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St. Albans Hockey Club player takes on round the world challenge

St. Albans Hockey Club player Elaine Hargreaves has announced she's leaving her home in St. Albans to take part in the Clipper Round the World Yacht Race. The race, which is considered to be one of the biggest challenges of the natural world, will cover 40,000 nautical miles and will take approximately 11 months to complete.

12 70ft clipper yachts will compete against each other and all participants are amateur sailors who have completed a rigorous training course in preparation for the race. The teams will call at 14 ports around the world and should cross the finish line in Derry, Northern Ireland in July 2016.

Elaine has been a member of the Tangerine Army since 1999 and said she has thoroughly enjoyed her time at club but is looking forward to her next challenge. She will be setting sail from St. Katherine's Dock in London on 30 August. Elaine is raising money for Help the Aged and shares her story here: <https://www.justgiving.com/elaine-hargreaves4/>

You can find out more about the Clipper Round the World yacht race by visiting <http://clipperroundtheworld.com/>

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Photo caption: Elaine and Clipper Race Chairman and Founder Sir Robin Knox-Johnston.

