



# Welcome to World ARC Your Adventure Starts Here!





# World ARC 2016-17

World ARC is a round-the-world adventure taking place over 15 months and covering 26,000 nautical miles.

Following the classic tradewinds, the rally avoids regions of political instability, piracy and the storm seasons in both hemispheres.

The 2016-17 edition of the rally offers two alternative routes to reach Tahiti. The warm-water route from Saint Lucia via the Panama Canal departs in January 2016, or boats can begin the adventure from southern Europe in September 2015 and sail a series of legs via South America. The routes will merge in Tahiti and continue the circumnavigation as one fleet.

## The Adventure

World ARC includes: meeting different cultures; the wonders of the Galapagos; making one of the longest ocean passages possible; visiting palm-fringed atolls; diving with tropical fish; climbing an active volcano; Balinese temples; Carnival in Brazil; safari; Napoleon's prison; spice estates; the Great Barrier Reef and much, much more.

## The Schedule

World ARC is a mix of cruising in company and free time to explore. The pace of the rally allows the fleet to stay together, and to enjoy shore-side activities as a group.

There are longer free cruising periods that allow participants to fly home for work or family, or to travel further by air; for example to New Zealand or Madagascar.

Boats can join in Saint Lucia for the Panama Canal route, southern Europe for the South America route or in Australia, and sail a half rally or make the whole circumnavigation. Boats leaving after a half rally can join the next edition to complete their circumnavigation.

## Who Takes Part?

Between 30 and 40 boats will take part in the rally. This size group is

small enough to be intimate, and large enough to accommodate all. Previous World ARC participants say that the rally becomes a family.

World ARC attracts a wide range of people and boats hailing from over 20 countries. In the 2014-15 edition of the rally, over 250 people aged between 5 years and 75 years sailed on one or more stages.

There are usually families with children, couples taking a sabbatical from work, early retirees and groups of friends.

## Requirements

We require all boats to have at least two people on board, and to carry specific safety and communications equipment. In addition, boats sailing around South America will need further preparations.

We suggest a minimum length of 12.2m (40') so the fleet can sail together, and so that boats can carry an adequate amount of water and fuel for the longest passages - 3,000NM from Galapagos to Marquesas. Click on the 'What do I need' tab for full details.



**"Today fulfilled an ambition I have kept alive since 8 years old. I am now over 70 but it was worth the wait!"**

Robin Griffiths, yacht *Bronwyn* (GBR)  
World ARC 2012-13

[Click for the Itinerary](#) ➤

## World ARC 2016-17 Schedule - Panama Canal Route

### January 2016 - starts 9 January

Saint Lucia to Santa Marta, Colombia	815NM	4-5 days
Santa Marta to San Blas Islands	295NM	2-3 days
San Blas Rendezvous		
Sail to Colon, Panama	80NM	1 day
Transit Panama Canal		2 days

### February 2016

<i>Cruise Panama</i>		
Las Perlas rendezvous		
Las Perlas to Galapagos	850NM	6-8 days
<i>Cruise Galapagos</i>		

### March 2016

Galapagos to Hiva Oa, Marquesas	2980NM	15-24 days
<i>Cruise Marquesas and Tuamotos</i>	830NM	

### April 2016

Tahiti rendezvous		
<i>Cruise Society Islands</i>	170NM	

### May 2016

Bora Bora rendezvous		
Bora Bora to Suvarrow	690NM	15-18 days
Suvarrow to Niue	540NM	days
Niue to Vava'u, Tonga	230NM	with stops

### June 2016

<i>Cruise Tonga and Fiji</i>	580NM	
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### July 2016

Fiji rendezvous		
Fiji to Tanna, Vanuatu	450NM	3-4 days
<i>Cruise Vanuatu</i>	210NM	
Port Vila, Vanuatu rendezvous		
Port Vila to Mackay, Australia	1150NM	6-8 days

### August 2016

<i>Cruise inside the Great Barrier Reef and Torres Strait</i>	1500NM	
Arrive Darwin, Australia - 27-31 August		

### September 2016

Darwin to Bali	990NM	5-7 days
Bali to Cocos	1100NM	6-8 days

### October 2016

Cocos to Mauritius	2350NM	12-18 days
Mauritius to Reunion	130NM	1 day

### November 2016

Reunion to Richards Bay, South Africa	1370NM	7-10 days
<i>Cruise South Africa</i>	720NM	

### January 2017

Cape Town rendezvous		
Cape Town to St Helena	1700NM	20-30 days
St Helena to Salvador, Brazil	1900NM	

### February 2017

<i>Cruise Brazil</i>	730NM	
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### March 2017

Brazil rendezvous		
Brazil to Grenada	1700NM	10-14 days
Grenada rendezvous		
<i>Cruise Windward Islands</i>		

### April 2017

Saint Lucia rendezvous and end of rally celebrations		
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An up-to-date itinerary will be posted on the [rally website](#)



## World ARC 2016-17 Schedule - South America Route

### September 2015 - starts 26 September 2015

Lagos to Madeira 530NM

### October 2015

Madeira to Lanzarote 280NM

*Cruise Canary Islands*

Las Palmas rendezvous

### November 2015

Gran Canaria to Sao Vincent 870NM

Sao Vincente to Salvador da Bahia 2060NM

*Cruise Brazil*

### December 2015

Rio de Janeiro rendezvous

Rio to Montevideo to Mar del Plata 1170NM

### January 2016

Mar del Plata to Puerto Williams 1475NM

*Cruise Cape Horn/Beagle Channel*

Ushuai rendezvous

### February 2016

*Cruise Patagonia and Chilean Canals*

Puerto Montt rendezvous

### March 2016

Valdivia (Chile) rendezvous

Valdivia to Easter Island 1950NM

Easter Island to Pitcairn 1120NM

Pitcairn to Gambier (French Polynesia) 300NM

*Cruise Tuamotus to Tahiti*

### April 2016

Tahiti rendezvous

*Route from Tahiti as per the Panama Canal route.*

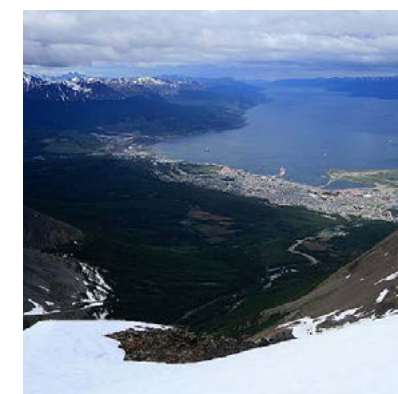
## Preparing for the South American route

Patagonia is a very remote cruising area, requiring yachts to be thoroughly prepared, and self-sufficient to a greater degree than a normal World ARC circumnavigation. The sailing is challenging and boats need to be prepared for upwind sailing in strong winds.

### Patagonia Cruising Essentials

- **Anchors** Oversized CQR, Fishermans anchor & good sized kedge anchor
- **Warps** 4 x 100 meter polypropylene line with large spliced eye in the end and moveable anti chafe material
- **Dinghy** Strong and robust with a powerful outboard & storage for plenty of fuel
- **Sails** Trysail and storm jib with fitted wire baby-stay
- **Heating** Good cabin heater that works in windy conditions
- **Gas** Spare threaded fittings, adaptors & hose clips
- **Fuel** Lots of filters, good maintenance and knowledge of bleeding all fuel systems onboard

Whilst it is possible to get some repairs in the region, it is not as easy as cruising Europe or North America, and thorough preparation is the key to success. Specific advice on refitting for the route will be provided by World Cruising Club in pre-rally publications and specialist seminars.



An up-to-date itinerary will be posted on the rally website



# Benefits of Joining the Rally

Most people join a World Cruising Club rally for the security and peace of mind of being part of an organised event; for the camaraderie and friendship of a large group of like-minded people; and for the fun of sailing in a fleet of boats.

Knowing that there will always be one of our professional and friendly team on hand to help with entry regulations, obtaining spares and repairs, or simply finding the best restaurant in town. Having a schedule makes crew planning and trips home easier to arrange, and the weather information, daily radio contact and satellite tracking at sea are added benefits

## Entry fees

The entry fee is made up of a boat fee and a crew fee payable for each person on board the boat.

There is more information on the costs of World ARC [here](#), or follow the link bottom right.

## What do the entry fees include?

Before you even get to the start, we help with your preparations by providing a comprehensive Rally Handbook and regular newsletters, and we're here to help you find crew and answer your questions by phone or email.

### In scheduled stopover ports (depending on route):

- Transit and agents fees for the Panama Canal
- Loan of lines/ropes and fenders for Panama Canal transit
- The cost of cruising permits, including for Panama, Galapagos, French Polynesia and Bali
- Light dues and similar charges
- Fees payable to customs, immigration and quarantine officials
- Three days docking before the start of each scheduled stage
- Comprehensive social programme (will vary from port to port)
- Prize giving party after each scheduled stage
- Local tourist information

- Excursions and tours (will vary from port to port)
- Pre-departure briefing, including 5 day weather planning forecast

### On passage at sea:

- Radio net
- Weather forecast sent by email
- Tracking of yachts, including a satellite tracker
- Website for publishing boat positions, blogs and photos

### Charges not included:

- Fees or charges incurred during the free cruising periods
- Fees normally incurred by tourists visiting the country, such as visas, vaccination certificates and departure taxes
- Charges for water and electricity
- Entry fees to tourist sites, including Galapagos National Park



**“We would not have been able to complete a circumnavigation without World Cruising. The great itinerary, combined with their extensive hands-on local knowledge have made this a fun and educational experience. This was exactly what we wanted for our children: a once-in-a-lifetime adventure together as a family.”**

Lew and Corrine, yacht *Brizo* (USA)  
World ARC 2012-13

[Click for Entry Fees](#) ➤

## World ARC 2016-17 Fees

The entry fee is made up of a boat fee and a crew fee payable for each person on board the boat. *Fees may be paid in GBP, US\$ or Euros.*

### Boat entry fee

#### Full rally boat fees, for boats:

12.19-15.24m (40'50') LOA	£15,000
15.25-18.29m (50'-60') LOA	£16,000
Greater than 18.30m (60') LOA	£17,000
All multihulls pay a docking supplement of £750	

#### Half rally boat fees, for boats:

	To Australia	From Australia
12.19-15.24m (40'50') LOA	£9,000	£7,500
15.25-18.29m (50'-60') LOA	£9,500	£8,000
Greater than 18.30m (60') LOA	£10,000	£8,500

### Crew fee

Crew fees are payable for each person onboard, including the skipper and/or owner. Whole and half rally crew fees are for a place on the boat - the individual may differ between stages. If extra crew are needed for certain stages, individual stage crew fees can be purchased. Stage crew fee credits can be purchased in advance in bundles if crew numbers are likely to change.

Whole rally crew fee	£1,700	
Crew half rally to Australia	£900	
Crew half rally from Australia	£900	
Individual stage crew fee	£135	
Stage crew fee credits	10 for £1,200	20 for £2,100

Responsibility for paying the crew fee remains with the skipper and crew fees paid are tied to the boat, not to a named crew member. The core crew is considered to be for a place on the boat for the duration of the rally; the person may change.

### Children

Children aged under 6 on 1 January 2016 are free of charge (tours not included). Children aged 6 to 16 on 1 January 2016 will cost 50% of the relevant adult crew fee.

### Early payment benefits

If the boat entry fee is paid in full, the following benefits are available:

by 31 August 2014	One World ARC crew fee and 6 World ARC poloshirts; or
by 31 December 2014	One World ARC crew fee

### Booking fee

Payment of a non-refundable booking fee of £1,500 will reserve a provisional place in World ARC 2016-17 until 30 April 2015. The booking fee will be deducted from the entry fee.

### Entry fee payment

Payment of 50% of the boat entry fee must be made by 30 April 2015 irrespective of the start port. The full balance is payable by 1 September 2015 for the South America route, 1 December 2015 for the Panama Canal route, or 1 July 2016 for boats starting in Australia.

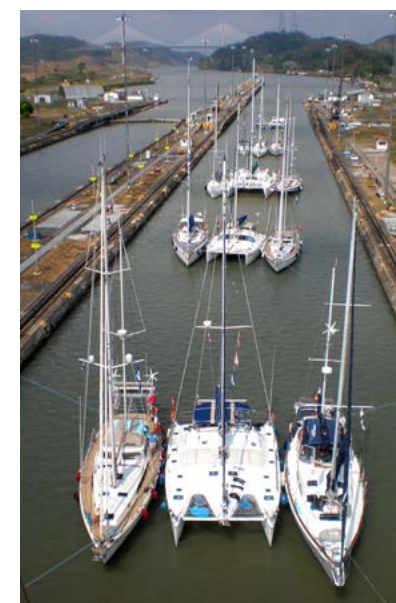
Crew fees are payable one month prior to the start for whole rally and half rally to Australia, and before 1 July 2016 for half rally from Australia.

### Refunds

Entry fees paid before 31 December 2014 are fully refundable (less the booking fee) for withdrawals made by 1 June 2015.

For withdrawals made after 1 June 2015, or for withdrawals where the entry fee was paid after 31 December 2014, the standard World Cruising Club conditions apply (the booking fee remains non-refundable):

- A 50% refund is available for withdrawals made in writing (by email) more than 12 weeks before the start date. There will be no refund for withdrawals made after this date.
- Alternatively, you can choose to transfer your entry fees as a credit towards the next edition of the rally, less an administration charge of £250. Full details of our refund policy and other important information is available in our [Terms and Conditions](#).





# How to Join the Rally

To enter, all you need to do is to complete an entry form online and pay your boat fee online - you can also opt to pay by bank transfer. Visit [www.worldcruising.com](http://www.worldcruising.com) and click on 'Join a Rally' For costs and further information, please see the [Conditions of Entry](#).

## What happens next?

After you have completed your entry and paid your fee, we will send you a confirmation email and receipt.

We will mail out your Rally Handbook in early 2015 so that you can start preparing, and we'll encourage you to start using the Member's Area of the website to update your boat and crew information.

You'll begin receiving the rally newsletters in January 2015. These are packed with useful tips and reminders.

## World ARC 2016-17 entry schedule

### 1 April 2014

Entry list opens online

### 31 December 2014

Last date for early booking benefits

### 30 April 2015

Last payment date for 50% of all boat fees

### 1 September 2015

Last payment date for balance of boat fee and all crew fees for boats starting the route via South America

### 1 December 2015

Last payment date for balance of boat fee and all crew fees for boats starting the rally in Saint Lucia (or similar)

### 1 July 2016

Last payment date for balance of boat fee and all crew fees for boats starting the rally in Australia

## Friendly Competition

There are two divisions for World ARC; Cruising and Open. Boats in the Cruising (competitive) Division will have a World Cruising Club handicap calculated, so that some friendly competition can be arranged. Motoring is permitted but a penalty for engine hours will be applied when results are calculated. Other boats will sail in the Open (non-competitive) Division with no results calculated.

Having official start times for the stages ensures that the timetable works, and encourages boats to sail together. The fun competition is just that - fun! Some crews take it more seriously than others, but all boats will be recognised in the prize giving ceremonies; speed isn't everything.



**"An enjoyable sociable way to see the world. The rally organizers help you get the most out of each country visited. One long party!"**

Peter Craggs, yacht *Trompeta* (GBR)  
World ARC 2012-13



# Equipment and Training

We take the safety of participants in all of our rallies very seriously. Over 450 boats sail in World Cruising Club rallies each year, representing more than 1800 people. The job of a rally organiser is to provide a safe framework for participants and to provide them with the information they need to make safe decisions for their boat and crew.

We require all of the rally boats to carry a minimum quantity and quality of safety and communications equipment, and to have undertaken training in using that equipment, heavy weather sailing techniques, and managing emergencies. Our team of experienced safety equipment inspectors will come on board and check your equipment before the start of the rally, and of course, we're always happy to help new cruisers talk through decisions about safety and communications at sea.

Download a full copy of our [Safety Equipment Requirements](#) that provides details about the mandatory and recommended safety and communications gear, and about crew training.

## Safety equipment

We expect the boat to carry a range of safety equipment that is fit for purpose and ready to use. Our requirements are based on the ISAF standards, and include: an approved offshore liferaft with a more than 24 hour pack, 406MHz EPIRB, SSB radio, AIS class A transponder and man-overboard equipment. We also require every person on board to have an inflatable combined lifejacket-harness (PFD) with a spray hood, crotch strap and safety line. In addition, the boat must have a means of sending and receiving emails while at sea.

## Crew and crew training

Each boat must have two people on board, including the skipper. Many boats have extra crew on board, especially for longer legs of the voyage. Use [www.oceancrewlink.com](http://www.oceancrewlink.com) to find sailors interested in ocean passage-making. It is simple to register a crewing opportunity on your boat, and you can filter the crew by level of experience, nationality and other useful factors.

You can also ask in your local sailing club, get referrals from sailing friends, or use a fee-based service.

We require that the skipper and one other person on board have completed training within the last 5 years on a range of topics including using the safety and communications equipment, heavy weather sailing techniques and managing emergencies - the ISAF Offshore Safety or related sea survival courses are ideal.

Our [Ocean Cruising Seminars](#) cover all aspects of making an offshore passage and are a great way to start your planning.

## Qualifying passage

The boat must reach the start port on her own keel, or the skipper and one crew member must complete a non-stop voyage of at least 500NM on board the rally yacht. This helps to identify any problems with the boat and equipment before the start of the rally.

## Helping you prepare

Whatever your experience, careful preparation will pay off with a successful and happy voyage. We're always happy to offer help and advice.



**“Contadora has been like a breath of fresh air to us - it has been exactly what we had hoped sailing the world would be like.”**

Heather Howard, yacht *Matilda* (GBR)  
World ARC 2012-13





# Your Questions Answered

**What is the minimum size of boat and crew?** 12.19m (40') length overall (LOA) with at least two people on board.

**How long will the rally take?** Just over 15 months for the Panama Canal Route. The longest passage is Galapagos to Hiva Oa which takes 15 to 22 days. For the South America route, those departing Europe will take 19 months to reach Saint Lucia.

**When does the rally start?** World ARC 2016-17 starts on 9 January 2016 in Rodney Bay, Saint Lucia for the Panama Canal route. The South America route begins in southern Europe in September 2015. For more information go to [About the rally](#).

**Can I start elsewhere?** Boats can join the rally in Australia for the second half to Saint Lucia. See the [schedule for details](#)

**Do I have to sail the whole way?** No, you can join a half rally to Australia, or a half rally from Australia to Saint Lucia. You are welcome to join the next edition of the rally to complete your circumnavigation.

**Can I use my engine?** Boats in the Cruising and Open Divisions may use their engines for propulsion, but Cruising Division boats must declare their engine hours for their results to be calculated.

**What safety equipment do I need?** We have a list of mandatory and recommended safety equipment that we will inspect on board the boat before the rally starts. For more information, go to [What you need](#).

**What training should I do?** We do require the skipper and at least one of the crew to have done some safety and communications equipment, heavy weather sailing and emergency management training within the last five years – see [What you need](#)

You can learn more about the rally and tips for preparing your boat and crew by attending one of our 2 hour [boat show forums](#), or 2 day [residential seminars](#). We also have a number of helpful videos on our [YouTube channel](#).

**Do I need an SSB radio?** Yes, the daily radio nets take place on SSB. In addition, you must be able to send and receive email at sea with an SSB and a pactor modem, or a satellite telephone.

**Can I take my children?** Families with children of all ages have sailed in World ARC, and all are very welcome.

**How do I find crew?** Personal recommendations are the best way of finding crew, but you can also register free on Ocean Crew Link at [www.oceancrewlink.com](http://www.oceancrewlink.com) to look for crew or respond to adverts. The [World ARC Facebook page](#) is another good way to connect.

**What about visas?** We will provide information about visas in the Rally Handbook, and the country information pages on [noonsite.com](http://noonsite.com) are also helpful.

**Can I take my pets?** We have no restrictions on the animals you carry on your boat, but you must comply with the laws and regulations for your home country and any countries visited by the rally. We will provide advice in the Rally Handbook, or look up the country information on [noonsite.com](http://noonsite.com)

**How many people take part?** World ARC usually has around 30-40 boats in total, some sailing with couples, others with changing crew. There are usually over 200 people involved in the whole rally, and the age range will be 5 to 75. Crew come from over 20 nationalities.

**What about support on the rally?** The same team will meet you in every official stopover, so you will get to know each other well. They will help with entry formalities, local contacts, docking, excursions, social activities and emergencies.

**How can families at home stay in touch with the boats?** All boats will be fitted with an Iridium satellite tracker, which will display the boats positions on the online [Fleet Viewer](#). All boats can also blog for free on the [rally website](#).

**Can I fly home without missing anything?** Combing a trip home with a free cruising period is a good idea. Some suggestions are Panama, Tahiti, Vanuatu, Australia, South Africa and Brazil.





# Contact Us

If you have any questions about joining the rally, the suitability of your boat, selecting equipment or any other issue please contact us:

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## About World Cruising Club

World Cruising Club organises sailing events around the world. The rallies are devised for the 'average' cruising boat and crew; helping people to realise their dream of making a long offshore passage.

The company was formed by Jimmy Cornell following the success of very first ARC in 1986. After Jimmy's retirement in 1998, the company has been run by Andrew Bishop.

## World Cruising Club Rallies

**Atlantic Rally for Cruisers** Every year the ARC brings together over 200 yachts from many nations. This popular rally starts at the end of November in Las Palmas de Gran Canaria and crosses to Rodney Bay, Saint Lucia. ARC+ offers a route choice via the Cape Verde islands, departing Las Palmas two weeks prior to the direct route start.

**ARC Europe** ARC Europe is a cruising rally crossing the Atlantic from west to east and departs annually in May. ARC Europe has two starts, in Tortola BVI and Portsmouth VA, and calls at Bermuda, before cruising the Azores and finishing in Lagos, Portugal.

**ARC Caribbean 1500 and ARC Bahamas** Since 1990, the Caribbean 1500 has been a popular way for north American yachts to cruise to the Caribbean for the sailing season. Starting in Portsmouth, VA every November, the rally sails to Tortola BVI, and the ARC Bahamas fleet sails to Green Turtle Cay.

**ARC USA** The partner rally to ARC Europe, ARC USA departs Tortola BVI and sails either to Bermuda before the yachts head to east coast ports or directly to Ft. Lauderdale via the Old Bahama Channel.

**ARC DelMarVa** This week long cruise takes Chesapeake Bay sailors around the DelMarVa peninsula, starting and finishing in Annapolis, MD.

**ARC Baltic** Combining "six capitals in six weeks", this rally offers days cruising at sea, combined with an exploration of the Baltic's fascinating culture and history, will take you on a 1,600nm voyage of discovery through Europe's "east sea".

**ARC Portugal** This rally crosses the Bay of Biscay, then day sails the coast of Portugal to finish in the Algarve in time for the Mediterranean season, exploring ashore with tours and social activities in every port. Starts in Plymouth, UK, in early June finishing in Lagos, Portugal, three weeks later.

**Malts Cruise** A relaxed cruise around the lochs and islands of western Scotland, enjoying the wildlife and scenery. The cruise visits several distilleries, and there are opportunities for whisky tasting en route.

## Seminars and Forums

Helping you prepare for your offshore adventure is an important part of our role. We run a number of 2 hour panel Forums and 2 day intensive Seminars in locations across the UK, USA and Europe. For more information go to [www.worldcruising.com/training](http://www.worldcruising.com/training)



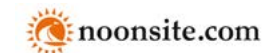
**"The World ARC team have made life very easy for the fleet, especially when entering and leaving ports, organising parties and tours, not to mention all the paperwork!"**

Stephen Hyde, yacht *A Lady* (IRL) World ARC 2011-12

## Supporters and Sponsors

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World ARC is supported by tourist boards and commercial organisations in the countries visited and is run in association with Yachting World magazine.



The global resource for cruising sailors [www.noonsite.com](http://www.noonsite.com) features essential information on all matters of interest to sailors planning an offshore voyage - a one-stop website providing essential information on all maritime nations of the world.