15 Time Guinness World Record Holder, Erden Eruç Charts New Territory
On Epic Adventure – Westbound Rower

No Engine, No Sails, Just Raw Human Power.

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Gig Harbor, WA, June 19, 2021 – The first person to circumnavigate the world solo by human power, Erden Eruç, (pronounced Air-den Air-rooch) is launching on a second epic adventure, this time departing Crescent City, CA on June 22nd – destination, Hong Kong, PCR. Having successfully crossed the Atlantic, Pacific, Indian and again Atlantic ocean by rowing between 2006 - 2012, Eruç is estimating a 10-month crossing of the Pacific ocean before making landfall. This will be the first mainland to mainland crossing of the Pacific between North America and Asia.

As an Ocean Ambassador for Ocean Recovery Alliance (ORA), Eruç will highlight the plastics problem in our oceans while ORA will produce a stream of educational content both in English and in Chinese. Additionally, he will reach classrooms communicating by satellite phone with Exploring by the Seat of Your Pants. His educational and scientific mission earned Westbound Rower the recognition as a Flag Expedition by the prestigious Explorers Club.

“I’m looking forward to connecting with more classrooms from my rowboat and spreading the message about the current state of our ocean. I have a unique perspective out at sea in which to capture the attention of students and other ocean advocates,” said Eruç.

About Erden Eruç - Westbound Rower
Eruç is a leading ocean rower in the world today. He is the recipient of the 2013 Citation of Merit from the Explorers Club, one of the 2013 Adventurers of the Year – “nine individuals changing the face of global adventure” by Outside Magazine. Fifteen Guinness World Records are registered to his name and listed in the 2009, 2012, 2014, 2017 & 2021 Guinness Book of World Records.

“We believe that this historic crossing between the two continents will generate dedicated fans who will wake up wondering where Erden is, then check his progress on the tracking page before their morning meal. That interaction creates teachable moments to raise awareness about plastics in our ocean and the plight of all species under pressure from human activities. This Westbound Rower will take his followers on a transformational journey to become stewards of this planet,” said Doug Woodring, Founder & Managing Director of Ocean Recovery Alliance.

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