

Saturday January 31, 2026 at 2:00 PM



Ronnie Simpson

Ronnie Simpson is campaigning the Class 40 *Koloa Maoli* for the Global Solo Challenge 2027-28; a singlehanded, non-stop around the world sailing race. A Portland, Maine based sailor with over 175,000 miles at sea, Ronnie sailed an Open 50 in the previous edition of the Global Solo Challenge but unfortunately dismasted and lost the boat off the coast of Argentina after racing more than three quarters around the globe. A combat-wounded Iraq war veteran and marine industry professional, Ronnie has an interesting and inspirational story of how sailing and boating has changed his life. An experienced Captain, industry professional and sailing journalist, Ronnie is determined to finish the Global Solo Challenge race and is campaigning to find the right partners and support that will get him to the starting line, and more importantly, the finish line.

