



CONGRATULATIONS GEOFF!!

After exactly a month at sea Geoff Holt and Impossible Dream arrived safely in Tortola in the British Virgin Islands on Thursday 7th January at 5pm GMT, making Geoff the first quadriplegic sailor to complete a transatlantic crossing unaided in the sailing. It has not been a month without incident. Difficult weather and problems with the engines, and nearly running out of the diesel essential for powering the hydraulic systems, made the trip a test of endurance for Geoff and his carer, Susana, who was afflicted with seasickness for much of the voyage.

60' sailing catamaran Impossible Dream, designed by Nic Bailey and built by Multimarine Composites Ltd, is the flagship of Sporting Activities for the Disabled. Launched in 2003 she has proved a benchmark in disabled sailing, with all sails and navigation equipment controlled by hydraulic systems that mean she can be sailed solo from a wheelchair, as Geoff has demonstrated so ably.

We are delighted to congratulate Geoff and his team on their achievement, and are very proud that Impossible Dream has fulfilled his ambitions of returning as a yachtsman to the place where he lost his mobility 25 years ago; aged only 16, Geoff had already sailed the Atlantic Ocean twice and, by his 18th birthday, he had sailed it for a third time. To sail the Atlantic again as a quadriplegic has achieved a dream considered unthinkable when he first lost his livelihood as a yachtsman in 1984, and has also demonstrated to the world that disability is no barrier to adventure.

In his first post-arrival blog Geoff wrote: "Remember there are many disabled people coping with their own "Atlantic challenges" on a daily basis that also require care to live their lives - just because they are not front page news does not mean they don't exist - I hope in a small way, my adventure has helped highlight that." To read more about his trip click [here](#).

