

# WORLD ARC 2016-17 RALLY NEWSLETTER

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## Welcome to World ARC 2016-17!

Since opening this next and 6th edition of World ARC in June there has been a healthy response and we have had around 15 entries, which at this stage is excellent news. We have also been leading the World ARC 2014-15 through the Indian Ocean and helping World ARC 2015-16 participants in the final stages of their preparations, ready to leave Saint Lucia next month. We've also hosted seminars and forums, most recently during the ARC programme and these are always well attended. So it appears that there is good interest in circumnavigating with World ARC and we thank you for joining us.



The new annual format of World ARC increases the attractiveness of taking a break mid-way through the circumnavigation. A yacht leaving World ARC to explore Australia, New Zealand and the western Pacific in more detail, can do so by taking only an extra year. Indeed we expect yachts starting their travels with World ARC 2015-16 next year, to join you in Australia for the second half of the route.

In another development, World ARC 2016-17 will also have a route option via South America and Cape Horn. It is intended to be for a small group, and three boats are currently registered. They plan to depart Europe at the end of summer 2015 or arrive later in Brazil, in November. These crews will undertake some adventurous sailing but also visit some truly unspoilt sailing grounds on both sides of the South American continent. The yachts will arrive in Chile in January 2016 and make their way across the Pacific to French Polynesia, to join the rest of the 2016-17 fleet.

We are certain that by visiting our stopover destinations more frequently, we'll be able to further

develop our excellent relationships with our contacts along the route and deliver an even better event for our participating crews. We also get to know and anticipate the difficulties which might occur and be ready to suggest or deliver a solution.

So whilst the event is now annual, with a few more route options, the ingredients that make World ARC such a great event have changed very little. As organisers we want to deliver safe and enjoyable sailing events which add to the fantastic experience of sailing around the world. We'll lead you to some interesting and enjoyable places, several of which are off the beaten track. Some of the sailing and the landfalls will be challenging but we feel that with the support of World Cruising Club and the fleet, these experiences will add to your adventure of a lifetime.

In the last 5 World ARC rallies we will have supported over 150 owners and their crews in pursuing their sailing dreams. We are familiar with the situations and challenges crews may face along the way. We are knowledgeable with

the procedures, facilities and services at the places we visit. The relationships we have in stopover ports are strengthened during each visit and built on for the success of future events. It is these working relationships and the support we get from each of the many authorities, clubs and organisations along the route that help give World ARC a special feel.

Beginning with this newsletter and continuing with its subsequent issues and the World ARC Rally Handbook, we seek to prepare you as fully as possible for your circumnavigation. We'll pass on essential information, guidance and useful tips from our experiences and those of our participants too. If having read this information, you have any questions regarding the Rally, please do get in touch with us.

So the countdown to World ARC 2016/17 has begun and we look forward to communicating with you all on a regular basis during the build up to the event to help prepare you for your adventure.

Paul Tetlow  
Event Manager

## Amendments to Safety Equipment Requirements

World Cruising Club safety equipment requirements have been amended for 2015 onwards. The changes are shown below and will be included in the rally handbook published early in 2015.

### Automatic Information System (AIS):

A transponder (Class A or B) is a mandatory requirement for World ARC.



**Flares:** Shall be pyrotechnic SOLAS compliant, and not older than the stamped expiry date, or four years from date of manufacture, for the end date of the event. Pyrotechnic flares to be stowed in a watertight container, with protective gloves and goggles, with as a minimum:

**Navigation lights:** LED navigation lights are known to fail, and consideration should be given to carrying spare units.



### Lifejacket/ Combined Harness:

All safety lines must now be not more than 2m (6'6") long with a snap hook at each

end and an additional snap hook placed at the mid-point of the line to provide one short and one longer tether.

**These items are now mandatory requirements:**

- **Nautical almanac**
- **Navigational charts** (not solely electronic) **and pilots** for the route of the event

## Equipment advice

Having helped over a hundred and forty yachts complete a circumnavigation with World Cruising Club, it's interesting to note a few observations about on board equipment. Let us take a look at the most recent experiences on World ARC and the equipment which could be saving lives, boats or just making life easier.

### GAS

In former days, refilling gas cylinders worldwide was easier than it is now. New regulations and safe working practices in many countries now prevent bottles being refilled so easily or at all. The best preparation should include fitting a gas system that is capable of using both propane and butane. If space in the gas locker is limited, look to purchase a set of cylinder adaptors to fit the local supply connections or fit a regulator with interchangeable adaptors so that new bottles can be used if they cannot be refilled.



### HIGH CAPACITY PUMP

In 2012 the saving of a catamaran, holed by a reef in the remote atoll of Suwarow, reminded and taught sailors how important having this type of equipment on board can be. A chain of 10 crew members with buckets was replaced by an electric Rule 8000 pump and 10 metres of 10cm collapsible hose. It was fortunate that help was close to hand but if it hadn't been, there might have been a very different outcome.

## Communication Requirements

**Position reporting:** All yachts will be provided with a YB® tracking unit, which automatically reports the boat's daily position, relaying the information back to the interactive World ARC website. Skippers who already have their own YB tracker should email [mail@worldcruising.com](mailto:mail@worldcruising.com) to let us know.

**Email capabilities:** All yachts must be able to send and receive email at sea.

**SSB Radio:** All yachts must have a marine SSB HF radio transceiver covering the 2-22 MHz bands

**Satellite phone:** Satellite phone is not a requirement but is highly recommended.

Please refer to your Rally Handbook for more information on equipment and communications at sea.

## Paper Charts & Pilot Books

Whilst many yachtsmen nowadays seem prepared to sail using electronic charts alone, it is important that proper back up is carried onboard in the form of paper charts. Also, notwithstanding the material provided by World Cruising Club, a good selection of pilot books must be carried and will help crews make landfalls and negotiate port entries safely.

We have compiled a list of suggested publications for the route. In Newsletter 2, we'll be offering an ordering service for participants including generous discounts. The ordering procedure is more suitable for large quantities.

You may be able to obtain second hand book and charts. To start searching for second hand items, you can download the suggested list from the [Members Area](#) under the heading World ARC Rally Documents.

## Ocean Cruising Seminars in UK and USA in 2015



**6-8 March 2015, Guildford UK**

**21-22 March, Annapolis MD**

Our weekend Ocean Cruising Seminars next March should not be missed! These events focus on a range of subjects in depth to help prepare for offshore cruising. The lecturers include offshore sailors and industry experts, who will draw on their own experiences and knowledge to offer sound practical advice during the seminar.

### Full Programme

Subjects to be covered include:

- Communications equipment
- Rigging maintenance
- Sail choice
- Onboard safety equipment
- Power management
- Watermakers
- Autopilots and wind selfsteering
- First aid at sea
- Spares and maintenance on board
- Provisioning; Weather forecasts
- Heavy weather sailing
- Choosing the right insurance
- Women's sailing forum.

### Time to Talk

The opportunity to meet fellow delegates at the dinner on the Saturday evening is very useful. Sharing ideas and thoughts with other sailors is a powerful way to prepare for a voyage like World ARC.

### Complete Package

In the UK and US, we have arranged a complete package of accommodation and meals in quality hotels.

### More Information

Full details on all these training opportunities:

[www.worldcruising.com/training](http://www.worldcruising.com/training)

## Training

Proper training is good preparation for any voyage. On extended cruising, it is better to invest in this training before departure rather than along the way – you never know when you are going to rely on it. It's also worth trying to get as many of your crew as possible to attend any training event - you never know who will need to know what and it is a good way to share the burden of responsibilities aboard.

The conditions of entry for World ARC do not require that skippers or crew hold any formal qualifications. However, in addition to the qualifying cruise of 500 miles to demonstrate sailing experience, formal training is strongly encouraged for all those aboard. A few courses to consider are:

### ISAF Offshore Safety course

This course covers all the basics of safety at sea from man overboard prevention and recovery to fire precautions and fire fighting, from storm sail use to damage control.

### Sea Survival Course

Attendance on a basic sea survival course has been viewed as extremely useful by previous participants. Thankfully, the subject matter was rarely employed in an emergency but most found that it provided substantial reassurance and answered many questions.

We strongly recommend that your core-crew attend a sea-survival course together.

### First Aid Course

These vary in content and last 1-4 days accordingly. For a circumnavigation, visiting relatively remote destinations, it would be advisable to gain as much knowledge as possible – either to treat minor ailments and mishaps yourself or to be able to diagnose a problem and request detailed help.

Our UK training partner, Hamble School of Yachting run exclusive training courses for World Cruising Club participants. Visit [www.hamble.co.uk](http://www.hamble.co.uk) or email [tuition@hamble.co.uk](mailto:tuition@hamble.co.uk)

### Radio Training

The conditions of entry require all boats to be fitted with an SSB HF radio transceiver. Attending formal training on these sets may be essential to comply with the regulations of the country within which the vessel is registered. In addition, formal training will ensure that you get the most from your radio, the knowledge and understanding gained giving you the confidence to use your SSB.

### SSB Radio Course

A four day course to obtain the Long Range Radio Certificate required to operate an SSB radio, plus a special half day on additional subjects including SSB Weatherfax, set-up and tuning, sending e-mail via SSB.

For course dates and prices visit [www.yachtcom.co.uk](http://www.yachtcom.co.uk) or email [Office@yachtcom.co.uk](mailto:Office@yachtcom.co.uk)

### Training Providers

Links to national yachting associations are available from the ISAF website at: [www.sailing.org/](http://www.sailing.org/)

## Crew Matters

World ARC conditions of entry require a minimum of two people aboard during the rally. Your boat insurance conditions may also require a greater number. Therefore, you may be in the situation where you need, or would prefer, additional crew.

### Choosing Crew

Sometimes friends may not make the best long-term crew if they are unfamiliar with sailing, or sailing with you. Similarly the most experienced sailors, whom you don't know that well, may be a struggle to get on with. It is important to get to know everyone on board as early as possible; talk through aspects of the trip and sail with them, before you make a firm commitment.

### Family and Friends

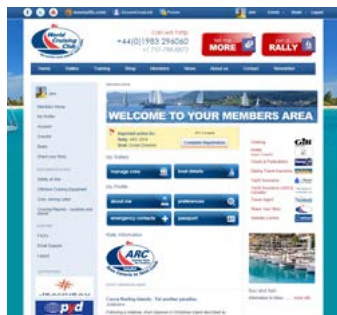
If friends and family can spare the time to visit, this is a great way to get an extra pair of hands. There will be plenty of opportunities for family and friends to fly out and join you, for as long (or as little!) as you want. Family and friends can share your experiences for some legs and use accommodation ashore to make a real holiday of their trip.

### Unfamiliar Crew

Some skippers may find it easier to advertise crewing opportunities. Using the internet, there are plenty of ways to do this and often the service is free to boat owners. One popular method is to visit **OceanCrewLink.com** with nearly 5,000 potential crew registered. It is wise to agree on the financial arrangements in advance. It's not unreasonable that any crew found should pay for their subsistence aboard and travel costs, but this may be tempered by what skills and qualities they bring to the boat.

## Online Member's Area

Your homepage for all crew, yacht and event information

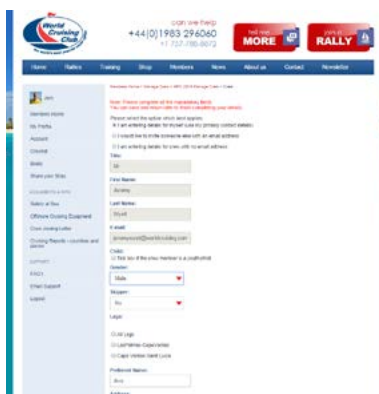


The World Cruising Club Member's Area is your homepage for all rally information. From the member's homepage you can complete crew registration, update your boat details, add photos and text about your boat, download all rally documents and newsletters as well as other helpful links and information. And you can share all this with your crew. Visit the member's area at

[www.worldcruising.com/MembersArea](http://www.worldcruising.com/MembersArea)

### Online Crew Registration

To help us manage the rally we require all crew to log passport details in advance via our secure website, where data is encrypted to industry standards. Each crew member can submit their own details in advance, however, before they can do this, you as the skipper, need to "invite" them to join your crew. See "Add Your Crew" below.



## Within the Member's Area: View Event Documents

This page provides downloads for rally documents as they are published, including the rally handbook, news, safety equipment requirements etc. Currently uploaded is the World ARC 2015 Handbook and a recommended book and chart list.

### Add/Update Your Boat Details

Please check and amend missing yacht data – especially safety and communications equipment.

### Add/Update Your Boat Profile

Use this space to add information about your boat and crew which will appear on your unique rally boat page on our website. You can also upload a picture of your yacht. During the rally, your yacht logs and photos will be accessed from your Boat Page, making it easy for family and friends to share your adventures.

### Add Your Crew

Use this page to invite crew to register their details. Once registered, your crew can access rally documents and helpful information links, and can see names and email addresses (but not personal data) for the other crew.

## Contacting Us

We are always happy to talk about any aspect of World ARC. Our office hours are Mon-Fri 0900-1730.

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