventure, the challenge and the camaraderie of the other MGR entrants.



MARCO BUONANNI

Marco hails from Italy and is owner of *Bandolero* (Hull 93). Marco built the boat himself and looks forward to competing in the Globe 5.80 Transat before completing a full circumnavigation in the Mini Globe Race.



PATRICK FORKEL

Patrick is from Hamburg, Germany. He is currently building his Class Globe 5.80, 'ADA' (hull 124). He is competing in the Globe 5.80 Transat as well as the Mini Globe Race.



MIKE BLENKINSOP

Mike found the passion for sailing through his father. Having been extremely successful in windsurfing, sailing came naturally, from hobie cat racing to cruising up and down coastal waters on various boats. Mike will be turning 70, entering the seniors division. His motto is simply, "Follow Me".



RENAUD STITELMANN

Capucinette (Hull 28) was launched at Lake Neuchâtel in Switzerland in October 2022 and is undergoing final preparations before taking part in the Globe 5.80 Transat and Mini Globe Race.

 **ALL ENTRANTS**

SISTER EVENTS



The Mini Globe Race has two sister events held every four years: the [Golden Globe Race](#) (GGR) and the recently completed [Ocean Globe Race](#) (OGR). Both are major events that have made different types of round-the-world sailing accessible to ordinary people.

Organised by [McIntyre Adventure](#), these events follow a back-to-basics, retro ocean racing formula that has been both hugely successful and widely appealing.

In recent years, the quest for ultimate speed and extreme budgets in yacht racing has left many sailors behind, prompting a return to the fundamental principles of simplicity, strength, safety, and affordability. Rather than focusing on cutting-edge technology, these races emphasise 'human stories,' capturing the true spirit of adventure.

This approach has resonated with sailors and enthusiasts from all walks of life, spanning different age groups and nationalities.

The next GGR will set sail on 6 September 2026, followed by the OGR on 12 September 2027.



THE IMPACT OF OUR EVENTS

The [Golden Globe Race](#) (GGR) stands alone as the longest, loneliest, slowest, and most daring challenge for an individual in any sport, earning *Event of the Year* at the British Yachting Awards.

The 2022/23 GGR was won by **Kirsten Neuschäfer**, who became the first woman to win a round-the-world race by the three great capes and the first South African sailor to win a round-the-world event.

Following her win and her involvement in the successful rescue of fellow skipper Tapio Lehtinen, Kirsten earned numerous accolades, including the *2023 Rolex World Sailor of the Year*, *Sailor of the Year*, and *Outstanding Achievement of the Year* at the British Yachting Awards, *Sportswoman of the Year* at the SA Sport Awards, and The Cruising Club of America's prestigious *Blue Water Medal*.

The 2022/23 GGR captivated millions worldwide, with emotions running high month after month, and the following grew daily. The release of the [Meltwater media analysis](#) and equivalent advertising/PR value of €213 million reflects that following.

The 2023/24 [Ocean Globe Race](#) (OGR), meanwhile, was won by the all-female team *Maiden*, making history as the first-ever all-women crew to win an around-the-world yacht race.

Both races have not only garnered widespread media attention but have also encouraged a new generation of female sailors to dream big and challenge themselves.



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With the Mini Globe Race, we proudly present a world-first event defined by unparalleled commitment to safety and innovation.

Our comprehensive risk assessment and mitigation strategies ensure that every aspect of the journey is meticulously planned and managed. Adhering to the highest international safety standards, we prioritise the well-being of our entrants and their boats.

The 5.80 design is robust and built specifically to withstand the toughest conditions. Additionally, our extensive crew training ensures that each participant is thoroughly prepared to handle the challenges of racing around the world.

There are no restrictions on satellite media access or the transmission of pictures and updates to the media. Entrants can post pictures from on board and manage their own social media from their boats.

This openness allows for real-time coverage and engagement, bringing the excitement of the race to audiences worldwide. Join us as we redefine adventure on a global scale!

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PARTNERSHIP OPPORTUNITIES

We invite you to join us as a partner in the exhilarating world of [McIntyre Adventure](#). These prestigious events offer unparalleled opportunities to showcase your brand on a global stage, align with values of courage, resilience, and adventure, and engage with a passionate and diverse audience.

WHY PARTNER WITH US?

Global Exposure: Our events attract extensive international media coverage, reaching millions of sailing enthusiasts, adventure seekers, and sports fans worldwide. Your brand will benefit from high visibility across various platforms, including social media, broadcast, and print.

Brand Alignment: Align your brand with the spirit of adventure, determination, and innovation. Our events celebrate human endurance and the quest for excellence, values that resonate deeply with audiences worldwide.

Audience Engagement: Engage with a dedicated and loyal following. Our events captivate a diverse audience, attracting people of all ages and backgrounds—families, non-sailors, both young and old.

Exclusive Opportunities: As a partner, you'll gain access to exclusive events, networking opportunities, and unique content creation possibilities. Showcase your products and services in a dynamic and inspiring context, creating lasting impressions.



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Who is Don McIntyre?

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