

PEDAL FOR THE PLANET

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A BRITISH pedal boat has been launched to help two men complete the first global circumnavigation under their own power.

Mr Steve Smith, 27, and Mr Jason Lewis, 26, are to use the 8.5 metre wooden craft named Moksha — Sanskrit for liberation — to cross 18,000km of the English Channel, the Atlantic and Pacific oceans.

The rest of the 38,000km Pedal The Planet expedition will be overland on mountain bikes and the trip will take almost three years to complete.

The hardwood, self-righting craft, which will carry supplies for 90 days, was built at the Exeter Maritime Museum, in south-west England.

Solar energy powers its navigation and radio systems. The aim of the \$150,000 expedition, which leaves in April, is to raise \$1 million for the charity Council for Education in World Citizenship, which promotes international understanding.