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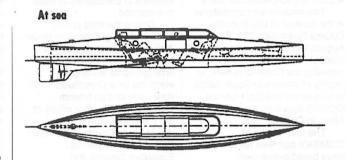
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Pedal power to take on the world

If all goes well, this summer two young men will set out from London, England, in their bid to become the first people to circle the Northern Hemisphere using nothing but their legs.

Steve Smith, 27, and Jason Lewis, 26, are two experienced travellers who plan to circumnavigate the globe on bicycles and in a specially-designed pedal boat in aid of the Council for Education in World Citizenship.

The 28-month journey will take the two would-be Magellans by pedal boat across the Northwest Pacific from Hokkaido, Japan, to Alaska, USA, and across the North Atlantic from Halifax, Canada, to England. During the bicycling



part of their journey, Mr Smith and Mr Lewis plan to visit 40 schools in 15 countries. They hope to raise awareness of international issues and the environment, and to share the concerns of young people in different countries.

In February, they stopped in

at the Secretariat to talk about their journey with Deputy Secretary-General Sir Humphrey Maud, and to meet with a potential sponsor for their trip.

The two will carry everything on their bikes, while a support team ships the boat ahead to the required ocean ports.

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