

Clipper Round The World The Race

The clipper race is a very special race around the world with 12 teams and over 700 crew members! They will have lots of legs before they get back to England. Under all the English skippers they have an Irish, a Belgian and a German skipper, too.

The race started in Liverpool and we, in Punta del Este, had so much luck to welcome them here, at the first leg on the 21st September!!! Now they will sail to Cape Town in South Africa, then continue to Fremantle , Hobart and Sidney in Australia and, after those , sail to the Asia-pacific leg named Whitsundays. They will also visit Sanya and Quinta in China, Panama and Seattle in the United States for a short time.

The last leg is in New York, before they come back to England in order to celebrate that long and exciting race around all the world!!!

We interviewed a sailor for you when she was here in Uruguay:

- What is your name?

My Name is Luoxiaoyu but that is very difficult to pronounce so you can call me „L“.

- Why did you participate in this amazing race?

Well, I'm crazy, I think. I sail Lasers and one day there was much wind and it pushed me far away from the beach and I thought I wanted to cross the ocean and wanted to visit other countries. So I started sailing on a big boat. Sailing on a big boat is very interesting and you can see so many places!

- What do you have to know in order to get qualified?

Training and calmness. In the Cartoon movies the people of the crew have

many muscles and they are strong, but in real life it is not like that. You need to be smart and you have to be nice and respect everyone



- Did you do something like that here before?

Not really. I just sailed Lasers and sometimes on bigger boats.

- What was the worst situation you were in until now?

Hmm... maybe that it is cold! It is very cold!

- What would be the worst situation you can imagine?

No wind. I am serious! If you are sailing a boat and there is no wind, it is the worst thing. You can't move even a little bit! You must stay there and wait and wait.

- How/ What did you feel when you left the boat the first time after more than 33 days stepping on the ground?

I felt Peace!

- How many people are with you on this boat?

We are 18 people on the boat. We have turns so every time the half is sleeping and the rest have to work.

- How can you see on the boat at night?

We cannot see anything. We only have very small lights on the boat to be seen if there is another boat.

- How and what do you eat on the boat?

There is no hot water because the boat moves a lot! When we begin or continue after a leg we have a few fruits or vegetables but we have to eat them fast because they get bad. But... we have lots of pasta! And we do our own bread so all the time we have fresh bread!

- If something happens to you or another person of the crew, what would you do?

Call for help! There are lots of people who can help you.

- Which animals have you seen?

I've seen sea lions, a seagull and big manta rays!

- And... Did you see dolphins too?

Oh, that is a sad story! I never saw one because when someone saw dolphins and called me to see them, every time I came too late and they were away.