Clipper Race announces Cummins Onan as Official Technical Supplier

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Clipper Ventures Plc has announced that Cummins Onan has been chosen as the Official Technical Supplier for the Clipper 13-14 Round the World Yacht Race.

Cummins Onan will provide the marine generators for the brand new matched fleet of 12, 70ft ocean racers competing in the largest ever edition of the Clipper Round the World Yacht Race.

The Clipper Ventures Race Director, Justin Taylor said: “I am very pleased to welcome Cummins Onan as the Official Supplier for the Clipper 13-14 Race. Cummins Onan has an outstanding reputation for performance and reliability, and I for one feel extremely reassured that they will provide the highest quality of technical support and product for the duration of the 40,000-mile, 11 month Race.”

The brand new matched fleet of 12 ocean racers will compete in the ninth edition of the Clipper Race and will be fitted with a 6 kW MDKBJ digital QD (Quiet Diesel) Series generator set. This is the first marine generator set with self-monitoring capability and network communication, making it an ideal choice for the demanding conditions the fleet will encounter during the race.

Cummins Onan Sales Manager, Phil Terry, commented: "Cummins is proud to be associated with The Clipper 13-14 Round the World Race, as the on-board power provider for the new Clipper 70 fleet.

“The Clipper Race is an incredible, unique and challenging race that tests the vessels and those who sail them to the limits. The elegant and sleek new design of Clipper 70 belies the extremely demanding requirements of the Clipper Race, which is why Cummins Onan generators are the perfect partner. Cummins renowned reputation for dependability, reliability and global support go hand in hand with the tough needs of the Clipper Race. Cummins wishes all who sail in the new Clipper 70 the very best of success in this amazing race.”

The Cummins Onan Marine Generators digital QD Series models include advanced design and development processes, and uses sound shield technology to lower minimise noise and deliver better
sound quality, while the optimised mounting system greatly reduces vibration.

The Clipper 13-14 Race will set off from St Katharine Docks, London on Sunday, 1 September on a 40,000-mile journey around the globe, making it the world’s longest ocean race, stopping at 15 ports on six continents over 11 months. For more information visit www.clipperroundtheworld.com Ruth Harrington, PR Officer

About Clipper Ventures Plc

Clipper Ventures Plc was established in 1995 by legendary yachtsman Sir Robin Knox-Johnston, the first person to sail solo non-stop around the world in 1968-69. Sir Robin founded the company on the premise that sailing should be made available to everyone, regardless of age or experience. So he launched the Clipper Round the World Yacht Race in 1996. The company owns and operates its own matched fleet of ocean racing yachts and so far more than 3,000 people have competed in the eight editions of the Clipper Race to date. The company also owns the rights to the professional solo round the world VELUX 5 OCEANS race and runs a successful events division offering corporate sailing and development programmes. Today Clipper Ventures is recognised as a leading international marine events company which is focused on developing and promoting major global events such as the Clipper Race.

Clipper 13-14 Round the World Yacht Race

The Clipper 13-14 Round the World Yacht Race will start on Sunday 1 September from St Katharine Docks London, and return almost a year later after completing the 40,000 miles route, making it the world’s longest ocean race. The event was established by Sir Robin Knox-Johnston to give everyone, regardless of sailing experience, the opportunity to discover the exhilaration of ocean racing. 650 people representing more than 40 nations will compete in the Clipper 13-14 Race on twelve brand new 70-foot yachts designed by renowned naval architect Tony Castro. It’s the largest race ever. Crew members can sign up for the whole circumnavigation or one or more of eight legs. The only qualification for the race is the minimum age of 18 (there is no upper age limit) plus a thirst for adventure. The overall race is divided into individual stages and points are accumulated in a Formula 1-style scoring system. The yacht with the highest total points at the finish wins the Clipper Trophy.

Sir Robin Knox-Johnston

It’s 45 years since Sir Robin Knox-Johnston set off on his record breaking solo and non-stop circumnavigation in 1968-69. Now, as Executive Chairman and founding Director of Clipper Ventures Plc, he is at the forefront of promoting round the world yacht racing. Sir Robin has been involved in sailing all his life and holds a Department of Transport Master’s Certificate. He set the record for the fastest circumnavigation with Sir Peter Blake. In 2007; he completed his second solo circumnavigation when he competed in the VELUX 5 OCEANS race. Sir Robin has considerable experience of the administration of round the world races having served on the Whitbread Race committee from 1990 to 1994 and having organised the BOC Challenge Round the World Race in 1982 and 1986. He has been named RYA/YJA Yachtsman of the Year an unprecedented three times and participated in the 2010 Sydney-Hobart race at the age of 71.
About Cummins

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Cummins is the world’s largest independent manufacturer of diesel engines. With global manufacturing and support, Cummins serves thousands of customers around the world, and powers more types of equipment in more markets than any other engine company.

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