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Jon Sanders Completes a Record 10th Circumnavigation

Fremantle, WA, 21 December 2017 – OCC Honorary Member Jon Sanders AO OBE CitWA left Rottneest Island on the last leg of his mostly single-handed circumnavigation last week. The passage was approximately 500nm. He arrived in Carnarvon, WA aboard s/v *Perie Banou II*, an S&S 39, on Wednesday the 20th of December, 14 months after departing Fremantle. Once again Jon has accomplished the extraordinary, fuelled by his mantra, “Why be ordinary when I can be original?” The 78-year old, who underwent open heart surgery in 2015, achieved yet another historical milestone in an extraordinary sailing career.

Anyone who has followed his amusing blog will know that Jon is quite a character. With an exceptional sense of humour, a boyish attitude, and plenty of spirit, Jon is the embodiment of the cruising ethos. When he realised that a trough would soon develop into a low in his path on what he thought would be his final leg, he thought nothing of taking a detour up the Tamar River in Tasmania. There he immediately befriended Commodore Mitch Ranson, was given the keys to the marina facilities, and roped into giving a talk about his adventures.

Anne Hammick, Commodore of the OCC commented, “Jon epitomizes the spirit of the Ocean Cruising Club, with his low-key approach and his love of being at sea. Things have not always gone smoothly for him, but he never gives up and he never shouts ‘unfair!’ He remains an inspiration to us all, and a role model for the many who aspire to cross an ocean in their own yacht.”

A native of Fremantle and schooled in Perth, Jon began his sailing career at a young age. He started breaking records and became the darling of the Australian Press when he completed a solo triple non-stop circumnavigation in 1988 aboard s/v *Parry Endeavour*, a 71,000 NM journey that took 658 days to complete. He won the hearts of Australians the world over and *Parry Endeavour* now takes pride of place next to the 1983 America’s Cup winner *Australia II* in the Fremantle Maritime Museum.

OCC Regional Rear Commodore for SE Australia, Paul Furniss said, "It is wonderful news that Jon Sanders, an Honorary Member of the Ocean Cruising Club, has arrived safely in Carnarvon aboard *Perie Banou II* to complete his 10th circumnavigation. It is a momentous sailing achievement. Here in Sydney we were pleased that Jon spent time with us in November and made Port Jackson part of the Australian voyages on his way to Western Australia."

Jon's [website](#) has the following achievements reported among many more:

1970 First solo circumnavigation trip east to west mostly sailing through tropics.

1981-2 Double nonstop solo circumnavigation west to east via Southern Ocean.

1988 March 13th returned from 658 days 21 hours and 18 minutes at sea, completing three non-stop solo circumnavigations. Guinness Book of Records as longest distance ever sailed continuously by any vessel (71,023 nautical miles).

No doubt, the list will grow. So, what's next for Jon? Stay tuned to his blog to be among the first to know: <http://www.jonsanders.com.au/>





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About the Ocean Cruising Club



Though it has no physical clubhouse, the OCC is the “home port” for those who have sailed long distances across big oceans. With 41 nationalities represented among more than 2500 members, and Port Officers around the world, we have a more diverse membership and a more international reach than any other blue water sailing organisation. Our Board and Committee comprise 7 women and 7 men representing 9 countries in Europe, North American and Australia, reflecting our diverse membership. Our Port Officers, Regional Rear Commodores and Roving Rear Commodores represent the frontline interaction with our current and prospective members.

The Ocean Cruising Club exists to encourage long-distance sailing in small boats. A Full Member of the OCC must have completed a qualifying voyage of a non-stop port-to-port ocean passage, where the distance between the two ports is not less than 1,000 nautical miles as measured by the shortest practical Great Circle route, as skipper or member of the crew in a vessel of not more than 70ft (21.36 m) LOA; associate members are committed to the achievement of that goal. This standard distinguishes the OCC from all other sailing clubs. It’s not about what you are or who you know, but simply what you have done that matters. Our awards seek to bring to light the accomplishments of ordinary people doing extraordinary things on the world’s oceans.

Our membership as a whole has more experience offshore than any other sailing organisation – in the number of circumnavigators, in the range of extraordinary voyages members have completed, and in the number of solo sailors and female sailors among our ranks. This is what sets us apart from other organisations, even as it draws us together as a group. We bring the spirit of seafaring to our association by always being willing to assist any fellow sailor we meet, either afloat or ashore.

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