



# MultiMedia

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## New World Record Set

*Courtesy of the Associated Press*

LONDON -- Ellen MacArthur has endured stormy seas, 65 mph winds, a broken sail, burns, bruises and exhaustion -- even a close encounter with a whale. The payoff -- a solo around-the-world sailing record (*in a trimaran!*).

Her final time was 71 days, 14 hours, 18 minutes and 33 seconds. She broke the previous record by 1 day, 8 hours and 35 minutes.

The 28-year-old Englishwoman completed the 26,000-mile circumnavigation at 5:29 P.M.. EST on Monday by crossing an imaginary finish line between Ushant, France, and the Lizard peninsula in Cornwall on the south coast of England.

Her 75-foot trimaran *B&Q* broke the record set by Francis Joyon -- who set the mark of 72 days, 22 hours, 54 minutes and 22 seconds -- in February 2004.

MacArthur's control team, based in Falmouth, England -- near where her voyage began over two months ago -- burst into cheers and sprayed champagne as she crossed the line.

"I don't think until I see faces again that it's really going to sink in," she said in comments posted on her Web site. "It's been an absolutely unbelievable journey both physically and mentally. I'm abso-

lutely overjoyed."

Later, she told her team that she never thought she would break Joyon's record on the first try.

"I feel absolutely exhausted but I'm elated to be here," she said. "The whole voyage has been very draining, and there's a lot of things going round in my head. But it's great that I can finally switch my brain off and relax in the company of others, which I've really missed."

MacArthur's record has been ratified by the World Speed Sailing Records Council, whose official watched B&Q cross the line from the Ushant lighthouse.

MacArthur was taken aboard a British naval ship, the HMS *Severn*, for medical checks while a crew continued to sail the *B&Q*. MacArthur planned to

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## Our Next Meeting

For the February FOMA meeting, we have another long-distance voyager as our speaker.

Captain John Waite, who has sailed more than 25,000 miles single-handed, will return as our speaker. He appeared at our November meeting, but technical problems prevented him from presenting his show about sailing from Florida to New York, up the Hudson, through the great lakes, down the Mississippi, and back to Florida.

We will meet at the Chili's Restaurant located at the corner of US 19 and East Bay Drive, in the Tri-City Plaza. The actual address is 5430 E. Bay Dr. , Clearwater, FL 33764.

We have reserved their new private room located at the right rear (from the front desk) of the restaurant. We will be ordering from the entire menu, so everyone can meet their desires/diet/price point! This URL links to their menu: [http://www.chilis.com/menu/default.asp?Unit\\_ID=001%2E005%2E0105&tierID=2&menuType=Dine+In&menu=1](http://www.chilis.com/menu/default.asp?Unit_ID=001%2E005%2E0105&tierID=2&menuType=Dine+In&menu=1)

As usual, we will meet at 6:00 PM for drinks (during Happy Hour) and have dinner at 7:00 PM. Hope to see you there!

## FOMA Calendar

February 17-21—Miami Sailboat Show

February 18-20—St. Pete NOOD

February 26—Caladesi Island Cruise

March 19—Cruise to Moore's Restaurant-Long Boat Key

April 16—FOMA Frolic

April 23—Cruise to Bahia Beach Resort

May 28—Cruise & Raft-Up at Three Rooker Bar

June 25—Raft-Up at Eggmont Key

July 4—Raft Up at Compass Island for Fireworks!

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rejoin her boat before it docked in Falmouth.

British prime minister Tony Blair led the tributes.

“This is a stunning achievement,” he said. “The whole country is very proud of Ellen.” Queen Elizabeth II hailed MacArthur’s “remarkable and historic achievement.” Prince Charles also congratulated MacArthur. “We have all watched your progress with the greatest possible excitement over the last 71 days ... The whole of the United Kingdom is, I know, delighted by your success,” the prince said.



MacArthur’s journey began Nov. 28. Since then, she has slept an average of 30 minutes at a time and four hours in any day. She has reheated freeze-dried meals on a single-burner stove while living in an area measuring 5 feet by 6½ feet. Her water supply is desalinated from the sea.

She spent Christmas Day in a storm, but after crossing the halfway mark at Cape Horn on New Year’s Eve she built a four-day lead on the pace set by rival Joyon. A week later, during the worst storms of MacArthur’s career, she badly burned her arm on a generator. MacArthur twice had to climb the 98-foot mast to repair mainsail damage.

“What I have done wrong to deserve this?” She wrote in an e-mail January. 20. “Everything we worked so hard for we are losing. It is so unfair. It has never been so hard.”

Struggling in bad weather, MacArthur fell a day behind Joyon. By late January, she was back in contention after crossing the equator. Her 75-foot boat hit a large fish and nearly struck a whale, and

then light winds threatened. A storm helped push her back in the lead.

The around-the-world record has been attempted only five times in a multihull, the fastest and most extreme class of boats on the ocean. Only Joyon has been successful.

Joyon, a Frenchman, set his record in a 90-foot trimaran, IDEC. He broke the record of 93 days, 3 hours and 57 minutes set by Michel Desjoeaux in the 2000-01 around-the-world Vendee Globe race, which is contested by 60-foot monohulls.

MacArthur grew up in landlocked Derbyshire in northern England. Her love of the sea began when she went sailing with her aunt in a dinghy at age 4. She then spent years reading about sailing while saving money from her school lunches to buy her own dinghy at 13. By 18, MacArthur had sailed solo around Britain.

In February 2001, MacArthur became the fastest woman and youngest person to sail alone around the world. She finished second in the Vendee Globe race, taking just more than 94 days.

She was greeted in France by 35,000 people lining the coast. Blair called to congratulate her and she finished second to English soccer star David Beckham in a sports personality of the year award.

In 2003 MacArthur failed in a bid to set the fastest nonstop circumnavigation of the globe when her mast broke in the Indian Ocean. Last June, shortly before embarking on her latest venture, MacArthur fell 75 minutes short of a solo trans-Atlantic record.

Now a record of a different sort belongs to her.

# Multi's Return To St. Pete NOOD's

*by Colin Povey*

In a change of heart from previous years, the St. Petersburg Yacht Club has apparently decided that Corsair trimarans are no longer a 'danger' to other racers and are allowing two classes of Corsairs to participate in the 2004 St. Petersburg NOOD races, to be held February 18-20, 2005.

In case you haven't followed the story, in years past the St. Petersburg Yacht Club excluded the Corsairs from the race course as they alleged they were

a 'danger' to the other racers. The most disturbing part of this was that the corsairs were banned only at the St. Pete NOOD's, and not at the other eight NOOD races.

FOMA is represented by our own Rich Carlson, not only as a participant, he is also the class coordinator for F-24's for the St. Petersburg NOOD races. As of February 11, 2005, there are nine F-24's and 5 F-28R's registered to race in the St. Pete NOOD races.

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## St. Petersburg NOOD

*List of Entries as of 2/11/2005*

### Corsair 24—Nine Boats

Carlson, 385, Third rail

Lopez, 102, I Fly

Darcy, 387, TRIfecta

McGrath, 332, Feng Shui

Nugent, 319, Vorpall Blade

Roedig, 356, Trimatic

Allebrink, 324, Rhoda-Pascoda

Dixon, 369, Tri Power

Brasel, 347, Freedom Force

### Corsair 28R—Four Boats

Reese, 64, Flight Simulator

Cerf, 185, Paparazzi

Nethersole, 159, Rocketeer II

Onsgard/Remmers, 193, Fifty/Fifty

Go to [www.sailingworld.com](http://www.sailingworld.com) for more information.



# WFPHRF – Suncoast Region

## Boat Of The Year Series

**ORGANIZING AUTHORITY:** West Florida PHRF, Inc.

**ELIGIBILITY:** this series is open to all WFPHRF members. There is no fee or registration for entering this series. WFPHRF Class Rule #7 (MIR's) cannot be waived for a boat competing in the BOTY Series. Any boat wishing to use a non-owner MIR helmsman must notify WFPHRF that it should not be scored in the BOTY Series for that event.

**CLASS BREAKS:** In an effort to provide 'like racing' under PHRF, boat displacement and other factors will be considered when determining class breaks for this series. Class breaks for the series, will be assigned by the WFPHRF Board of Directors and their decision is final and is not subject to a request for redress.

**ONE DESIGN CLASS:** Any WFPHRF member who's boat is part of an "established One-Design Fleet" may choose to use that fleet's "Class Equipped" certificate in lieu of the boat's certificate for an event as noted below.

To be an "established One-Design Fleet, the class must have requested a "One-Design Certificate" at least 2 weeks before the event and provided a schedule of all BOTY Series events that the certificate will be used for at that time. This is to be used primary for boats such as the J-105 that's class configuration is significantly different than the normal "PHRF" configuration.

**SCHEDULE OF EVENTS:** It is the competitor's responsibility to verify and properly enter all events. Any boat deemed to be ineligible for an event by the organizers, will be scored DNC for that event, regardless of the reason.

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	DIYC CLASSIC	SPYC to VENICE	CLEARWATER CHALLENGE	SPYC FALL	DIYC COMM. CUP	PAG ANCHOR CUP	TITYC MICHELOB CUP	SUNCOAST	CYC TO KEY WEST
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Spinnaker A	YES	long		YES	YES	YES	YES	YES	YES	YES
Spinnaker B	YES	short		YES	YES	YES	YES	YES	YES	
Spin Light	YES			YES	YES	YES	YES	YES		
Racer/Cruiser		YES	YES						YES	YES
Non Spin - over 8,000	YES	short		YES	YES	YES	YES	YES	YES	YES
Non Spin - under 8,000	YES			YES	YES	YES	YES	YES	YES	
TRUE CRUISERS	YES	short		YES	YES	YES	YES	YES	YES	YES
POCKET CRUISERS	YES	short		YES	YES	YES	YES	YES	YES	

# Boat Of The Year Series

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**SCORING & TROPHIES** (except “Racer/ Cruiser” Series – see Attachment “A”)

This series will be scored on a high point basis.

All boats properly entered in a Regatta (except any boat scored DNC), will receive 5 points plus 1 point for each boat beaten.

Individual races (not regattas) will be scored for the events listed above.\*

The DIYC Classic and Clearwater to Key West races will be scored as Double Points. Two throw-outs are required to completely eliminate either of these races. However, ½ of the score for these events may be discarded with a single throw-out.

The number of discards will be\*:

Number of Races Held in the Series	5	7	10	13	16 or more
Number of Discards	1	2	3	4	5

Any boat that sails a number of races that matches the total number of races less discards allowed, “Qualifies for the Series”. (ie if total races equal 16 then 11 races are required to “Qualify” for the series.)

Every effort will be made to score all of the boats in a BOTY division against all other boats in that division. If however, in the opinion of the BOTY Committee, the course sailed or the time of the starts is sufficiently different, the scores will be based on each competitor’s position within its own class. See attachment “B” for an example of how this will be done. The decisions of the BOTY Committee are final and are not grounds for requesting redress.

Boats with Cruising Rating Certificates that sail in a Non-Spinnaker Class for a particular event will be scored in the Cruising Class BOTY Series only when a Cruising Class is not available.

Ties will be broken according to RRS A8

The number of trophies for each division will be based on the number of boats “qualifying” for the series.

Number of Qualifiers	Trophies
2	1
5	2
7	3
12	4

**For further information on this event please visit us at: [www.westfloridaphrf.org](http://www.westfloridaphrf.org)**

# FOMA - Florida Offshore Multihull Association Membership Form

New Member: \_\_\_\_\_ Renewal: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Spouse/Significant Other: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

City: \_\_\_\_\_ State: \_\_\_\_\_ Zip: \_\_\_\_\_

Home Phone: \_\_\_\_\_ Alternate Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

E-mail Address (please print carefully!): \_\_\_\_\_

Boat Manufacturer \_\_\_\_\_ Boat Model: \_\_\_\_\_

Length: \_\_\_\_\_ feet Sail #: \_\_\_\_\_ Stock / Modified (circle one)

Boat Name: \_\_\_\_\_

PHRF Rating \_\_\_\_\_ Rating Source: WFPHRF / FOMA / Stock Boat Standard / Other \_\_\_\_\_

Are you Available For Crew? Yes / No

Sailing Experience \_\_\_\_\_ years

Primary Sailing Interests: Cruising / Racing / Other

Skills I have that could help FOMA: \_\_\_\_\_

I prefer to receive my newsletter via: The Web (recommended) Snail mail

Comments: \_\_\_\_\_

## Annual Dues

Our annual dues are due every January.

\$30 Family

\$100 Sponsor (includes a logo in every newsletter and a link on the web page)

Make checks payable to FOMA and mail with this form to:

**Lowell Dexter**

4255 37th Street South

St. Petersburg, FL 33711

If you have any membership questions, Colin or Marie can be reached at: [colin@povev.org](mailto:colin@povev.org) or by phone at 727-536-0189, or you can speak to Lowell at 727-864-1418.

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