



## KirstenGGR Education Invitation

November 23th 2021

Dear Schools,

In September 2022 South African Sailor Kirsten Neuschäfer will compete in the [Golden Globe Race](#) (GGR), a solo, retro, non-stop, sailing race around the world. The event starts in [Les Sables-d'Olonne, France](#), the world capital of single-handed ocean racing. The route will cover approximately 30,000 miles, take between 7- 9 months, without modern technology or electronics.

Kirsten is a professional skipper having captained vessels all over the world. Most recently her travels at sea have included the South Georgia Islands, the Antarctic Peninsula, Patagonia and the Falkland Islands. At the age of 22 Kirsten cycled 15000 km from Europe to South Africa, on her own. She enjoys solitary adventures and thrives on challenges. .

A unique Educational Opportunity has come about as a result of Kirsten's involvement in the GGR. Over the past few years, Kirsten has been supported by a wide range of family, friends and volunteers while she prepares for the start of the race. We, as members of her team, are interested in helping students and teachers collaborate, share ideas, and learn from Kirsten's voyage around the world. We are inviting educators and students to follow and incorporate different aspects of her journey into their curriculum. While the race is underway, Kirsten will be using celestial navigation and will not have access to a GPS. However, she will have a tracker onboard and we will be able to see her location and route with updates through the GGR website. With this information, teachers could identify and create learning objectives and concepts based on areas of interest as the race unfolds. Perhaps students, teachers and schools can come together virtually to share, create and learn from one another with Kirsten and the GGR as the common inspirational theme.

Possible topics of study might include: History, Culture, Science, Mathematics, Geography, Information Technology, Creative Arts, Ocean Currents, Meteorology, Marine Life, Shipping Routes, Mapping, History, Bathymetry, Industries, Environmental Problems/Challenges and many others. The involvement we are suggesting would be led by the schools. The target student age group is 8-17, although support from younger children is welcome. For your reference, please see attached geographic map with GGR routing, and photo gates where Kirsten will be interviewed and able to receive mail.

Please explore the links below as an introduction to Kirsten, her interesting life experiences and in depth race preparations to date. We hope this information will be used as a starting point for learning that can be expanded from now until the race begins in September 2022 and beyond.

[KirstenGGR Website](#)

[Kirsten Neuschäfer Introduction video](#)

[Kirsten's Facebook Page](#)

[Google Earth](#)

[Resurrection Island Series How Wildlife Overcame South Georgia's Haunting Past.](#)

[The True Confessions of Charlotte Doyle](#)

We hope you'll consider engaging in Kirsten's journey with the GGR and sharing the many potential opportunities for learning with your students.

Sincerely,

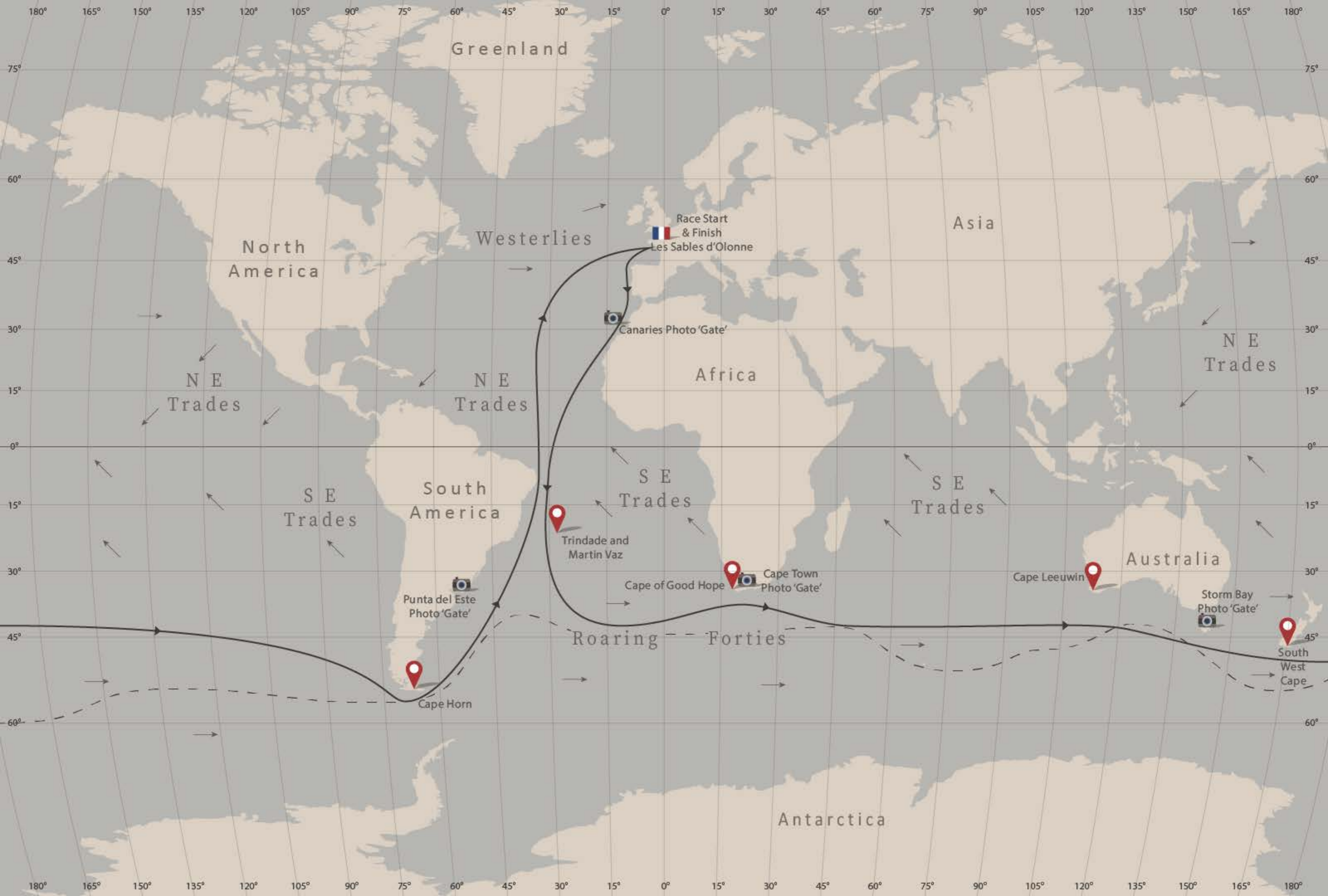
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