

TEAM LMAX EXCHANGE WINS FIRST LEG OF ROUND THE WORLD RACE

London, 28 September 2015 – Team LMAX Exchange is the first to reach Rio de Janeiro to win the opening leg of the biennial Clipper Round the World Yacht Race.

After twenty-six days, the team crossed the Atlantic and emerged out of the Doldrums Corridor to complete the nearly 6,000 mile leg in pole position, arriving into port at 18.17 (BST) on Friday 25th September. David Mercer, CEO of LMAX Exchange commented, “We are thrilled to see the LMAX Exchange team win the race to Rio. To win the opening leg is a great result and testament to the crew’s determination, resilience and preparation.

“At LMAX Exchange we know what it takes to overcome challenges and work together as a team. We value the ambition and competitive spirit required to lead in the Clipper Race, and I look forward to joining them in Rio de Janeiro to celebrate their early success.”

Skipper Olivier Cardin remarked, “I feel very good. We led the race for the past two weeks and I’m really proud of the team effort. I’m very confident in my crew who did a great job.

“I know the teams behind are really competitive so we are certainly not taking this win for granted. We will take time together to study our plan for the next race as we will be pushed hard again, but for now it is time to celebrate a team victory that we will never forget as long as we live.”

The 2015-16 Clipper Round the World Yacht Race started on 30 August 2015 at St Katharine Docks, London and will return eleven months later on 30 July 2016. The event’s global race track visits 14 markets on six continents and is recognised as one of the hardest endurance challenges in the world.

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Notes to Editors

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About Clipper Round the World Yacht Race:

The Clipper Round the World Yacht Race is the world's longest ocean adventure and is also regarded as one of the toughest endurance challenges on the planet. At 40,000 nautical miles long and taking almost a year to complete, it consists of twelve teams competing against each other on the world's largest matched fleet of 70-foot ocean racing yachts.

The Clipper Race was established in 1996 by Sir Robin Knox-Johnston, the first person to sail solo non-stop around the world in 1968-69. His aim was to allow anyone, regardless of previous sailing experience, the chance to embrace the thrill of ocean racing; it is the only event of its kind for amateur sailors. Around 40 per cent of crew are novices and have never sailed before starting a comprehensive training programme ahead of their adventure.

This unique challenge brings together everyone from chief executives to taxi drivers, nurses and firefighters, farmers, airline pilots and students, from age 18 upwards, to take on Mother Nature's toughest conditions. There is no upper age limit, the oldest competitor to date is 74.

Whether they choose to take on the whole circumnavigation or compete in one or more of eight individual legs, all our crew achieve something remarkable as they conquer some of the world's most challenging oceans.

The overall route is split into a series of global races and a maximum 12 points going to first place ascending to 1 point for twelfth place. The team with the highest cumulative points at the end of the final race wins the series, and the Clipper Race trophy.

The Clipper 2015-16 Race starts from St Katharine Docks, London on 30 August 2015 and will be the event's tenth edition. Over 700 people from more than 40 different countries will take part, and over 3,000 novice sailors have been transformed into ocean racers throughout Clipper Race history so far.

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