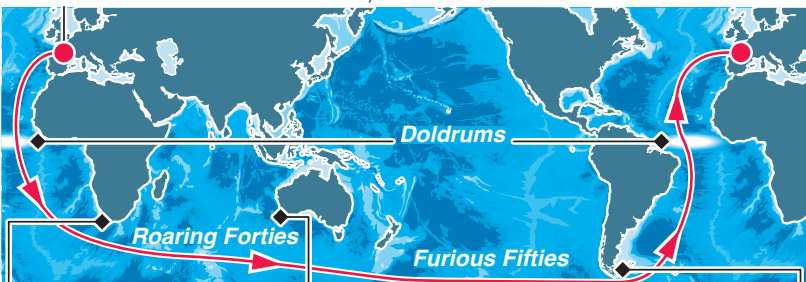


# Non-stop round the world race – alone

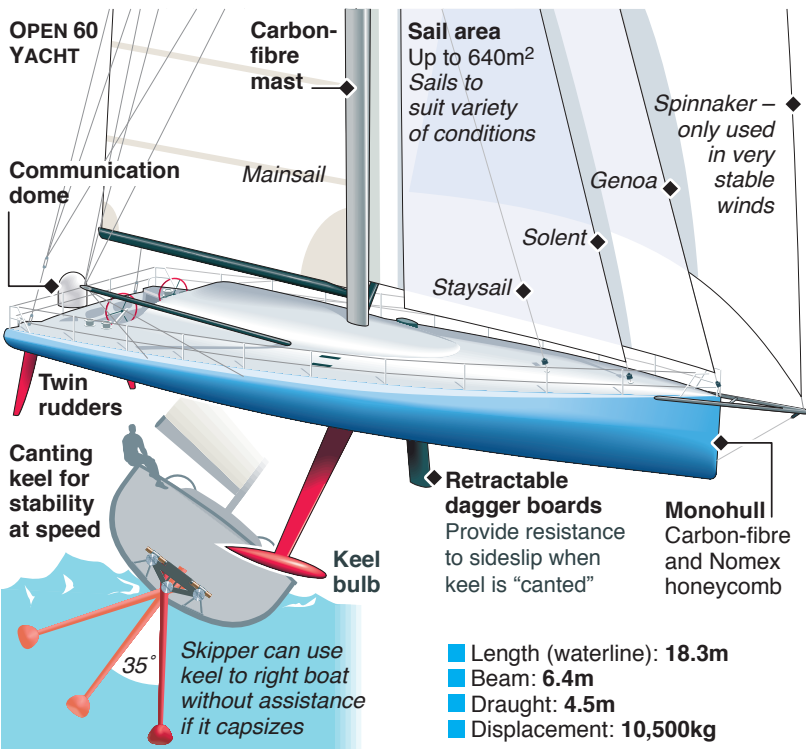
Widely regarded as the ultimate sailing challenge, the Vendée Globe – the world's only single-handed, non-stop round the world race – sets sail for the sixth time when 30 intrepid solo sailors cast off in France

**Start / Finish:** Les Sables d'Olonne, France



**Cape of Good Hope:**  
Difficult Agulhas current

**Cape Leeuwin** **Cape Horn:** Violent seas and gales for 200-250 days each year



**OPEN 60 YACHT**

**Carbon-fibre mast**

**Sail area**  
Up to 640m<sup>2</sup>  
Sails to suit variety of conditions

**Spinnaker** – only used in very stable winds

**Communication dome**

**Mainsail**

**Genoa**

**Solent**

**Staysail**

**Twin rudders**

**Canting keel for stability at speed**

**Retractable dagger boards**  
Provide resistance to sideslip when keel is "canted"

**Monohull**  
Carbon-fibre and Nomex honeycomb

**Keel bulb**

*Skipper can use keel to right boat without assistance if it capsizes*

- Length (waterline): **18.3m**
- Beam: **6.4m**
- Draught: **4.5m**
- Displacement: **10,500kg**