

CLIPPER ROUND THE WORLD YACHT RACE

RACE START – MEDIA SCHEDULE

The Clipper 2017-18 Round the World Yacht Race departs Sunday 20 August at 1230 from Albert Dock, Liverpool, celebrating the eleventh edition of the biggest ocean race for amateur sailors.

On the starting gun, crowds of crew, supporters and spectators will watch the fleet set sail from the historic Merseyside waterfront, marking the beginning of the epic 40,000 nautical mile adventure around the world.

HIGHLIGHTS INCLUDE:

- 712 crew members representing 41 nationalities will participate in the entire race
- The eight-leg race route will visit six continents and will take eleven months to complete
- Nationalities represented: British, American, Australian, Chinese, German, French, South African, Irish, Canadian, Swiss, Dutch, New Zealander, Italian, Swedish, Brazilian, Belgian, Norwegian, Polish, Spanish, Indian, Russian, Argentinian, Danish, Mexican, Slovenian, Turkish, Austrian, Bulgarian, Chilean, Czech, Greek, Hong Kong, Japanese, Korean, Mauritian, Peruvian, Portuguese, Romanian, Uruguayan and the Cayman Islands.
- With crew for the first time in the race's 20-year history from Mauritius, Uruguay, the Czech Republic and the Cayman Islands
- 111 Round the World crew members
- 361 British crew members with 16 hailing from Liverpool and the North West
- The amateur crew are largely novice - 40 per cent have never sailed before starting their training. Each yacht is under the command of a professional skipper

INTERVIEW AVAILABILITY

-Round the World and Leg 1 race crew and Skippers – on request

-Sir Robin Knox-Johnston – on request

PHOTO/TV OPPORTUNITIES

-Access to Albert Dock for Fleet Arrivals, Naming Ceremonies, Departure Ceremony and Parade of sail

-Limited RIB availability for on the water coverage of Race Start – please contact with requests

RACE START SCHEDULE - LIVERPOOL'S ALBERT DOCK

MONDAY 14 AUGUST

- 1500: Fleet arrival
- 1500 -1615: Parade of sail
- 1600 -1800: Yachts dock in Albert Dock
- 1830: Skippers and crew available for interview

TUESDAY 15 AUGUST

- Fleet preparation day. Crew and skippers available for interview

WEDNESDAY 16 AUGUST – CLIPPER 2017-18 RACE VILLAGE OPENS

- 1000 -1800: Public Open Boat Tours

THURSDAY 17 AUGUST

- 0900 -1100: Liverpool 2018: Naming Ceremony
- 1230 -1430: Visit Seattle: Naming Ceremony
- 1300 -1500: Hotelplanner.com: Naming Ceremony
- 1500 -1700: Sanya Serenity Coast: Naming Ceremony

FRIDAY 18 AUGUST

- 1200 -1300: Dare to Lead: Naming Ceremony
- 1200 -1400: Unicef: Naming Ceremony
- 1300 -1500: Northern Powerhouse Business Reception: GREAT Britain Naming Ceremony
- 1500 -1700: Garmin: Naming Ceremony
- 1530 -1730: Greenings: Naming Ceremony
- 1600 -1800: Qingdao: Naming Ceremony

SATURDAY 19 AUGUST

- Race preparation day

SUNDAY 20 AUGUST – RACE START DAY

- 0800 -0900: Official crew departure ceremony with teams on stage
- 0915: Fleet departs Albert Dock, slipping lines to parade on River Mersey
- 1115: Fleet parade of sail
- 1230: Race Start

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