

TEAM LMAX EXCHANGE WINS THIRD LEG OF ROUND THE WORLD RACE

London, 23 November 2015 – Following their victory in the first leg of the Clipper Round the World Yacht Race, Team LMAX Exchange was the first crew to reach the west coast of Australia, claiming maximum points in the third leg of the biennial event.

After twenty-two days, the team has completed the Wardan Whip, successfully navigating through the Roaring Forties, to complete the nearly 6,000-mile leg journey in pole position. Team LMAX Exchange overcame 80-foot swells and gale force storms to arrive into the Albany port at 21:43 (GMT) on Sunday 22nd November.

David Mercer, CEO of LMAX Exchange commented: "After winning the race to Rio to claim the first leg, it is great to secure another victory. The team led the way for the majority of the race from Cape Town to Albany - to see them cross the line first is fantastic.

"I am looking forward to joining the boat in Sydney and experiencing the determination and resilience of the crew that has resulted in their success in the race so far."

David Mercer leaves for Sydney in a couple of weeks to join Team LMAX Exchange for the Sydney to Hobart leg of the race. It marks the end of an adventurous year for the CEO, after he trekked to the North Pole in April to set a Guinness World Record for the northernmost game of rugby ever played and raise funds for children's charity, Wooden Spoon.

Skipper Olivier Cardin remarked: "There was a lot of different conditions ranging between the low and high pressure systems and the anticyclone at the end. The first day we had a big storm and managed to weather it well by being in an easterly position in the fleet, and took the lead at this point. We all expected storms and big waves, and it was always wet on deck and down below, but it was not as extreme as we thought it would be, so we were always able to push the boat hard.

"We are a very tough team and we know we can take the lead quickly and hold onto it. We are always motivated when we see the schedules and know we have to push harder if others are gaining miles on us, and that keeps us going. We pushed pretty hard and others behind pushed too.

"The team always responds to whatever conditions are thrown at us, and are able to change the sails quickly, which makes it a lot easier for me tactically," he added.

The 2015-16 Clipper Round the World Yacht Race started on 30 August 2015 at St Katharine Docks, London and will return eleven months later on 30 July 2016. The event's global race track visits 14 markets on six continents and is recognised as one of the hardest endurance challenges in the world

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Notes to Editors

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The Clipper Round the World Yacht Race is the world's longest 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 Clipper 2015-16 Race starts from St Katharine Docks, London on 30 August 2015 and will be the event's tenth edition. Over 700 people from more than 40 different countries will take part, and over 3,000 novice sailors have been transformed into ocean racers throughout Clipper Race history so far.

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