

Michael's setting sail for second leg of epic journey

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A SAILOR from Stone is set to embark on the second leg of a fundraising round Britain marathon.

Michael Goodwin is inviting friends and fellow sailors to join him as he sets sail from Greenock, near Glasgow, on an estimated 1,200 mile journey.

Adventure

The trek will raise thousands of pounds for vital research into cystic fibrosis.

A seasoned sailor and retired Staffordshire University Dean of computing and engineering, Michael has already surpassed his £6,000 fundraising target for the Cystic Fibrosis Trust and is on course to raise around £20,000.

It is a cause close to 60-year-old Michael's heart. His son Daniel suffers from the condition and is not well enough to join Michael on his adventure. Michael is being supported



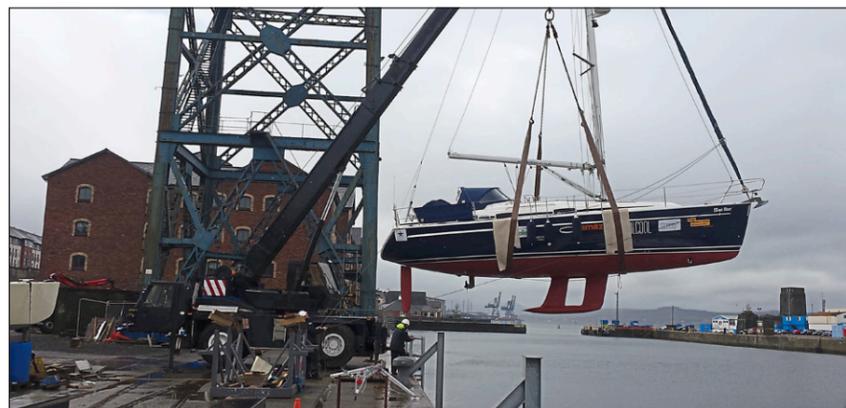
The crew, from left, Rob Wilford, Hastings McKenzie, Michael Goodwin and Roger Colner

by Stone company Woolcool, a main sponsor of the Round Britain challenge and have their logo emblazoned on the sail and hull of the yacht, named Blue Star.

Sailors who join Michael on the journey are asked to both pay their way while on board

and make a donation to the charity. Michael has been accompanied throughout his journey by friend Roger Colner from Lymington, Hampshire. Both men hold Yacht Master certification and are experienced sailors.

Having set out from the Isle of Wight last



The Blue Star is launched ahead of the round Britain challenge

spring, the Blue Star sailed up the East coast of England and Scotland before reaching Greenock via the Caledonian Canal.

Michael said: "We sailed for around a fortnight at a time before coming home for a short spell and then setting off again with a new set

of companions. We completed around 1,200 miles and will probably do more than that on this leg."

Follow Blue Star's progress at michaelgoodwinsailing.blogspot.co.uk/ or donate via uk.virginmoneygiving.com/team/GBsail

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