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Geraldton to travel around the world with Clipper

WA Yacht, "Geraldton Western Australia" set sail last weekend from Southampton, United Kingdom, in the Clipper Round the World Yacht Race.

The City of Greater Geraldton and Tourism WA have sponsored this racing yacht, which has been adorned with Western Australia branding. This will provide valuable global media exposure for the state and regional town.

The yacht with Geraldton's name emblazoned on the side will make its way around the world in 10 months and will call into Geraldton on the journey.

This international fleet will visit 15 ports on six continents during a 10 month race. Geraldton will be one of two Australian host ports for this international ocean sailing event that will cover 64,000 kilometres. The fleet is expected to start arriving in Geraldton late October, where they will stay for seven days before heading off on the next leg of the race to New Zealand.

Australia's Coral Coast CEO, David O'Malley said visitors and locals would enjoy a festival atmosphere during the race stopover in Geraldton.

"To be a host port city for the Clipper race is a great opportunity for Geraldton to show what it has to offer, with its beautiful setting and many experiences available," Mr O'Malley said.

"This is the second time Geraldton has been a host city for the Clipper race and we're hoping there will be a third time stopover in the 2012/13 race."

Tourism Western Australia representatives farewelled the "Geraldton Western Australia" yacht on the weekend.

For more information visit the Clippers Round the World Race website www.clipperroundtheworld.com

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