



*Fastnet Rock Challenge*

*4<sup>th</sup> – 11<sup>th</sup> September 2009*



## Fastnet Challenge | Information

The Rolex Fastnet Race is one of the worlds most demanding offshore races. For many it is the ultimate test for both the crew and the boat due to unpredictable weather and challenging tidal decisions. The 2009 Fastnet race will attract a huge variety of boats from professionally crewed supermaxis to small family raced boats.

This is your opportunity to sail the Fastnet course with Ocean Experience, and get involved as an integral member of the sailing team, on a quality boat that is highly proven.

Our experienced skipper will ensure the team is cohesive and everyone is able to learn.

A willingness to be involved and form part of the team are the only fundamental requirements.

Remember, this is not the actual Rolex Fastnet Race we will be doing. It is a fun yet challenging sail for those wishing to undertake an adventure of a lifetime.



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## Fastnet Challenge | The Course



The Rolex Fastnet Race Course

The challenging 750 mile course takes you out of the Solent, past the Needles, and along the South Coast of England, past the many headlands where tricky tidal gates and large wind shadows from the land make for interesting sailing.

It is a turn to Starboard as you reach Lands End and head out across the Irish Sea for the Fastnet Rock. Anyone's first rounding of the Fastnet Rock is always an unforgettable experience. After rounding the rock we will make our way to Kinsale for a well deserved pint of Guinness and a good nights sleep before heading back across the Irish sea and into the English Channel. Time permitting we will have another night stop on the South Coast, or the Channel Islands depending on the wind conditions.

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## Fastnet Challenge | Skipper

Stuart Jackson



Stuart owns and runs his Challenge 67' yacht Aurora of London. He was the youngest skipper in the fleet of the 2004/5 Global Challenge, attaining 2nd place on the Barclays Adventurer in the ten month race.

The Global Challenge, labeled The World's Toughest Yacht Race, finished on the 18<sup>th</sup> July 2005. Racing into the prevailing winds and currents, the twelve identical yachts crewed by sailors from all walks of life, encountered the worst weather on the planet. From the searing heat and windless Doldrums to the ferocity of a Southern Ocean Storm there was never a dull moment.

Following Stuart's success in the Global challenge he went on to become Regional International Trade Director for Barclays and now returns to the marine world and has his Yachtmaster Ocean qualification. Stuart is also a professional development consultant helping corporate teams reach their potential.

In 2000 he entered the ARC (Atlantic Rally for Cruisers), the largest transoceanic crossing in the world, sailing aboard his father's yacht. After arriving in the Caribbean with the ARC fleet Stuart sailed back to his homeland of Scotland single-handed, via Bermuda and the Azores.

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## Fastnet Challenge | Yacht - Challenge 67

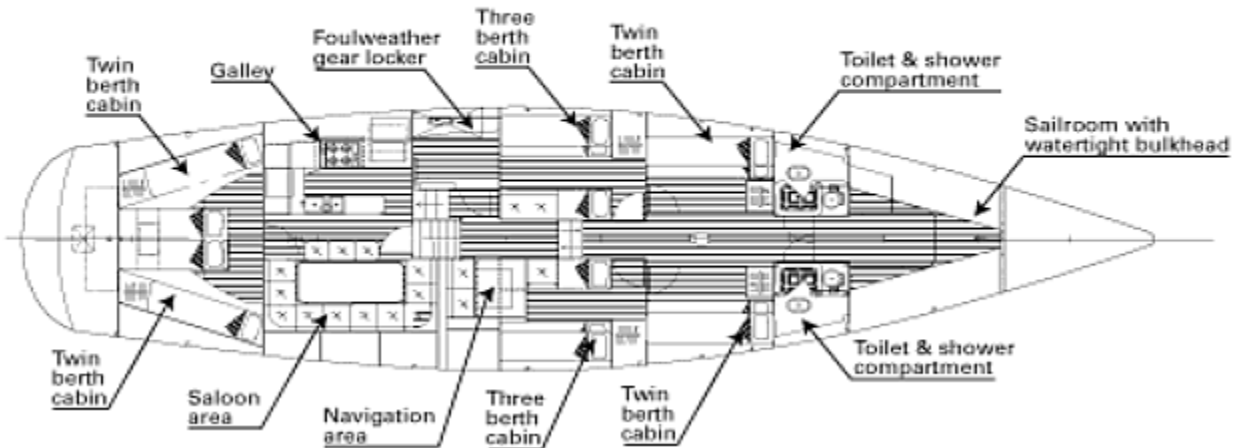


This yacht has raced in the toughest and most demanding oceans - demonstrating its outstanding seaworthiness. The yacht is safe and seaworthy in ultimate conditions and performs in a wide variety of environments. It is possible for all guests to participate in sailing the yacht safely whether they have little or no sailing experience.

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## Challenge 67' Class Yacht



### *A little background to the yacht you'll be sailing –*

The Global Challenge is a round the world yacht race run by Challenge Business, the company started by Sir Chay Blythe in 1989. Held every four years, it takes a fleet of one-design (or matching) steel yachts, crewed by ordinary men and women who have paid to take part, round Cape Horn and through the Southern Ocean where winds can reach 70 knots. It is unique in that it takes the westabout route around the world against prevailing winds and currents - often referred to as the 'wrong way' route.

The route of the race covers a distance of some 29,000 nautical miles. It has changed to accommodate different ports of call, but in 2004/5 started from Portsmouth (UK) and stopped at Buenos Aires (ARG), Wellington (NZ), Sydney (AUS), Cape Town (SA), Boston (USA) and La Rochelle (FRA) before returning again to Portsmouth.

The event claims the motto "The World's Toughest Race" and is the ultimate sailing adventure for amateur sailors.

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## Fastnet Challenge | Itinerary

4th September

18.00 Join the yacht in Ocean Village  
Safety briefings and depart for Yarmouth

5th September

07.00 Depart Yarmouth and set sail for your Fastnet Challenge

7th September

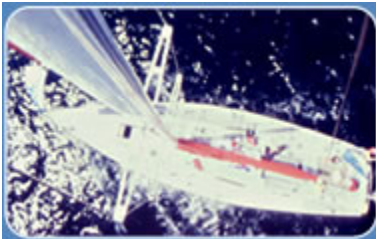
Afternoon Arrive Kinsale, Ireland

8th September

09.00 Depart Kinsale. Night stop on our way back to southampton

11th September

17.00 Arrive Ocean Village, Southampton



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## Fastnet Challenge | Cost

£695 per person or £6950 for the whole yacht.

Included:

- Wet weather gear
- Lifejackets
- All meals, soft drinks, bottled water onboard the yacht for the duration.
- Mooring Fees
- Fuel and use of all safety equipment
- Any drinks and meals ashore are not included.

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## Fastnet Challenge | Directions

How do I find the Yacht?

We will meet at Harbour Lights Cinema in Ocean Village.

From the North:

Take the M3 to junction 14 and join the A33 to Southampton. Look out for the brown tourist signs marked 'Waterfront' and follow these signs into Canute road where Ocean Village will be signposted. Turn right at the traffic lights into Ocean Village Marina and just past the Red Calshott Spit lighthouse, turn left into the pay and display car park.

From the West:

Take the M27 to junction 3 and join the M271 towards Southampton. Look out for the brown tourist signs to 'Waterfront'. Follow the signs to Ocean Village passing via Orchard Place and Queens Terrace. Once in Canute Road Turn right at the traffic lights into Ocean Village Marina. Just past the red Calshott Spit lighthouse turn left into the pay and display car park.

From the East:

Take the M27 to junction 7 and join the A334 towards Southampton. Look out for the brown tourist signs marked 'Waterfront' and follow these signs into Canute road where Ocean Village will be signposted. Turn right at the traffic lights into Ocean Village Marina and just past the Red Calshott Spit lighthouse turn left into the pay and display car park.

Car Parking

Park at the far end near the harbour lights Cinema. The cost for the day is £8.00 please ensure you have change as the machines do not accept cards or notes. Alternative parking is available in the multistory car park on Neptune way behind the UCG cinema at £8.00 per day.

Arriving by train:

There is a fast rail link from London Waterloo to Southampton Central with a journey time of one hour and twenty minutes. From the station Ocean village is a short taxi ride of less than 10 minutes.

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