

**Earthrace eco-boat arrives for repairs in Singapore as part of world record attempt**



**London/Singapore, 6 June 2008:** Earthrace, the world's fastest eco-boat, arrived in Singapore at 7am Friday 6 June as part of its world record attempt. The boat will dock at ONE°15 Marina Club, the official marina venue sponsor, where she will be refuelled with 100% renewable Biodiesel on Monday 9<sup>th</sup> June, following repairs over the weekend.

Earthrace is a 24m tri-hull wavepiercer that runs on biofuel and is on day 39 of its attempt to break the world record for a powerboat to circumnavigate the globe. The boat is currently 2,900 miles ahead of the world

record pace, set by the British Cable and Wireless team in 1998.

The boat sustained damage after hitting sea debris on departure from Palau, but managed to stay ahead of the world record only using one engine on its journey to Singapore. The crew have relied on the generosity of a number of companies that have stepped forward to offer Earthrace support for speedy repair upon arrival to Singapore.

"We're hugely grateful to all the companies that have helped us out here and saved the world record attempt," said Skipper Pete Bethune. "The Earthrace project wouldn't have been possible without all of the fantastic support we've received along the way, and this has been more critical in the past few days more than ever. Our hearts sank when we saw the extent of the damage to the boat in Palau, but with continuing support from sponsors, we're confident we can continue on the last few legs of our journey and smash the record."

"We are delighted to welcome Earthrace back to ONE°15 Marina Club," said Mr Arthur Tay, Chairman of the ONE°15 Marina Club. "Her return to Singapore marks the relentless pursuit and perseverance of Skipper Pete Bethune and his crew in their attempt to break the world record for a worthy cause. Today, it is more pressing for us to raise public consciousness and promote environmentally friendly initiatives that will have a long-term sustaining effect on the world we live in."

When Earthrace leaves Singapore it will head to Cochin, India. Keep up-to-date with Earthrace's progress via the live satellite tracker at [www.earthrace.net](http://www.earthrace.net)

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**Notes to editors:**

High resolution, copyright-free photographs and video footage are available to download from our FTP site: <ftp://assets.earthrace.net>

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(Special thanks to Zubi Khawaja and Lucy Ong for their ongoing support)

### Logistical support

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## About Earthrace

Earthrace is a 24m (78ft) tri-hull wavepiercer that has been designed and built specifically to get the record for a powerboat to circumnavigate the globe. She is an advanced endurance vessel, capable of submarining up to 7m (23ft) underwater as she powers across oceans.

The goal of Earthrace is to set a new world record for a powerboat to circumnavigate the globe, running 100% renewable biodiesel fuel, and with a net zero carbon footprint.

From the start in Sagunto, the boat will cross the Atlantic, Pacific and Indian oceans and travel through the Panama and Suez Canals as it thunders around the planet's circumference at a

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maximum speed of 40 knots, attempting to break the round-the-world speed record. The full record route is as follows:

Sagunto (Spain) – Horta (Azores) – San Juan (Puerto Rico) – Colon (Panama Canal, Panama) – Manzanillo (Mexico) – San Diego (USA) – Maalaea Harbor, Maui (Hawaii) – Majuro (Marshall Islands) – Koror (Palau) – Singapore – Kochi/Cochin (India) – Salalah (Oman) – Port Said (Suez Canal, Egypt) – Sagunto (Spain)

Earthrace is run as a not-for-profit venture, with a boat, ground and London HQ crew made up of international volunteers.

You can find out in real time exactly where Earthrace is now by going to [www.earthrace.net](http://www.earthrace.net) and clicking on the 'Where is Earthrace' globe.

### **About ONE°15 Marina Club**

The brainchild of Mr Arthur Tay, Chairman and Group Managing Director of SUTL Group of Companies, the ONE°15 Marina Club is named after its strategic location one degree, 15 minutes north of the Equator in nautical terms.

Offering the best of world-class marina facilities and breathtaking sea views, ONE°15 is nestled within the exclusive Sentosa Cove enclave and a part of the emerging hip, upscale luxury neighbourhood that is positioned to become one of the world's most well integrated waterfront lifestyle communities.

The project costing more than S\$70m involves the construction of 142,000 sqm (inclusive of the water-site) and is replete with a comprehensive range of luxurious private members club facilities and amenities catering to both boaters and non-boaters alike. For more information, please visit [www.one15marina.com](http://www.one15marina.com)

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