

The Circumnavigation of the "Juggernaut" Catalina 27 Sailed solo by: Patrick Childress

When he was a teenager, Patrick got the idea to sail alone around the world. At the age of 28 he began his journey from his home port of Miami. There were many tranquil stops in the Bahamas before leaving for St. Thomas then south for the Panama Canal. Nosing into the Pacific, Juggernaut set sail for the Galapagos and a month of exploration, then to French Polynesia 3000 miles away and on to Australia. From Darwin, Australia, Patrick headed westward on a nonstop, 6400-mile, 53-day passage in his little, shoal draft Catalina 27. After crossing the galeravaged Indian Ocean, and right on schedule, he arrived in Durban, South Africa.

After rounding Cape Agulhas and Cape of Good Hope, Patrick headed for St. Thomas in the last chapter of his three-year, single-handed, world sailing adventure.



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