

**Press Release**

**Zimbabwean Sailor Fraser Flight Prepares to Conquer the Seas in to become the first Zimbabwean and the first person from a landlocked country to sail single handed, unassisted, non-stop around the World**

**London, UK 01 December 2024** – Fraser Flight, a Zimbabwean-born sailor with a lifelong passion for the ocean, is preparing to make history as the first Zimbabwean and the first person from a landlocked country to attempt a solo, unassisted, non-stop circumnavigation of the globe. Fraser will take on the extraordinary challenge in the prestigious **Global Solo Challenge 2027/28**, a 26,000-nautical-mile race across the world’s toughest oceans to sail around the world.

Growing up on a tobacco farm in landlocked Zimbabwe, Fraser defied the odds by fostering a connection to sailing that began on a small dam and flourished into a professional maritime career. He attributes this passion to his grandfather who himself undertook a sailing voyage in the 1950s from the West Indies to South Africa.

For the international sailing community, Fraser’s story is a testament to the unyielding human spirit and the boundless reach of our shared passion for the sea. His journey, which will see him navigate the notorious Southern Ocean and the three great capes—Cape of Good Hope, Cape Leeuwin, and Cape Horn—is a remarkable convergence of ambition, skill, and love for adventure.

### A Sailor’s Story: From a Farm Dam to the Roaring Forties

Born in Zimbabwe and raised far from the coast, Fraser’s connection to sailing began humbly on a small dam. Over time, his dedication and natural aptitude for the sport carried him from competitive dinghy racing to commanding some of the most prestigious vessels in the world.

“For me, this race is about more than just miles under the keel—it’s about achieving a goal that has lived in my heart since childhood and connecting with a global community of sailors who share the same hunger for taking on the ultimate challenge,” said Fraser Flight.

### The Challenge: 26,000 Miles of Pure Ocean Racing

The Global Solo Challenge is a celebration of solo sailing in its purest form. It combines accessibility with fierce competition, inviting sailors on a range of vessels to push their limits. Starting in Vigo, Spain, the fleet will navigate the historic clipper route, battling the relentless conditions of the Southern Ocean and the isolation of long days at sea.

Fraser’s vessel will be meticulously prepared for the challenge, equipped to handle the unforgiving environments that define this legendary route. The staggered, pursuit-style start, designed to equalise performance differences between the competing boats, ensures that all competitors face a fair and engaging race to the finish line.

The journey will take between 4-6 Months to complete and if successful will allow Fraser to join the select list of 194 sailors who are on the official list of having completed this remarkable feat. To put this into context over 600 people have been into space so this is truly a rare achievement.

### Sailing for a Cause

Fraser’s race isn’t just about personal achievement—it’s a call to action for the sailing community to unite around shared values. Funds raised through sponsorship and crowdfunding will support two meaningful causes:

1. **Wildlife Conservation in Zimbabwe and throughout Africa**: Partnering with the international charity African Parks, Fraser aims to raise awareness and resources for protecting the biodiversity of his homeland, including the Matusadona region.
2. **Supporting Zimbabwe’s Pensioners**: Fraser’s campaign will also provide critical aid to destitute pensioners in Zimbabwe, showcasing how the sailing community can create ripples of change far beyond the ocean.

### Join Fraser on This Extraordinary Voyage

Fraser’s entry in the Global Solo Challenge is not just a race against the elements—it’s an invitation for the sailing world to embrace his vision and rally behind his cause. Whether by sponsoring a mile of his journey, becoming a corporate partner, or simply sharing his story, every gesture strengthens the bond of the global community.

“It’s an honour to represent Zimbabwe and the greater yachting and sailing community on this journey,” Fraser said. “Together, we can make this voyage a beacon of what’s possible when passion meets purpose.”

### About the Global Solo Challenge

The Global Solo Challenge is a one-of-a-kind race that welcomes sailors from all backgrounds. By grouping participants based on their vessel’s performance characteristics and staggering start dates, the event levels the playing field while preserving the essence of solo ocean racing. From seasoned racers to dream-chasers like Fraser, the Global Solo Challenge embodies the spirit of endurance, camaraderie, and the pursuit of completing one of mankind’s toughest challenges.

To read more about Fraser and the Global solo Challenge please visit our web site [www.flightaroundtheworld.co.uk](http://www.flightaroundtheworld.co.uk)

**Supporting Fraser's Journey**

To make this dream a reality, Fraser is actively seeking support through fundraising and sponsorship. To make this dream a reality and to get Fraser into the pantheon of world sailors a total of $500,000 (£400,000) has to be raised.

There are several ways to get involved:

* **Donating**: Every mile of the journey can be sponsored for £20, contributing to the overall goal of raising the amount required. To donate please visit our just giving page <https://www.justgiving.com/crowdfunding/flightaroundtheworld-sailingforcharity/>
* **Sponsorship**: Headline and secondary sponsorships are available, offering unique benefits to access a worldwide audience
* **Following and sharing on social media**: Spreading awareness about Fraser's journey will help attract sponsors and amplify his message
* **Advertising**: Limited advertising spaces are available on the website, offering visibility to businesses aligned with the initiative.
* **Raffle/auction prize donations**: Donated prizes will be raffled or auctioned, with proceeds supporting the challenge.

**About Fraser Flight**  
Fraser is a seasoned sailor and maritime professional with a Master of Yachts <3000GT license. Today, Fraser boasts over 80,000 nautical miles of experience, including 15 Atlantic crossings and navigation through the Roaring Forties. With over 10 years of experience and a deep-seated passion for adventure, he is poised to take on one of the world’s most gruelling sailing challenges.

For media downloads, enquiries, sponsorship details, or to support Fraser Flight’s journey, please visit [www.flightaroundtheworld.co.uk](http://www.flightaroundtheworld.co.uk) or contact us on [sails@flightaroundtheworld.co.uk](mailto:sails@flightaroundtheworld.co.uk)

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