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**JASON LEWIS** of England and **Theresa Ortolani** of San Francisco stopped in Monterey on his attempt to circle the world.

## Pedal power floats adventurers' boat

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The 26-foot yellow boat, looking something like a home-made submarine, glided slowly into Monterey Harbor yesterday to dock at the Monterey Peninsula Yacht Club, greeted by a welcoming salute blown on a conch shell.

The boat, propelled by human power through an amidships pedal arrangement, crossed the Atlantic in 1994 and will head out across the Pacific early next year, carrying its crew of two: Jason Lewis, 29, and Steve Smith, 30, who are in the middle of the adventure of their lives.

Lewis captained the Moksha's six-hour journey from Moss

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Landing in Monterey yesterday, accompanied by Theresa Ortolani, a San Francisco teacher who is one of many supporters of the voyage.

Monterey is just a temporary layover for the boat and for Lewis, who will be joined by Smith later for a bicycle trip to Central America.

Smith is currently in England,

working on a book about the trip. Lewis is organizing the next leg of their journey, which will take them by bicycle, kayak and pedal-boat down to Peru and across the Pacific, up through Indonesia and Asia, and across Europe. They hope to arrive in Greenwich, England, by the year 2000.

The two young men, friends

since childhood and through college, were both working in good, solid, professional occupations when they decided to abandon the security of regular paychecks to circumnavigate the world under their own steam.

This they are doing not only on their pedal boat, the Moksha (Sanskrit for "liberation"), but also on bicycle, in-line skates and by foot.

Lewis said he was drawn into the round-the-world trip by "the need to live the day, not to say I'm going to let my dreams wait until I could afford them."

The two launched the Moksha from London on July 12, 1994, and spent 111 days pedaling from Portugal to Miami. Then

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they set off across the United States, Smith on a bicycle and Lewis on in-line skates.

They finally arrived in San Francisco in September, after an unplanned delay caused by a drunken driver in Colorado, whose car struck Lewis and fractured both his legs. Recovering from the injuries took nine months.

Lewis said he and the boat will stay in Monterey for about four days.

Smith's father, Stuart Smith, who runs support missions for the two — and who blew the conch

shell to hail the Moksha's entry into Monterey Bay yesterday — said they are in constant need of money, food and other supplies.

About 1,800 individuals have pledged \$20 or more to support the trip.

Asked whether the trip has been worth the trouble — and the pain of having both legs broken — Lewis says firmly that it has.

"When I look back on my life 2½ years ago, I'm looking at a different person," he says. "I'm a lot happier. We both think it is better to be happy than rich or famous."

Lewis likes to talk to groups about the voyage, and hopes to have that opportunity during his Monterey visit.

Though they depend upon old-fashioned musclepower to carry them around the world, Lewis and Smith embrace high-tech solutions to the problem of keeping in touch with family and supporters. They have an 800 number (800-943-0114) and they maintain a site on the World Wide Web:

(<http://www.tach.net/public/orgs/pedal/pedalplanet.html>).