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## Round-world riders

PEDAL power is the only form of vehicular propulsion which has not circumnavigated the earth. But next spring two environmentalists from Imperial College, Steve Smith and Jason Lewis, will attempt to pedal their way across Europe, Asia, the Pacific Ocean, America and the Atlantic Ocean back to London. The maritime legs will be completed in a pedal craft similar, but rather more robust, to the

pedalos hired out at some seaside resorts. The craft will be on show at Southampton Boat Show next month. Pedal power appears to have been invented along with the bicycle by Scottish blacksmith Kirkpatrick Macmillan, in 1839. Three years later he undertook the first major bicycle journey from Dumfries to Glasgow.

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### Pedal power

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FINALLY, many may cry, you need look no further than your feet for the 'truest' alternative energy. Pedal power via a bicycle — perhaps the most efficient transport machine yet built — is the answer, they say.

And to prove the point, two Britons are planning to pedal their way around the world. Geographical, the organ of the Royal Geographical Society, reports that Steve Smith and Jason Lewis are to cycle from London to the Pacific via Peking, and then bike their way across the States and Canada.

What makes this a first is that they plan to cross the Pacific and the Atlantic in what amounts to a sophisticated pedalo. The 25ft-long foot-driven boat will be big enough to carry supplies for up to 90 days and have photovoltaic cells built into its deck to power a communications system.

Expected to last two years and cost £60,000, the expedition is due to kick off next year.

Michael Holland



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On your bike

Two men plan to become the first to pedal around the world in a 27-month, 25,000 mile, journey next April. Steve Smith, 27, from Wolverhampton, and Jason Lewis, 26, from Bridport, Dorset, will use mountain bikes and a pedal-powered boat.

Brothers in law

### Round trip

Steve Smith, 27, from Wolverhampton, and Jason Lewis, 26, from Bridport, Dorset, are to use mountain bikes and a two man pedal-powered boat to travel 25,000 miles around the world to raise money for the Council for Education in World Citizenship. The trip has two 5,000-mile sea crossings. — PA

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