

Teen sailor to set sail on solo round world bid

Dutch sailor Laura Dekker, 14, will attempt to become the youngest person to sail solo around the world after a court lifted a guardianship order imposed last year. Laura, who plans to take two years to complete her trip, has until she turns 17 in September 2012 to break the record

Laura planned to start voyage last September when she was 13, but Dutch court blocked her departure, saying trip was too risky at her age

Guppy:
French-built
11.5 metre,
two-masted
**Jeanneau
Gin Fizz**
ketch

**Aug 4, Den Osse,
Netherlands: Laura
and her father sail
to Portugal, where
trip officially starts**

Current
record set
in May 2010
by Australian
Jessica Watson,
16 years and 362
days old when she
completed her
210-day voyage
around world

Alternative route: In case pirate
activity obstructs passage
through Gulf of Aden

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