

UPDATE FROM EGYPT – FINAL LEG FOR EARTHTRACE



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Update from Egypt, 19.29 GMT. Due to essential maintenance work following a challenging trip through monsoon weather, Earthrace was not able to start the journey through the Suez Canal until this afternoon. The crew is very grateful to Admiral Fadel, Chairman of the Suez Canal Authority, for granting special dispensation to the boat to travel through the Canal. As vessels are unable to travel along the canal at night, the boat is now docked half way to Port Said, in Ismailia from where she will set off again at

first light tomorrow. Thanks also to Felix Maritime Agents for all their help in making arrangements for a great transit.

On arrival in Port Said, the boat will stop to offload the ground crew and other additional passengers and continue on towards Spain...and the world record!

Update from TracPlus: Standard report 2008-06-24 01:43:48 NZDT 8.1 knots tracking 016° True 29° 57' 12" N 32° 34' 52" E at As Suwas - we are getting tracking off the new TracPlus terminal! Excellent work Pete and Adrian!! . At the moment, it's not flowing through to Rush Digital for the public mapping, and we will look into that just as soon as our team wakes up in about seven hours time. But it's a start! We're really close now....

Update from Egypt: 04.30 GMT: New TracPlus units have arrived in Cairo and are on their way to Ain Sukhna where Ground Crew will deliver them to the boat in Port Suez. We hope to resume normal tracking facilities for the Canal transit later today. Huge thanks to Stuart Elson, Jan Leemans, John Hatherall, Chris Hinch and Ahmed and team at Ginger Tours, and Ali Ahmed at the BA booking office, for achieving the impossible and getting the new TracPlus unit to the crew.

The boat crew has been joined by Justin Beeton, J B Global, and Paul Topley, Churches Fire Security, as Guest Crew on the final race leg. Fortunately for them, Chief Engineer, Tino de Freitas, has managed to have new bunk beds made in Ain Sukhna!

Keep up-to-date with Earthrace's progress at this crucial stage of the race via the website: www.earthrace.net

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Notes to editors:

High resolution, copyright-free photographs and video footage are available to download from our FTP site: <ftp://assets.earthrace.net>

Please contact news@earthrace.net for login details.

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About Earthrace

Earthrace is a 24m (78ft) tri-hull wavepiercer that has been designed and built specifically to get the record for a powerboat to circumnavigate the globe. She is an advanced endurance vessel, capable of submarining up to 7m (23ft) underwater as she powers across oceans.

The goal of Earthrace is to set a new world record for a powerboat to circumnavigate the globe, running 100% renewable biodiesel fuel, and with a net zero carbon footprint.

From the start in Sagunto, the boat will cross the Atlantic, Pacific and Indian oceans and travel through the Panama and Suez Canals as it thunders around the planet's circumference at a maximum speed of 40 knots, attempting to break the round-the-world speed record. The full record route is as follows:

Sagunto (Spain) – Horta (Azores) – San Juan (Puerto Rico) – Colon (Panama Canal, Panama) – Manzanillo (Mexico) – San Diego (USA) – Maalaea Harbor, Maui (Hawaii) – Majuro (Marshall Islands) – Koror (Palau) – Singapore – Kochi/Cochin (India) – Salalah (Oman) – Port Said (Suez Canal, Egypt) – Sagunto (Spain)

Earthrace is run as a not-for-profit venture, with a boat, ground and London HQ crew made up of international volunteers.

You can find out in real time exactly where Earthrace is now by going to www.earthrace.net and clicking on the 'Where is Earthrace' globe.

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