



OceanPlanet Foundation

The yacht OceanPlanet was built by The OceanPlanet Foundation and launched in 2001. Bruce Schwab sailed OceanPlanet to become the first American to complete the Vendee Globe solo non-stop race around the world.

The OceanPlanet Foundation's mission is to provide inspirational and empowering classes and programs on the water. OceanPlanet's message comes alive through both direct access to OceanPlanet and collaborations with other foundations. We are a 501(c)3 not for profit organization.

OceanPlanet Foundation Programs

Direct access to the yacht OceanPlanet.

Collaboratives with other Foundations.

OceanPlanet.org

On-line resource tied to OceanPlanet programs.

Participate

- ◆ Bring Bruce Schwab inspirational presentation to your institution.
- ◆ Underwrite educational partnership programs.
- ◆ Support special sailing programs for disadvantaged youth.
- ◆ Support sailing adventures for young sailors.
- ◆ Link your Foundation to OceanPlanet Programs.
- ◆ Sail aboard OceanPlanet.

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More About Bruce Schwab

On February 25, 2005, aboard his boat OceanPlanet, Bruce Schwab became the first American to officially finish the Vendee Globe Challenge race, sailing solo, nonstop, around the world. His other sailing accomplishments are also impressive:

- ◆ In 2002, he finished the Around Alone near the top of Class One;
- ◆ Won nearly every single-handed sailing race on the West Coast;
- ◆ Helped lead boats to victory in the 1998 and 2000 Pacific Cup races in Hawaii
- ◆ Won the double-handed Farallones race 8 times in his career; and,
- ◆ Awarded an Arthur B. Hansen medal by U.S. Sailing for participating in the rescue of a fellow sailor during the 1999 double-handed Farallones Race.

Today, Schwab is the Founder and Executive Director of the OceanPlanet Foundation, a 501 (c)(3) nonprofit organization based in Portland, Maine that combines the excitement of world-class sailing races with a deep respect and appreciation for the role that the world's oceans and environment can play in the education of America's young people.

The OceanPlanet Foundation's mission is two-fold: to provide inspirational American entries in competitive and challenging global sailing races; and to provide educational, sailing-focused programming for school children.

Based on the premise that there is much to learn from the world's oceans and the interconnectedness of the world, the OceanPlanet Foundation is dedicated to cultivating a spirit of adventure and possibility in the hearts and minds of young people. During both the 2002/2003 Around Alone and the 2004/2005 Vendee, thousands of school children from California to France and many places in between followed Schwab's progress in their classrooms via the Internet and learned valuable information on a number of topics relevant to their studies, such as icebergs, winds and waves, and hurricane formation.

In the future, the possibilities for the OceanPlanet Foundation are endless. A leadership and technological educational component may complement the focus on the oceans, sciences, and the environment. OceanPlanet may be used as a teaching vessel where hands-on learning can take place, perhaps for disadvantaged children who would most likely never have such a tremendous opportunity otherwise.

In the meantime, Schwab continues to raise awareness for the OceanPlanet Foundation by entering some of the most exciting races on earth. Feel free to contact him by email at bruce@bruceschwab.com for more information or to make a contribution.

