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Bainbridge Announces the Plastimo GGR As The Life Raft Of Choice For Most Competitors In The 2018 Golden Globe Single Handed Circumnavigation Race



This year sees the return of the Golden Globe Single Handed Round the World race. The history of the event is that in 1966 a British yachtsman, Francis Chichester set out to sail solo from England to Australia and back via the five great Capes. In doing so, he set the record for the fastest circumnavigation voyage in a small yacht named Gypsy Moth IV in 226 days (plus a stopover in Sydney), beating all previous Clipper ship records. Returning triumphant on May 28th 1967, he was knighted by Queen Elizabeth II and became a hero and inspiration for the sailors that followed.

In 1968 the UK Sunday Times Golden Globe race was announced. This was to be the first non-stop race to circumnavigate the world single handedly. A total of 9 sailors started the race out of England but only one finished, the eventual winner: Sir Robin Knox-Johnston.

The race this year is to celebrate the 50th anniversary of the very first Golden Globe. This time there are 19 sailors who will travel 30,000 miles around the world single handed with no assistance. The unofficial start of the race will be in England where some 6,000 sailors will meet in a sailing parade to celebrate Sir Robin's achievement. Many will be there to sail to on to the official start of the race at Les Sables-D'Olonne in France on July 1st.

Of the 19 single handed sailors taking part, 16 have selected the specially made Plastimo GGR life raft as their main life saving device onboard. The raft is based around the commercially available Transocean ISAF 6 person canister raft (pictured above) that we sell here in the USA. It includes an AIS transponder, 405 MHZ PLB with GPS put into the raft just before the race.

Not only do all Plastimo life rafts now have the exclusive 18 year warranty, but we are also very proud to be able to represent *the brand of choice for 16 out of 19* of the most brave sailors to circumnavigate the world alone.

For more details on the 2018 Golden Globe Race, please visit: www.goldengloberace.com

For more information on the Plastimo Life Raft range available in the USA, please visit: www.bainbridgeintusa.com



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