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Marlow Ropes Ties Up Deal For a Sixteenth Year With the Clipper Race

Marlow Ropes, the UK based global manufacturer of high quality leisure marine ropes, has extended its partnership as the Official Rope Supplier for the 2017-18 edition of the Clipper Round the World Yacht Race.

Marlow Ropes is recognised around the world for quality performance and innovation, and has a proven track record in supplying rope for the last seven editions of the Clipper Race.

Managing Director of Marlow Ropes, Jon Mitchell, said: "We are the perfect partner for the Clipper Race. A circumnavigation is one of the toughest feats in world sport. To do this as an amateur, even if you are in the hands of professionals, takes courage and determination. That's why we take pride in our partnership with the Clipper Race, an event that tests the endurance of the participants and our product." As the Clipper Race's official rope supplier, Marlow Ropes will once again provide each of the fleet's twelve Clipper 70-foot yachts with over 40,000 metres of high quality ropes. To rig one boat, excluding spares, takes 1415 metres of rope weighing 191kg using modern fibres such as Dyneema. Old fashioned ropes would weigh around 271kg, which means around a 30 per cent weight reduction using Dyneema.

Chairman and Founder of the Clipper Race, Sir Robin Knox-Johnston, said, "We have chosen to continue to partner with Marlow Ropes for an eighth consecutive race due to their ability to combine leading edge manufacturing techniques with the constant development of new fibres.

We look forward to working together once again to create another extraordinary experience for our crew."

Marlow Ropes experts will also provide the Clipper Race crew with rope care and splicing advice during their race training. This will help them get the maximum lifespan and efficiency out of the running rigging during their 40,000 nautical mile global ocean adventure.

The Clipper 2017-18 Race Crew will also be able to test out their skills at Marlow Rope's knot tying display at the Clipper Race stand at the London Boat Show. The London Boat show is from January 6 – 15 at ExCel, London.

For more information about Marlow Ropes and its products, please visit www.marlowropes.com.

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About Clipper Round the World Yacht Race

The Clipper Round the World Yacht Race is the world's largest ocean adventure and is also regarded

as one of the toughest endurance challenges on the planet. At 40,000 nautical miles long and taking almost a year to complete, it consists of twelve teams competing against each other on the world's largest matched fleet of 70-foot ocean racing yachts.

The Clipper Race was established in 1996 by Sir Robin Knox-Johnston, the first person to sail solo non-stop around the world in 1968-69. His aim was to allow anyone, regardless of previous sailing experience, the chance to embrace the thrill of ocean racing; it is the only event of its kind for amateur sailors. Around 40 per cent of crew are novices and have never sailed before starting a comprehensive training programme ahead of their adventure.

This unique challenge brings together everyone from chief executives to taxi drivers, nurses and firefighters, farmers, airline pilots and students, from age 18 upwards, to take on Mother Nature's toughest conditions. There is no upper age limit, the oldest competitor to date is 74.

Whether they choose to take on the whole circumnavigation or compete in one or more of eight individual legs, all our crew achieve something remarkable as they conquer some of the world's most challenging oceans.

The overall route is split into a series of global races and a maximum 12 points going to first place ascending to 1 point for twelfth place. The team with the highest cumulative points at the end of the final race wins the series, and the Clipper Race trophy.

The next edition of the race is due to start in Summer 2017. For more information, go to: www.clipperroundtheworld.com