

P R E S S R E L E A S E

Round Britain yachts equipped with PC Maritime's Navmaster

The eight identical yachts competing in the inaugural Round Britain Challenge are all to be equipped with PC Maritime's Navmaster & Admiralty ARCS charts.

The Navmaster system has been installed on the yachts' navigation computers to provide passage-planning, chart management, position-logging, tidal stream calculations and the full complement of electronic navigation tools.

Challenge Business Director Alistair Hackett said:

"We have used Navmaster on the last two Global Challenges and also in last year's Transat race to Boston and back. Our yachts have probably sailed nearly a million miles with this system on board. We feel that an electronic charting system has become a vital part of the yachts' equipment and Navmaster has so far provided all we need. Navmaster clearly helps with the safe navigation of the yachts and also plays a very important tactical role during the event."

PC Maritime are delighted that Navmaster has been chosen by the Challenge Business and are providing personal training to the skippers and mates of the yachts in the weeks before departure.

The Round Britain Challenge is a nonstop circumnavigation of Britain and Ireland starting and finishing in Southampton. The eight 72ft steel Global Challenge yachts will be sailed by a crew of 16 volunteers, many of whom have never sailed before, with a professional skipper and first mate.

For information about the Round Britain Challenge, go to <http://roundbritainchallenge.com> . For information on Navmaster, please visit <http://www.pcmaritime.co.uk/leisure>

ENDS March 2003.