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## **Randall Reeves on Track to Become First Human to Circumnavigate American, Antarctic Continents in One Season**

**Devon, UK, 14 October 2019 – Predicted October 19 Return to San Francisco Bay, Where ‘The Figure 8 Voyage’ Began Just Over One Year Ago**

One year ago, a lone sailor departed San Francisco for a first-ever circumnavigation of both the American and Antarctic continents in one season. The route has taken him through all of the world’s oceans, approaching both poles and rounding Cape Horn twice, in a world’s-first feat known as The Figure 8 Voyage. No one has done this before—and the few previous attempts have met with failure.

By Randall Reeves’ projected return on October 19, 2019, he will have sailed nearly 40,000 miles, or roughly twice the circumference of the globe, surviving alone for months at sea, maintaining his vessel under all conditions, often navigating by sextant and starlight and solving problems on his own. Since the route is a race against time and weather at both poles, Reeves had to provision his boat with all the food, water and fuel he would need for the year.

Reeves is no stranger to the treachery of this voyage. His first attempt, embarking in the fall of 2017, was met with a confluence of challenges-- he ultimately limped into port in Tasmania, navigating with water-logged paper maps and a sextant, putting an end to his first attempt.

His vessel, which he’s named Moli (or “Mo”), is a 45-foot aluminium sloop with no hot water or refrigeration, no powered winches or sails, and very limited solar power. He’s gone for months at a time without regular phone contact and limited data uplinks. He even went more than two hundred days without changing his pants.

Reeves is unusual among solo sailors in his passion for sharing his experiences. Using recent advances in satellite technology, he communicates in real-time from the deep ocean to an engaged community of “virtual stowaways” through blogs and vlogs, Facebook and Twitter chats and voice interviews.

Randall has reached the coast of California and is now on a meandering approach to San Francisco, expected to pass under the Golden Gate Bridge on Saturday, the 19<sup>th</sup> of October. Event details are posted on the Figure 8 blog. <http://figure8voyage.com/blog/>

#### Media Resources:

Media seats available on the escort flotilla greeting Reeves under the Golden Gate Bridge  
Skype and phone interviews available (satellite-dependent)  
Comprehensive library of compelling video and photos available  
Contact [heather@elevation-strategy.com](mailto:heather@elevation-strategy.com) for media access.

#### Social Media/Assets:

#Figure8Voyage

Twitter: [@RandallReeves8](https://twitter.com/RandallReeves8)

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### About Randall Reeves

Born and raised in Northern California, Randall Reeves, 57, grew up reading and dreaming of the sea. He learned to sail on the rivers of central California and often “borrowed” the family sailboat for solo ventures to the San Francisco Bay. These turned out to be formative escapades. While in college, Randall interviewed world-famous solo sailor, Bernard Moitessier, for his campus radio station, a meeting that changed his life.

Reeves’s blue-water sailing began in 2006 when he crewed on a 40-foot boat for a 26-day, 3,000-mile passage from Hawaii to British Columbia. He was hooked. Future adventures included crewing the Northwest passage and solo voyages from Kodiak, Alaska to Hawaii and back to his home in San Francisco.

Throughout his travels, Reeves paints the story of his adventures to a passionate community of “virtual stowaways” in the hopes of inspiring others to do more than they ever thought possible.

Prior to making adventure his full-time pursuit, Reeves served as a general manager for Millennium Restaurant and other Joi de Vivre properties in San Francisco, spent 11 years in senior leadership at OpenTable and held a C-level position at a company building tech solutions for the food service industry.

## About the Ocean Cruising Club



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The OCC is the “home port” for those who have sailed long distances across big oceans. With 48 nationalities represented among almost 2900 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.

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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, in a vessel of not more than 70ft (21.36 m) LOA; associate members are committed to achieving that goal. This standard distinguishes the OCC from all other sailing clubs.

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.

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