



## **DHL partnered Susie Goodall, the youngest and only female competitor in the Golden Globe Race, arrives into Storm Bay, Australia**

**Australia, November 2, 2018:** DHL partnered Susie Goodall (29) arrived into Storm Bay, in her boat “DHL Starlight” at 00:30 local time on Wednesday 31 October. After having started the solo, non-stop voyage around the world on July 1<sup>st</sup>, she has already sailed over 14,500 nautical miles across the Atlantic and Indian Ocean. Susie (UK) is the fourth competitor to reach the Tasmanian gate behind Jean-Luc Van Den Heede (FRA), Mark Slats (NED) and Uku Randmaa (EST). Susie Goodall is the only female and the youngest competitor amongst now 8 sailors attempting to complete the journey without any outside assistance or modern equipment.

Her arrival into the gate comes after a tough couple of weeks which saw Susie survive a horrific storm with 70 knot winds and 13-meter seas. Susie made the decision to head West to avoid the worst which resulted in her passing Cape Leeuwin three times. Susie said that it had been a “horrendous few days” and that they were some of the worst conditions that she had sailed in. She was amazed that the boat didn’t roll but suffered several knockdowns.

Ken Allen, CEO DHL Express, said “Although Susie has faced some challenges over the past four months she has continued to show her remarkable strength of character and can-do attitude. She is an inspiration to us all at DHL and we look forward to her return to Les Sables next year. Until then, we’ll be keeping an eye on the tracker and thinking of her as she embarks on the next leg of the journey.”

Susie was in good spirits at the Storm Bay gate and spent time speaking to the race organizers, media and DHL Express Australia, who were there to greet her.

“It’s great to have already made it halfway around the world” said Susie. “I have had a tough few weeks, having been hit by a major storm where my wind vane broke, ensuring I had to hand steer the boat for over ten hours in 13 meter swells. Luckily DHL Starlight has generally been handling really well, bar a few small leaks, especially considering she’s already taken me more than 14,000 miles!”



“Next for me is travelling across the Tasman Sea and of course I’m expecting the Pacific Ocean to give me only blue skies and perfect wind conditions,” she joked.

DHL have managed to maintain regular contact with Susie during the race via their high frequency radio communications network. With stations in Spain, South Africa, Australia, New Zealand, Chile and Argentina, DHL have and will continue to support Susie during the race.

Gary Edstein, CEO/SVP DHL Express Oceania welcomed Susie at the gate. “It’s fantastic that we’re able to see Susie in Storm Bay and pass on our best wishes. Everyone at DHL is extremely proud of how she’s doing, and we’ll continue to follow her journey every step of the way.

Susie will now cross the South Pacific Ocean and round Cape Horn before heading into the Atlantic Ocean and back to Les Sables d’Olonne, France to finish the Golden Global Race, which has its origin in 1968/9 as a Sunday Times event.

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## **Susie Goodall Racing**

British-born Susie Goodall is the only female and the youngest skipper competing in the 2018 Golden Globe Race – a solo, non-stop round-the-world yacht race.

Susie started sailing with her family aged three. She spent her early years racing lasers before moving onto bigger boats and working further afield.

Although Susie knew of the original race, she first heard about the 2018 Golden Globe Race through a friend. After signing up and getting accepted, she set about planning and preparing.

Susie spent two years preparing for the Golden Globe Race, clocking up over 8,000 solo training miles getting to know the boat and how best to set it up for solo sailing around the world. Her Rustler 36, “DHL Starlight” also underwent extensive refurbishment to get it race ready. This included strengthening and structural work, replacing every skin fitting, fitting a solid hood, a new engine, a collision bulkhead and another watertight bulkhead.

<https://susiegoodall.co.uk/>



## **The Golden Globe Race – Stepping back to the ‘Golden Age’ of solo sailing**

Like the original Sunday Times event back in 1968/9, the 2018 Golden Globe Race is very simple. Depart Les Sables d’Olonne, France on July 1, 2018 and sail solo, non-stop around the world, via the three Great Capes and return to Les Sables d’Olonne.

Entrants are limited to use the same type of yachts and equipment that were available to Sir Robin Knox-Johnston in that first race. That means sailing without modern technology or benefit of satellite based navigation aids. Competitors must sail in production boats between 32ft and 36ft overall (9.75 – 10.97m) designed prior to 1988 and having a full-length keel with rudder attached to their trailing edge. These yachts are heavily built, strong and steady, similar in concept to Sir Robin’s 32ft vessel Suhaili.

This anniversary edition of the Golden Globe Race is a celebration of the original event, the winner, his boat and that significant world-first achievement. The challenge is pure and very raw, placing the adventure ahead of winning at all costs. It is for ‘those who dare’, just as it was for Knox-Johnston. They will be navigating with sextant on paper charts, without electronic instruments or autopilots. They will hand-write their logs and determine the weather for themselves. Only occasionally will they talk to loved ones and the outside world when long-range high frequency and ham radios allow.

It is now possible to race a monohull solo around the world in under 80 days, but sailors entered in this race are expected to spend between 240 – 300 days at sea, challenging themselves and each other.

## **Safety**

The yachts are tracked by satellite 24/7, but competitors will not be able to interrogate this information unless an emergency arises and skippers can break open a sealed box containing a GPS. Doing this however, has consequences. By breaking the seal, competitors will be deemed to have retired from the Golden Globe Race, and will be relegated to the Gipsy Moth Class as if they had made a stop.

## **The Race in Numbers**

- The course: 30,000 miles around the three Great Capes (Good Hope, Leeuwin and Cape Horn) with 2 rendezvous gates
- 18 entrants
- Competitors represent 13 countries: America (1) Australia (2) Britain (3) Estonia (1) Finland (1) France (4) Ireland (1) India (1) Italy (1) Netherlands (1) Norway (1) Palestine (1) Russia (1)

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- Oldest competitor: Jean-Luc van den Heede (FRA) 73
- Youngest competitor: Susie Goodall (GBR) 29