

Nautical Notes

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Sanders on target for new record

In October 2016, yachting legend Jon Sanders sailed out of Fremantle Harbour, Western Australia, in an attempt to

Destination Africa – Jon Sanders's circumnavigation continues.

become the first person to circumnavigate the world 10 times.

Sanders has amassed 34 world records – including sailing the furthest distance of any human or vessel, continuously, alone and unassisted (71,023nm) – and is the first person to single-handedly and continuously circle the globe twice.

It's also 30 years since Sanders launched into the record books as the first person to circumnavigate the planet solo and non-stop three consecutive times – a feat yet to be matched. If he is successful, Sanders will be able to add the title of oldest person to sail around the world to his accolades. At 77, and having undergone open-heart surgery last year, this voyage is touted as Sanders's swansong.

His 39ft fibreglass *Perie Banou II*, built in 1971, underwent a major refurbishment prior to the journey, but Sanders describes the yacht as being a bit slow. Accompanied by a crew, the first leg of the journey saw him race the yacht from Fremantle to Geraldton before joining the 400th anniversary celebrations of the discovery of Western Australia by Dirk Hartog, in Shark Bay. On November 2, he left Carnarvon and is now travelling solo towards Africa.

The Royal Perth Yacht Club, of which Sanders has been a member for 62 years, expects his return to coincide with the opening of the sailing season in October. Meanwhile, follow Sanders's journey on his blog and via a tracker on his website: JonSanders.com.au.

– Tania Connolly

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