

Roaring sea,  
screaming storm,  
running mountains,  
bloody smoky battlefield.  
In the salty fog hidden,  
black rock from the sea,  
worst of the worst,  
the terrible cape,  
Cape Horn.

“In the end of the world” by Jure Sterk (died at sea 2 Jan, 2009)

We have recently held a strategic review of the IACH and its future. Most importantly what we can offer past and future ‘Cape Horners’. We intend to revitalise the membership and reflect the scale of such an achievement. We believe from initial research that there could be in excess of 1,800 sailors since 1974 from the Whitbread, the Volvo, Global Challenge races and other solo passages who would qualify but have not joined the IACH.

**Our Key Objectives are:**

- Double the membership by 2023 (50th Anniversary of the first Whitbread Race)
- Establish a Register for all sailors who qualify for membership
- Develop a new proactive website and database to give our members access to information and each other, if they so wish
- Increase the number of events to be held during the year for the benefit of members
- Increase our public exposure for the benefit of members and the sailing community at large
- Engage with the whole sailing community e.g. offer talks and briefings to Yacht Clubs



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# Throughout the annals of time, Cape Horn has had mystical properties to many sailors. It has inspired great stories of courage in violent seas and dangerous conditions.

Sailors of all nationalities who have rounded Cape Horn under sail as part of a non-stop passage of at least 3,000 nautical miles which passes above the latitude of 52° South in both the Pacific (or Indian) and Atlantic Oceans, without the use of engines for propulsion, qualify for full membership of The International Association of Cape Horners. Rounding the Horn is an enormous achievement for individual sailors, combining massive commitment, danger, romance and has often been a life changing moment.

We are an inclusive and diverse organisation, encouraging anyone who may not fulfil the key criteria but have rounded 'The Horn' to become part of this august body of sailors, as Associates and enjoy the camaraderie

## What do we offer?

- A unique comradeship
- A shared sense of significant achievement
- A forum to enjoy each other's company and experiences
- An annual lunch with an inspirational speaker
- An active website forum for information, stories and what is happening NOW
- Journals and Newsletters

"The waters around Cape Horn are particularly hazardous, owing to fierce winds, large waves, strong currents and icebergs. The need for boats and ships to round Cape Horn was greatly reduced by the opening of the Panama Canal, but the challenge to 'Round the Horn' is still actively pursued by many races of different types of yachts, sizes and categories. There is no drop in the number of events pursuing this, on the contrary, the number of competitions are on the increase."



There is a growing interest in the old Corinthian way of sailing, where crews joined up for an ocean challenge in yachts that are not necessarily equipped for the big prizes. The recent 'single handed' Golden Globe Race has whetted the appetite of many to achieve something amazing and soon the 'crewed' Ocean Globe Race in 2023 will further this ambition. In addition there is the next Ocean Race 2021/22.

## What can you do?

- Become a member, our annual membership fee is only £20 pa
- Ensure you are recorded on the relevant Association Register (solo etc), as are all current members
- Share this message with anyone you know who has or may have rounded Cape Horn under sail
- Tell anyone in the sailing community that we wish to interact and communicate with clubs and organisations who may have an interest
- JOIN US AT [WWW.CAPEHORNERS.ORG](http://WWW.CAPEHORNERS.ORG)

"We, as an organisation, protect and honour what others have endured and achieved and encourage present and future generations of sailors to aspire to this achievement."

