

Branson sets sail for new Atlantic speed record

British billionaire Sir Richard Branson is aiming to make the fastest crossing of the Atlantic in a mono-hull sailing yacht. Branson, joined by current record holder Mike Sanderson and Olympic gold medallist Ben Ainslie, will attempt to beat the record of 6 days, 17 hours and 52 minutes

VIRGIN MONEY

99ft (30m)

Super
Maxi
yacht

Weight:
30.6 tons

Speed:
45 knots

Crew:
24

Start: Ambrose
Lighthouse,
New York
City

Finish:
Lizard
Point,
UK



Distance:
3,000 miles
(4,800km)

2003
record set
by *Mari Cha IV*

Navigation
Station: GPS,
radar and
satellite
phone

