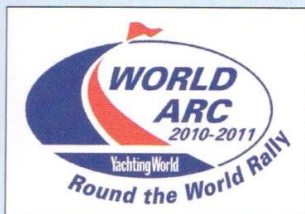


**Grey area** Turkish authorities have proposed a law obliging yachts between Bodrum and Fethiye to use holding tanks for black and grey water. The Cruising Association is objecting for practical reasons and seeking an exemption for yachts under 50ft (15m)



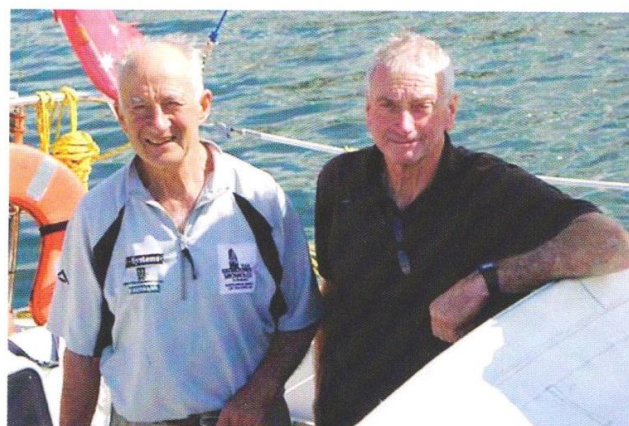
## Line of sight

The 35 yachts in the World ARC fleet are well into the Pacific and have been exploring French Polynesia after the circumnavigation's longest ocean leg, the 3,000-mile passage between the Galapagos and Marquesas islands.

First to arrive was the fleet's habitual leader, *Grand Filou II*, a Shipman Seaway 63 which is being sailed all the way around by her German owner Jürgen Enning and professional skipper Cali Sanmarti.

Strangely, there was more fleet interaction on the very long leg to the Marquesas than on any previous leg. "Several of the boats kept in good visual and VHF contact most of the way, which is really surprising," Paul Tetlow of World Cruising comments.

"For example, the crew of *Voyageur* saw none of the 200-plus ARC boats on their way across the Atlantic, but reported they rarely had a day without seeing another World ARC boat and not a single day without VHF contact with someone."



## Second time around for Berrimilla

A second circumnavigation finished with a flourish in Sydney in March, when Alex Whitworth, 66, and Peter Crozier, 64, sailed back into their home port after a voyage that once saw them sail between – and take part in – both the Rolex Sydney-Hobart and Rolex Fastnet Races in the same year.

Whitworth and Crozier, self-deprecatingly referred to by Whitworth as "the two old deros in the bus shelter", sailed their 30-year old Joubert-designed Brolga 33 *Berrimilla* from the finish



Top: Alex Whitworth (left) and Peter Crozier and, above, their Brolga 33 *Berrimilla* sailing home to Sydney, Australia

of the Sydney-Hobart 2008 to take part in last year's Fastnet. The two handed epic took them through the North West Passage, and from Falmouth to Hobart and Sydney via Lisbon and the remote Kerguelen Islands in the Southern Ocean.

Prior to this circumnavigation Whitworth and Crozier had sailed from Australia to the 2005 Fastnet Race and back, a 32,000-mile voyage that took 256 days.

Their latest voyage was even more daring and involved a good deal of hardship and discomfort in their small and poorly insulated yacht. Along the way, quite a big fan club of 'Berri-fans' grew around their entertaining 'Berri-blog' – and you'll see why.

Among their adventures occasional brawling match "the Examiner", a term Whitworth coined for any kind of severe extreme weather that put the – and *Berrimilla* – to the test. In the event of needing solace, they would turn to 'the Doctor', a stash of precious cans of Guinness.

Whitworth will write about the trip in a future issue, but until then I recommend the duo's irresistible blogs at [berrimilla2.blogspot.com](http://berrimilla2.blogspot.com), [www.berrimilla.com](http://www.berrimilla.com) and [www.berrimilla.com/tng/blog.html](http://www.berrimilla.com/tng/blog.html)



The chilling aftermath of a fatal capsizing in Cyprus. This yacht was being sailed by a Russian couple and their two young children when it was knocked down and capsized as they tried to run for shelter into the harbour at Paphos.

The man and woman on board were thrown into the water and the man swam ashore for help. The woman drowned in the accident. An inflatable crewed by two marine police was also overturned by large waves and one officer drowned.

The couple's two children, aged three years and 10 months, were found safe on board after the yacht washed ashore.