

Welcome to World ARC 2016



The Rally Handbook is the start of your global adventure!

Making a circumnavigation under sail is a tremendous achievement. You will return with an abundance of wonderful happy memories of new places visited, countries explored, friendships made and many ocean miles safely sailed.

Before you cast off, this handbook is the key to preparing your boat and crew for the adventure that lies ahead. Being well-prepared will allow you to relax and enjoy the rally to the full, so I encourage you to read through each section, share the handbook with all of your crew, and to keep it onboard the boat for future reference. PDF copies of all sections of the handbook can be downloaded from the Members Area by all confirmed crew at www.worldcruising.com/membersarea.

The Preparations section contains a wealth of practical tips and advice on how to plan and prepare for an ocean voyage, starting from well before departure to life at sea. The Local Information section provides detailed information on the facilities in each rally port, plus immigration requirements and lists of recommended charts and pilot books. The Communications section provides details of the World ARC weather forecasts, sources of additional weather information, notes on expected conditions for each passage and advice on buying long-range communications equipment.

This handbook is intended to supplement the usual cruising reference books, and you should still carry copies of pilot books, almanacs, charts and lists of radio signals on the boat. We will provide a list of recommended pilot books and charts.

We will send you regular newsletters, reminding you of deadlines, special offers and other useful information. Don't forget that the World Cruising Club team are on hand to answer any questions you may have; we're only an email or phone call away.

I have been fortunate to sail with the World ARC fleet as on various legs of recent rallies which always serves to remind me what it is really like to be a participant, and I can promise you that you are embarking upon a real adventure of a lifetime.

Happy planning!



Andrew Bishop
Managing Director
World Cruising Club

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01. Introduction

How to Use the Handbook

The Rally Handbook is the starting point for planning your rally. The handbook is intended to help you prepare, and to be a source of information before and during the rally.

We recommend that you take the handbook onboard your boat when you are sailing. The handbook is available as a PDF, downloadable from the website www.worldcruising.com/membersarea

The handbook is not intended to supplement normal cruising reference books and does not replace those that should be onboard for the crossing including pilots, almanacs and list of radio signals.

Preparations

The long-term preparations for boat and crew. Packed with advice, tips and information on everything from selecting crew to choosing a liferaft.

Newsletters and Notes

This is where you can insert the newsletters that we will send to you prior to the start of the rally.

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Local Information

This contains detailed information on each destination, from clearing Customs to finding a restaurant or sailmaker. Also information on the rally activities in port.

The second half of the Local Information section will be distributed closer to the rally start date. 2015 Local Information is available on the Members Area.

Communications & Passage Notes

Information on the rally weather forecasts and sources of weather information. Advice on choices for voice and data communications onboard. Key passage planning issues between the rally destinations.

Sailing Instructions

Sailing instructions for the leg will be provided in the start port. These will cover the start and finish lines, event timings and other specifics.

Event Regulations

The general conditions of the World Cruising Club and rally specific rules.

World ARC Itinerary from Saint Lucia

2016				
Start Date	Details	Miles	Days	ETA
9 Jan	Saint Lucia - Santa Marta (Colombia)	815	4-6	13-15 Jan
20 Jan	Santa Marta - San Blas Islands (Panama)	280	2-3	21-22 Jan
24 Jan	San Blas Rendezvous			
	<i>Independent sailing to Colon (Panama)</i>	80	1	
1-6 Feb	Transit the Panama Canal			
	<i>Independent sailing to Las Perlas Islands</i>	45		
11 Feb	Las Perlas Rendezvous			
12 Feb	Las Perlas - San Cristobal (Galapagos)	850	6-7	18-20 Feb
	<i>Independent sailing to Santa Cruz (Galapagos)</i>	45		
2 Mar	Santa Cruz - Hiva Oa (Marquesas)	2980	15-22	17-26 Mar
	<i>Independent sailing in French Polynesia</i>	850		
28 Apr	Tahiti Rendezvous			
	<i>Independent sailing in the Society Islands</i>	170		
12 May	Raiatea Rendezvous			
15 May	Raiatea - Suvarrow (Cooks) - Niue - Vava'u (Tonga) multi-stage leg	690 + 540 + 230	15-18	30 May-6 Jun
20-25 May	72 hour stop in Suvarrow			
27 May-1 June	72 hour stop in Niue			
8 Jun	<i>Independent sailing in Tonga and Fiji</i>	580		
6 Jul	Musket Cove Fiji Rendezvous			
9 Jul	Musket Cove (Fiji) - Tanna, Vanuatu	450	3-4	11-13 Jul
	<i>Independent sailing in Vanuatu</i>	210		
19 Jul	Port Vila Vanuatu Rendezvous			
21 Jul	Port Vila - Mackay (Australia)	1025 + 125	6-8	27-29 Jul
	<i>Cruise inside Great Barrier Reef to Darwin</i>	1480		

Dates may be subject to change - updates will be sent in the rally newsletters and by email.

World ARC Itinerary from Australia

Start Date	Details	Miles	Days	ETA
6 Sep	Darwin - Lombok	945	5-7	11-13 Sept
18 Sep	Lombok - Christmas Island - Cocos	625 + 525	8-11	26-29 Sep
21-23 Sep	<i>24 hour stop on Christmas Island</i>			
28 Sep	Cocos - Mauritius	2350	12-18	14-19 Oct
27 Oct	Mauritius - Reunion	130	1	28 Oct
5 Nov	Reunion - Richards Bay (South Africa)	1370	8-11	13-15 Nov
	<i>Independent sailing to Cape Town</i>	720		

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7 Jan	Cape Town - St Helena - Salvador (Brazil) Multi stage leg	1700 + 1900	20-30	27 Jan-6 Feb
20-23 Jan	72 hour stop at St Helena			
25-28 Feb	Recife & Olinda Carnival			

28 Feb **Brazil Rendezvous**

2 Mar	Brazil - Grenada	1700	10-14	12-16 Mar
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17 Mar **Grenada Rendezvous**

Independent sailing to Saint Lucia

5 April **Saint Lucia Rendezvous**

8 April	End of rally dinner in Saint Lucia			
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Meet the Team

The World Cruising Club team are here to help make your participation in the rally as enjoyable as possible. All of our staff are keen sailors with a wide range of experience in cruising and racing offshore.

Before the rally you can telephone or email us in the office during working hours - we're happy to answer any questions about preparations and what to expect of the rally.

During the rally all of the staff will wear yellow World Cruising Club polo shirts. Our 'yellow shirts' will be on hand to help every day, from taking your lines to ensuring the social activities go with a swing.



Leading the team...

Andrew Bishop: Managing Director



Andrew has overall responsibility for the planning and logistics of our events, and relations with our many sponsors and corporate members.

In Cowes...

Jeremy Wyatt: Communications Director



Jeremy is in the lucky position of speaking to many of our participants well before the start of their adventures. He organises our website and printed media as well as helping with preparation, advice and training.

Contact us in Cowes

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Email: mail@worldcruising.com

Hours: Monday-Friday 0900-1730 UTC

On the rally...



The World ARC team will be on hand to meet you in port, help with local officials and to organise the social and sightseeing itinerary.

And around the world...

World Cruising Club USA



Andy Schell and Mia Karlsson in our north America office run our US-based events, and are a point of contact for north American participants in all rallies.

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Bojan provides support and assistance for Dutch-speaking participants, and has sailed in several World Cruising Club rallies.

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Rally Support

World Cruising Club staff will be on hand in each port to facilitate arrivals, docking and clearance; to help with local knowledge and contacts; and generally ensure you have a great time.

Our rally team includes experienced sailors who understand how to help you make the most of your adventure. The team will be available in each port, so you will be able to get to know them.

Rally Control Office

There will be a rally office in each port. This will be the rally 'headquarters' for the duration of the stay in port. Come to the rally office if you have any questions, or ask any 'yellow shirts'.

Details of the location and opening hours of the rally offices in each port are covered in the skippers' briefing.



World ARC office in Puerto Ayora, Galapagos

Rally VHF Channel

The Rally VHF working channel is Channel 72. There will be a daily morning broadcast at 0900 local time while in port.

Please listen to this broadcast as any changes to the program or important announcements will be made at this time.

Contacting the Rally

Urgent telephone messages can be passed via the World Cruising Club offices, or left on the answering machine out of office hours.

Contact phone numbers for the rally will be published in the newsletters.

UK:	+44 (0)1983 29 60 60
USA:	+1 (757) 778-8872
Germany:	+49 (9533) 8733
Netherlands:	+31 614023357

Skippers' Briefing

Before the departure we will hold a skippers' briefing, open to all skippers plus one crew from each boat.

The briefing will cover the weather expected for the passage, details of weather forecasts, passage planning hints, local information, sailing instructions and advice on departure regulations.

The time and location of the briefings will be published in the rally programmes.



Skippers' Briefing on the beach in the San Blas islands



Noonsite.com is the global site for cruising sailors, full of information on 193 countries and 1798 ports. Part of World Cruising Club since 2008, Noonsite.com is run by Sue Richards and a team of researchers.

Use noonsite information for your cruises along the World ARC route. www.noonsite.com



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www.oceancrewlink.com

World ARC Key Dates

Date	Action
6-8 March 2015	Ocean Cruising Seminar, Guildford UK see www.worldcruising.com/training
21-22 March 2015	Ocean Sailing Seminar, Annapolis see www.worldcruising.com/training
30 April 2015	Last date for 50% of boat entry fees to be paid (for all boats)
8 November 2015	ARC+ Cape Verde departs Gran Canaria bound for Saint Lucia via Cape Verde see www.worldcruising.com/arc
22 November 2015	ARC 2015 departs from Las Palmas de Gran Canaria bound for Saint Lucia see www.worldcruising.com/arc
1 December 2015	Boats joining in Saint Lucia: Last date for remainder of boat entry and crew fees
2 January 2016	World ARC office opens in Rodney Bay, Saint Lucia
5 January 2016	Last date for boats to arrive in Saint Lucia
9 January 2016	World ARC starts!
1 July 2016	Boats joining in Australia: Last date for remainder of boat entry and crew fees
25 August 2016	World ARC office opens in Darwin, Australia
6 September 2016	World ARC departs Darwin
April 2017	World ARC arrives in Saint Lucia for final celebrations
May 2017	ARC Europe and ARC USA depart Tortola BVI for Europe and US East Coast see www.worldcruising.com/arceurope and www.worldcruising.com/arcusa

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01. Introduction

About World Cruising Club

World Cruising Club organises cruising rallies for yachts to destinations worldwide. Our best-known event is the Atlantic Rally for Cruisers (ARC), an annual rally for cruising yachts that has been crossing the Atlantic since 1986.

Since then, more than 5,000 boats from scores of countries have taken part in World Cruising Club rallies, looked after by our dedicated teams in every port en route. Our rally organisation ensures that participants are prepared for the voyage and supports them on their adventure.

World Cruising Club has offices in the UK and USA, and affiliates in Germany and the Netherlands. Please see 'Meet the Team' for full contact details.

ARC

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 on the Caribbean island of Saint Lucia.

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 Marsh Harbor in the Abacos.

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 Europe

ARC Europe is a cruising rally crossing the Atlantic from west to east at the end of the Caribbean sailing season. Participants include yachts returning to Europe, as well as north American yachts starting a summer cruise to Europe. 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 Baltic

This rally offers a different focus from our trans-

ocean events with days cruising at sea, combined with an exploration of the Baltic's fascinating culture and history, will take you on a 1,800nm 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. ARC Portugal 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. Chartering a local boat is a popular option for the Malts Cruise.

Seminars

We run a series of seminars in the UK, Germany and USA for sailors interested in our events. Our experienced lecture team focus on the preparations for yacht and crew, and also provide helpful hints about undertaking the voyage. These vary from 2 hour panel discussions held at boat shows, to 2 day residential courses.

Noonsite.com

Since its launch in 2000, noonsite.com has become the internet portal for cruising sailors, providing essential information on all maritime nations. Noonsite.com is an indispensable tool for anyone planning or undertaking offshore sailing, with detail on ports, clearance formalities, boatyards, shore services and local news.

OceanCrewLink.com

OceanCrewLink.com brings ocean sailors together by helping captains to find crew, and prospective crew to find boats to cross oceans. If you need extra crew, it's free to post an opportunity.

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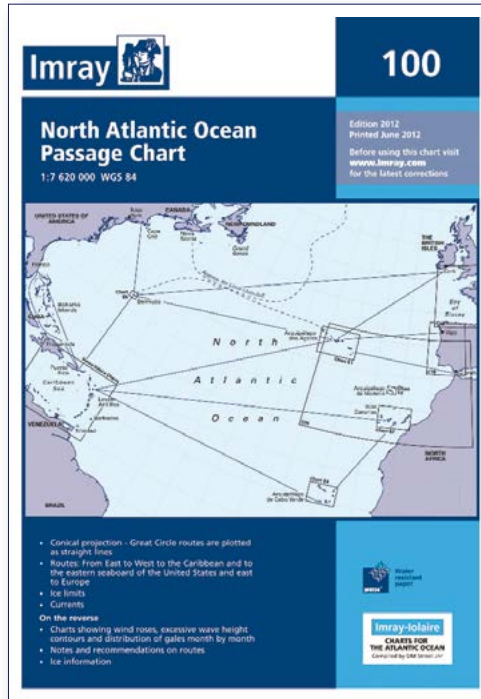
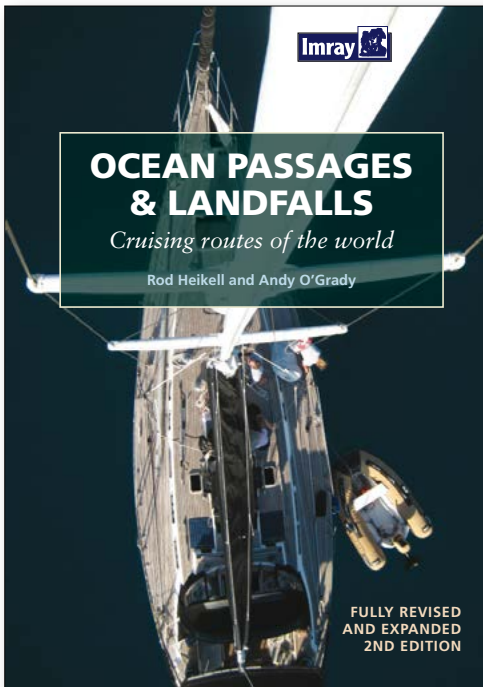
Rod Heikell and Andrew O'Grady

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Ocean Cruising Club

'Were I travelling one or all of the oceans, I would have this at my side as an initial planning work.'

Cruising Association



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Chart 100 is an important companion for the Atlantic yachtsman on passage and an excellent source of planning information.

- At 1:7,620,000 covers the North Atlantic from Brazil to Newfoundland
- Conical projection enabling Great Circle tracks to be plotted as straight lines.
- Contours, limits of ice, magnetic variations
- Key routes as identified by D M Street.
- Notes on the routes and small wind rose charts showing excessive wave heights and storm frequencies for April to July and October to December.

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