

A sepia-toned photograph of a man with a beard and short hair, smiling and leaning forward. He is wearing a thick, cable-knit sweater. He is on the deck of a boat, with various nautical equipment like ropes and a pulley visible in the background.

## Today in History

*April 22, 1969*

▲ **British yachtsman Robin Knox-Johnston completed the first solo non-stop circumnavigation of the globe in just 312 days in his 9.8-metre boat, Suhaili**

**1889:** Oklahoma's famous land rush began as around 50,000 would-be settlers raced into the territory

**1959:** An Australian angler landed a 5.3m White Pointer Shark, the largest shark ever caught with a fishing rod

**1977:** Optical fibre was first used for live telephone traffic, revolutionising the telecommunications industry

**1984:** Scientists announced they had isolated the AIDS virus, which acts by weakening the body's immune system