



1000 Days at Sea - Fact Sheet

Reid Stowe, a NYC artist/sailor departed land on 21 April, 2007, to attempt the longest sea voyage in history, 1000 days non-stop at sea. He was accompanied by his girlfriend and first mate, Soanya Ahmad. The longest continuous time on record was 657 days held by the Australian, Jon Sanders after his triple circumnavigation in 1987. After a close call collision, many storms, and Ahmad returning to land thereby making Stowe a solo sailor, Stowe finally achieved his goal of remaining at sea for 1,000 days (2 years, 7 months and 4 days) without re-supply or touching land. In the process he set or broke 5 world records. He will continue to sail beyond 1000 days, returning on 17 June, 2010 after 1,152 days, when the North Atlantic has more favorable sailing weather. A JouBeh tracking unit verifies the Anne's position via satellite. (see Google map at www.1000days.net)

Records Made or Broken:

Longest man and woman non-stop sea voyage.

Previous: Bernard Moitessier and wife - 191 days
Reid and Soanya - 306 days



Longest non-stop time a woman has spent at sea without re-supply.

Previous record: Kay Cottee - 189 days (solo & non-stop)
Soanya - 306 days (non-stop)

Longest non-stop solo voyage without re-supply.

Previous Record: Jon Sanders - 657 days (solo & non-stop)
Reid - 846 days



Longest non-stop sea voyage without re-supply.

Previous record: Jon Sanders - 657 days (solo & non-stop)
Reid- 1,152 days

Longest non-stop America sea voyage.

Previous record: Dodge Morgan - 150 days (solo & non-stop)
Reid- 1,152 days

Schooner Anne is a 70 ft. gaff-rigged schooner built in 1978. It was designed based on a 20th century Gloucester fishing schooner and is constructed from ferro-fiberglass on steel mesh. It took Stowe, with the help of friends and family, two years to construct her. She was originally named *Tantra Schooner* but her name later changed to the *Anne* in honor of Stowe's mother. *Anne* is equipped with four water tanks able to hold a total of 1200 gallons of water. She left port with tons of food including various kinds of rice, pastas, sauces, beans, coffee, cheese and more. There was no refrigeration onboard. She carried 30 bottles of propane gas for cooking, a ton of coal and wood for the fireplace, a laptop, an Iridium satellite telephone, navigation equipment, a tracking unit to verify their path, cameras, spares for everything and ten solar panels to generate electricity.



1000 Days at Sea – Timeline

Day 0 - 21 April 2007- Reid and Soanya depart terra firma on the Schooner *Anne* from Hoboken, NJ.

Day 15 - 6 May 2007 - Collision with a freighter. The *Anne* drifts for a month while Reid repairs the bowsprit and rigging and re-cuts sails to fit the new stubby bowsprit.

Day 306 - 22 February 2008 - Soanya is safely transferred to land. The manager of the Royal Perth Yacht club, Stuart Walton, came out in his motor boat 11 miles offshore of Perth, Australia to make the rendezvous.

Day 452 - 16 July 2008 - Soanya gives birth to a son back in NYC.

Day 530 - 5 October 2008 - Reid completes a conceptual drawing of a whale with the course that he sailed in the Pacific Ocean.

Day 661 - 11 February 2009 - Reid capsizes briefly.

Day 749 - 11 May 2009 - Reid finished a conceptual drawing of a heart with the course that he sailed. He dedicated it to Soanya celebrating her first Mother's day.

Day 964 - 11 December 2009 - Reid broke the record for the longest non-stop solo sea voyage in history. No one past or present, accompanied or alone, has been at sea without stopping or re-supplying for this long

Day 1000 - 16 January 2010 - Reid celebrates the New Year in the Atlantic doldrums just north of the equator. He plans to stay there until his return on 17 June 2010.

Day 1152 – 17 June 2010 – Reid arrives back in New York City, met by a flotilla of boats and a reception at Circle Line / World Yacht's Pier 81 in Manhattan.

Follow Reid's voyage on
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