

# The First Nonstop Round The World No Holds Barred Sailing Competition



## The Race: The First Nonstop, Round-the-World, No-Holds-Barred Sailing Competition by Tim Zimmermann

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In 1968, the world's best sailors set out on an epic adventure: the first-ever nonstop round-the-world sailing race. This grueling competition would test the limits of human endurance and seamanship. The race was open to any type of sailboat, and there were no holds barred. The only rule was to finish first.

The race began in Portsmouth, England, and the fleet of sailboats set off into the Atlantic Ocean. The sailors faced treacherous conditions, including storms, icebergs, and doldrums. Many of the boats were damaged or forced to retire from the race. But a few intrepid sailors pressed on, determined to finish the race.

After months of grueling sailing, the first boat crossed the finish line in Portsmouth. The winner was Robin Knox-Johnston, a British sailor who had sailed single-handed around the world. Knox-Johnston's victory was a testament to his skill, determination, and courage. He had completed the first nonstop round-the-world sailing race in 312 days.

The First Nonstop Round The World No Holds Barred Sailing Competition was a groundbreaking event in the history of sailing. It proved that it was possible to sail around the world without stopping. It also inspired a new generation of sailors toに挑戦 this epic adventure.

## **The Sailors**

The sailors who competed in the First Nonstop Round The World No Holds Barred Sailing Competition were a diverse group of individuals. They came

from all over the world, and they had a wide range of experience. Some of the sailors were professional sailors, while others were amateurs. But they all shared a common goal: to be the first to sail around the world nonstop.

One of the most famous sailors in the race was Robin Knox-Johnston. Knox-Johnston was a British sailor who had already sailed around the world single-handed. He was a skilled sailor and a determined competitor. Knox-Johnston was one of the favorites to win the race.

Another notable sailor in the race was Bernard Moitessier. Moitessier was a French sailor who was known for his unconventional approach to sailing. He was a passionate advocate for environmental protection, and he often sailed without using an engine. Moitessier was not interested in winning the race. He was more interested in exploring the world and living a simple life.

## **The Boats**

The boats that competed in the First Nonstop Round The World No Holds Barred Sailing Competition were a variety of shapes and sizes. Some of the boats were large and powerful, while others were small and nimble. There were monohulls and multihulls, and there were boats made of wood, fiberglass, and metal.

The most famous boat in the race was Robin Knox-Johnston's Suhaili. Suhaili was a 32-foot ketch that Knox-Johnston had built himself. Suhaili was a sturdy boat that was well-suited for long-distance sailing. Knox-Johnston sailed Suhaili around the world in 312 days.

Another notable boat in the race was Bernard Moitessier's Joshua. Joshua was a 39-foot ketch that Moitessier had also built himself. Joshua was a

fast boat that was well-suited for sailing in strong winds. Moitessier sailed Joshua around the world in 368 days.

## **The Race**

The First Nonstop Round The World No Holds Barred Sailing Competition was a grueling event. The sailors faced treacherous conditions, including storms, icebergs, and doldrums. Many of the boats were damaged or forced to retire from the race. But a few intrepid sailors pressed on, determined to finish the race.

The race was won by Robin Knox-Johnston, who sailed Suhaili around the world in 312 days. Knox-Johnston's victory was a testament to his skill, determination, and courage. He had completed the first nonstop round-the-world sailing race.

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## **Legacy**

The First Nonstop Round The World No Holds Barred Sailing Competition has had a lasting legacy in the world of sailing. It inspired a new generation of sailors toに挑戦 this epic adventure, and it helped to raise the profile of sailing as a sport.

The race also had a significant impact on the development of sailing technology. The boats that competed in the race were the most advanced of their time, and they helped to push the boundaries of sailing design. The

race also helped to develop new techniques for long-distance sailing, which are still used today.

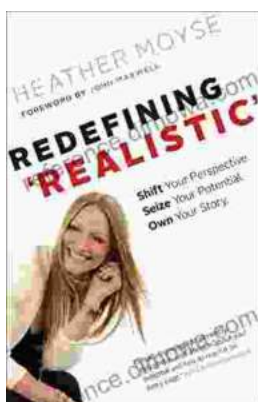
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