Standard Horizon supports solo Pacific Rower

*The Peter Andre Foundation & Earthrace Conservation Organisation to benefit*

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In June 2014, 39-year-old Englishman Daryl Farmer will attempt to beat the record for a solo row from San Francisco to Hawaii, and Standard Horizon is proud to be supplying some of the essential equipment needed for this dangerous voyage.

Daryl will be rowing his 24-foot (7.1m) carbon-Kevlar boat Bojangles to raise money and awareness for two important charities; the Peter Andre Foundation For Cancer Research UK, focusing specifically upon the early diagnosis of cancer, and the Earthrace Conservation Organisation, focusing upon the protection of our oceans. The highly-advanced boat is one of very few designed with the Pacific in mind; in fact, less people have rowed across the Pacific than have walked on the moon. It’s fitting, then, that such a specialised craft should have an equally rugged companion in the form of Standard Horizon’s handheld HX851E DSC VHF radio.

Already popular with canoeists, kayakers and extreme sailors, the HX851E is a remarkably versatile handheld Class D transceiver that can be fully submerged for up to 30 minutes, so is ideally suited to the demanding task that Daryl is undertaking.

The radio not only provides a powerful 6 watts of transmit power, it has a built-in GPS so it can participate in the IMO SOLAS GMDSS system, and is able to send and receive distress calls along with highly-accurate positional data. The set can also be used as a back-up navigation system, with access to 100 stored waypoints via a large and clear backlit display and intuitive keypad.

The casing is fully buoyant, and floats face up, and additional safety features include an automatic strobe light. The long life 1380mA Li-Ion battery can be quickly recharged via the 6 flexible solar panels that will adorn Bojangles’ sloping decks, but can also run off a cartridge of dry cells.

Daryl expects his attempt to take anywhere up to 90 days, although he’s trying to beat the record of 64 days for this particular route set by Mick Bird in 1997.
“We’re delighted to be able to help Daryl fulfil his list of essential equipment needed for this record attempt,” said Dean Croome, Standard Horizon’s General Manager (UK and Europe). “It’s going to be a really tough challenge, but we know that our HX851E is equally up to it, and will help to keep Daryl safe whatever the Pacific has in store for him. We wish him every success in such a worthwhile cause.”

Daryl has already raised over £16,000 for his chosen charities from a series of gruelling sponsored runs, and aims to raise around £50,000 from this particular record attempt. Progress can be followed on Daryl’s website www.rowing4reefs.co.uk

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