

Solo sailor rallies financial support

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INTREPID sailor Alan Paris has officially launched his campaign to be the first Bermudian to complete the Around Alone Race. The Around Alone is considered the most challenging sailing race in the world as the participants must circumnavigate the globe solo.

BTC was announced as the premier sponsor for Mr. Paris's Around Alone 2002 venture on Tuesday. It means he is now almost half way to raising the \$400,000 needed to fund the epic voyage.

BTC's Alan Sloan said: "It made sense that we would choose to support Mr. Paris as he sets an example for all Bermudians

to achieve their dreams through self discipline and determination to go further and endure challenges and setbacks. We hope all of Bermuda will support him."

Logic Communications designed the customized website that will track Mr. Paris's progress during the race.

Bill Dickinson, Logic's senior vice president of sales and marketing, said: "When Alan approached Logic about setting up a website we quickly saw the enormous potential of the adventure. He will be able to

describe what it is like to navigate around icebergs or through hurricanes in an immediate way; real time, real adventures."

Mr. Paris has also enlisted the help of charities and the island's school children.

