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Lloyd's Team in World Record Cross Channel Challenge

A team from three Lloyd's market companies have combined forces to undertake the challenge of rowing the 21 miles across the English Channel to France in a six-person Thames Cutter Rowing Boat, aiming to beat the existing World record time of 2 hours and 42 minutes.



Kirk Johnson, Ollie Howard, Scott Bradbury and Kevin Iles (the Cox) from Chaucer Syndicates, Martyn Hall from QBE and Michael Harris and Richard Bainbridge from MSF Pritchard make up the team who will attempt to cross the channel in less than three hours.

This world record attempt will take place between 10 – 13 June, weather permitting.

The team aims to raise £10,000 for the AHOY centre (Adventure Help & Opportunities for Youth), which established a sailing and boating centre at Greenwich Reach, London in 2004, to provide young, disabled and retired people in the community with experience, opportunities and new horizons gained through water-based activities on the River Thames.

Scott Bradbury, Team Spokesman and Aviation Assistant Underwriter at Chaucer Syndicate 1084 commented:

"There have been few successful Channel crossings in a Thames Cutter rowing boat to date and those that have completed the challenge claim it to be the toughest they have ever faced. We aim to not only become one of the successful crews, but also the quickest and beat the current world record.

We would like to express our gratitude to all those that have offered their support to date for

this worthwhile charity and would welcome any further sponsorship.”

If you would like to support the team in the Cross Channel Challenge, please visit: <http://www.justgiving.com/xchannelrowing>. **There is also a great opportunity for corporate sponsorship of the boat name and the oars with all proceeds going to AHOY.**

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Note to editors

About AHOY

The AHOY is a charity which has established a sailing & boating centre on Greenwich Reach. The centre caters for all the community – young, disabled and retired alike. It offers them all the experience, opportunities and new horizons gained through water based activities – plus the opportunity to learn to sail, race, row, build and maintain boats.

The Centre is a recognised RYA teaching establishment and 'Sailability' Centre and provides professional training towards recognised qualifications. The AHOY offers its Volunteer Members the opportunity to train for a career in water sports and to compete in sailing and boating events. The vision for The Ahoy Centre is of a "Flagship" enterprise situated close to the heart of the City which provides excellent facilities for the newcomer to this sport as well as offering exciting sailing for the more experienced sailor. For more information please visit www.ahoy.org.uk.