



May 26, 2016

Ladies and Gentlemen,

I hope this letter finds you well. We have an exciting announcement to make!

Hakkaian Brewery is supporting marine adventurer, Mr. Kojiro Shiraishi, who challenges VENDEE GLOBE 2016. We are inspired by his passion and determination toward the race and are fully supporting his challenge. VENDEE GLOBE is the one of the toughest yacht race in the world that held once every four years. This solitary yacht race goes around the world without stopping and without refilling of any material. Mr. Shiraishi once completed the race with the record of the youngest racer at the age of 26. He has been challenging in different solitary yacht races after his record braking VENDEE GLOBE, and Hakkaisan continuously stay by his side to support.

On May 29, 2016, he will take off the TRANSAT NEW YORK – VENDEE which is preliminary skirmish of VENDEE GLOBE. We would be extremely appreciated your warm applause on his journey.

■ TRANSAT NEW YORK – VENDEE

Preliminary skirmish of VENDEE GLOBE 2016 - 2017, it is a solitary yacht race across the Atlantic Ocean without stopping or refiling of any material. The race starts from New York, USA and reaches Les Sables-d'Olonne, FRANCE by June 11, 2016, and that is the qualification to the VENDEE GLOBE.

- Take off from North Cove Marina (385 South End Ave #7G, New York, NY 10280)
- Race starts May 29, 2016 at 11:00 in Eastern Standard Time
- GOAL is Les Sables-d'Olonne, FRANCE
- Time limit is June 11, 2016 in France time
- Distance is about 3100 miles (appx. 5,000km)
- TRANSAT NEWYORK-VENDEE Official Home Page



■ VENDEE GLOBE

VENDEE GLOBE is designed by Philippe Jeantot, the champion of BOC Challenge for two consecutive years. First race was held in 1989, and it will be the eighth race this year. Yachts starts from Les Sables-d'Olonne, FRANCE on June 6, 2016 and will take about 80 days (appx. 2,000hours) to race around the world in solidary and come back to the starting harbor in Les Sables-d'Olonne, FRANCE.

Yacht is about 60 feet (appx. 18m) and a lonely race that goes around southern hemisphere which is about 26,000 mile (appx. 48,000km).

Designed course starts Les Sables-d'Olonne, FRANCE, go south in Atlantic Ocean and through the Cape of Good Hope, then come out to Indian Ocean and through south side of Australia/New Zealand, and out to South Pacific Ocean, then through in between the Drake Passage and Cape Horn, and come back up North in Atlantic Ocean to aim the goal of Les Sables-d'Olonne, FRANCE.




Mr. Kojiro Shiraihi



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