Garmin named as Official Marine Electronics Supplier for new Clipper Race fleet

Garmin Europe Ltd and Clipper Ventures Plc are delighted to announce that the world leader in satellite navigation and GPS technology will be the Official Marine Electronics Supplier for the new fleet of Clipper 70s for the Clipper 13-14 and Clipper 15-16 Round the World Yacht Races. Garmin will provide a complete system of intuitive, robust navigational electronics which will guide the twelve 70-foot boats on their year-long circumnavigation.

The partnership will be launched on the Garmin Stand (G026) at the Southampton Boat Show at 15:00 BST on Friday 16 September.

Clipper Race Director Jonathan Bailey, who will be present at the launch, said: “We’re pleased to have Garmin on board as an official supplier for our new fleet of Clipper 70s. As a major global brand Garmin recognises the value in being associated with the world’s longest yacht race and we look forward to working with them over the coming months and years.”

Clipper Ventures selected Garmin as its official supplier for the Clipper 70s following a thorough selection process involving the world’s leading manufacturers of marine electronics. The company has offices around the world and has been manufacturing marine electronics since 1989.

“Garmin is proud to be the new marine electronics provider for the Clipper 13-14 and Clipper 15-16 Round the World Yacht Races and we look forward to following the international crews on the twelve Clipper 70s as they race around the globe. This exciting association with Clipper will bring added value to our brand and extend Garmin’s growing presence in the racing sector,” Nigel Craine, Marine OEM Sales Manager, Garmin Europe Ltd, said.

In Clipper 11-12, the current edition of the biennial round the world race, a total of ten internationally-backed teams will visit 15 ports of call on six continents over the course
of the gruelling 12-month race. The route takes the fleet to Rio de Janeiro, Cape Town, Geraldton Western Australia, New Zealand, Australia’s Gold Coast, Singapore, Qingdao, California, New York, Nova Scotia, Derry-Londonderry and the Netherlands. The race returns to the UK on 22 July 2012.

The race was established 15 years ago by Sir Robin Knox-Johnston, the first man to sail solo and non-stop around the world. Its objective is to give ordinary people the chance to do something truly extraordinary. To date almost 3,000 men and women representing 300 professions and 52 nationalities have participated in the Clipper Round the World Yacht Race sailing almost 1.8 million miles.

Clipper Chairman Sir Robin Knox-Johnston said: “The Clipper Race offers its many partners and sponsors the opportunity to promote their brands on a global stage. We recognise that a brand like Garmin with its global reach and timely support can contribute to the future success of the race and we’re thrilled to have them on board as the Official Marine Electronics Supplier for our new fleet of Clipper 70s.”