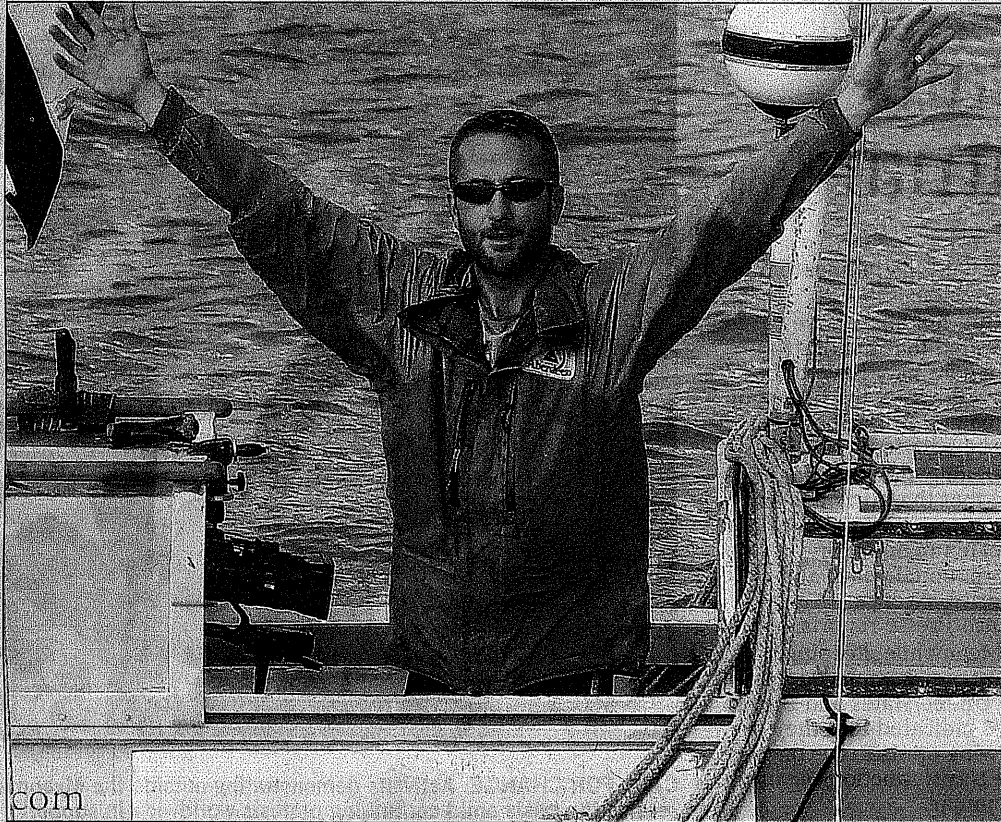


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**HOME AT LAST:** British adventurer Jason Lewis waving to supporters on the River Thames on Saturday after completing his trek around the globe, which took more than 13 years.

## Around the world in 4,829 days

HE WAS hit by a car in Colorado, attacked by a crocodile in Australia, detained as a suspected spy in Egypt and survived illness and periods of despair.

On Saturday, British adventurer Jason Lewis finally reached home, completing a 75,000km human-powered circumnavigation of the globe that took more than 13 years.

The 40-year-old carried his yellow pedal craft the last few miles up the River Thames, pushing it across the Meridian Line at Greenwich, where his expedition began in 1994.

"I'm overwhelmed, I'm overwhelmed," Mr Lewis told Sky News television after stepping across the meridian.

He struggled for words as he described his feelings at the close of an odyssey that took him around the globe, powered only by his arms and

legs – on a bicycle, a pedal boat, a kayak and inline skates.

Mr Lewis was recruited by fellow adventurer Steve Smith, who first dreamed up the idea of going around the world using only human power in 1991.

After two years of planning and fundraising for the expedition, which was projected to take 3½ years, the pair set out in July 1994.

But in 1995, during the American leg of their journey, the two adventurers split up for good.

Mr Smith went on to write a book, *Pedalling To Hawaii*, while Mr Lewis continued on to Australia.

Mr Lewis says he hopes to use the expedition to raise funds for humanitarian causes and to draw attention to environmental issues.

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