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## Peddle boat in Port

by Sue Turpie

AFTER 32 gruelling days crossing the Pacific Ocean, Jason Lewis arrived in Port Douglas at 1pm last Friday on his attempt to circumnavigate the world by human power.

Standing in his 8m pedal boat Moksha, docked at the Port Douglas Yacht Club, Jason and travelling partner April Abril celebrated their leg of the journey from the Solomon Islands, with a can of light beer.

"At last we're here, almost in Australia," Jason said, sporting a tan and looking remarkably well after battling raging seas.

Winds up to 30 knots had blown the craft about 200km off course, forcing it to dock at Port Douglas, the first stop in Australia.



ON the home stretch ... Jason Lewis and April Abril arrive in Port Douglas on Moksha, an 8m peddling boat, after leaving the Solomon Islands 32 days earlier, on a quest to travel around the world solely by man-power. Photo by SUE TURPIE.

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## Adventurer takes to rollerblades

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April, an American schoolteacher, was taken to Cairns yesterday, suffering seasickness and fatigue.

However, she was transported to the vessel off Four Mile Beach, Port Douglas, Friday morning to enable her to pedal with Jason into Port Douglas.

Jason said this leg of the 56,000km expedition was the toughest so far.

"I'm feeling absolutely trashed to be honest," he said.

April said the sea was "relentless".

"It was very hard and physically challenging to keep heading south with such strong north-east winds.

"Cairns was our original destination, but we ran out of ocean."

For Jason a hot shower was next on the agenda - "fresh water with no salt".

The 32-year-old set off from the Greenwich Line in July 1994 and has completed 32,000km of his journey so far.

The mission has included cycling to Portugal and roller blading across the United States.

From Port Douglas, Jason will travel south by roller blade before heading to Darwin and on to Indonesia, covering a total of 56,000km before arriving in the United Kingdom.

"Most people ask if I'm mad," Jason said of his journey.

"But I take that as a compliment."

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