

An evening with Tony Bullimore and the Royal Geographical Society on Tuesday 11 September 2007

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Bristol's very own sailing legend Tony Bullimore has been invited by the Royal Geographical Society to present a lecture on his most recent adventure.

For 40 years, he has sailed more than 500,000 miles, crossed the Atlantic over 40 times, and has won over 150 trophies, to establish himself as one of the top yachtsmen of the century. Tony was elected Yachtsman of the Year in 1985 for his outstanding achievements.

The talk will be about the international yachtsman's latest campaign to challenge the non-stop single handed round the world sailing record held by Dame Ellen Macarthur. Tony's aim is to break the record in less than 70 days.

Bullimore became famous after surviving the icy waters of the Southern Ocean in an air pocket of a capsized racing yacht in absolute darkness, having lost almost all food supplies for nearly five days; whilst competing in the Vendee Globe non-stop round the world yacht race. The unprecedented experience is the subject of an exhibition at the National Maritime Museum, Falmouth.

Since then:

- A two part television documentary has been made for BBC1 of Tony sailing the Atlantic with Lenny Henry
- Tony has competed in the Race de l'Europe and The Race, a world class non stop round the world event to celebrate the turn of the century
- Crossed the Atlantic six times
- Broken two world sailing records
- Won his class in the Fastnet Race in England and the Rolex Middle Sea Race in the Mediterranean
- In 2005 skippered a team that were second in the Oryx Quest; the first round the world yacht race to start and finish in the Middle East

Date and time

The event will take place on Tuesday 11 September, 2007 at 7.30pm.

Location

The venue will be the Great Hall, Bristol Grammar School, University Road, Bristol BS8 1SR.

Tickets

Tickets are priced at £3.

Tickets can be obtained on the door or in advance from Minuteman Press, 15 – 19 Nelson Parade, Bedminster, Bristol BS3 4HY.



The Royal Geographical Society

Founded in 1830 to promote 'the advancement of geographical science' and given Royal Charter by Queen Victoria in 1859. The learned society and professional body for geography currently lists in excess of 13,000 members worldwide. The Society has supported eminent explorers including Charles Darwin, Sir Edmund Hilary, Henry Morton Stanley and Robert Falcon Scott.

The Royal Geographical Society is now established as a world centre for geographical learning - supporting research, education, expeditions and fieldwork, as well as promoting public engagement and informed enjoyment of the world.

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Quotations (Tony Bullimore)

“Speaking in Bristol, my home, where I live is very special for me”.

“I am so pleased to have been invited to speak in my home town by the Royal Geographical Society”.

“The session is billed as a lecture, but will be delivered in the most informal and lively manner!”

“It’s a real honour to have been asked to speak by the Royal Geographical Society.”

“The audience will hear some very special tales I’ve been saving. It will be great fun.”