

Accolades for Dee Caffari

Dee became the first woman to circumnavigate the world solo, non-stop 'the wrong way' in May 2006. On completing the Vendée Globe in February 2009, Dee became the first woman to sail solo around the world in both directions.

'I think what Dee's done is extraordinary. She's been out there for a massive amount of time; she's going against the winds, which is not very pleasant at the best of times.

There are lots of problems and the longer you are at sea the more problems you have with the boat. Facing all those problems and sailing the boat and keeping your enthusiasm is hard – really hard. I think it's incredible.'

Dame Ellen MacArthur

'She has made the most astounding passage ever made by one woman alone. You almost run out of words to do justice to her achievement. She is a wonderful, inspirational person as well.'

Sir Chay Blyth

'Dee is a very bubbly, effervescent and outgoing person, so I was a little surprised that she'd go for such a long solo journey! But then again, Dee is a very determined person and a talent sailor. We are very proud... when she worked with us it was clear she is one of a kind. Having sailed this course three times myself (once alone), I know what she's done is truly fantastic.

Mike Golding

'I am full of admiration for Dee... The main thing is she had a dream, went for it, and has succeeded. There is no such thing as failure, only those people who fail to follow their dream.'

David Hempleman-Adams

'I think what Dee has achieved is amazing! It's hard enough to sail around the world on your own. To do it against the prevailing conditions must take a huge amount of determination.'

Ben Ainslie

Extraordinary and personal challenges such as Dee's are the true inspiration for our youth and the life-blood of our ability to face an uncertain future with hope and confidence.... A great adventure with a happy ending – what more could one want!'

Brian Jones