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Polish-American Sailor to Attempt Solo Nonstop Circumnavigation via the Five Great Capes

Departing San Francisco Bay · Mid-October 2026

SAN FRANCISCO, CA — July 31, 2026 — Polish-American sailor Marek “Mark” Hojsan will depart San Francisco Bay in mid-October 2026, on one of sailing’s most demanding challenges: a solo, nonstop, unassisted circumnavigation via the five Great Capes — Good Hope, Leeuwin, South East Cape, South West Cape, and the legendary Cape Horn — returning to San Francisco without touching land or receiving assistance of any kind. The voyage is expected to take 250 to 280 days, putting his return to San Francisco Bay in the summer of 2027.

Born in Sanok, Poland, hundreds of miles from the nearest sea, Hojsan first sailed at fifteen with the Polish Sailing Scouts and emigrated to the U.S. in 1990 with a dream of one day sailing nonstop around the world.

Hojsan is no stranger to solo sailing — he has logged more than 8,000 nautical miles singlehanded, with his longest passage to date spanning 39 days and 5,200 nautical miles.

His vessel, S/V Alruna, is a Passport Yachts bluewater cruiser designed by Robert “Bob” Perry, with nearly 35,000 nautical miles logged under Hojsan’s command. A shore team led by Marzena, his closest friend and steadiest supporter, will manage logistics and communications throughout the voyage.

Follow Alruna’s real-time position via the PredictWind live tracker at svalruna.com.

AT A GLANCE

DEPARTURE	San Francisco Bay · Mid-October 2026
EXPECTED RETURN	San Francisco Bay · Summer 2027
DURATION	250–280 days, solo and nonstop
ROUTE	Eastabout via five Great Capes · ≈ 26,000 NM sailed
VESSEL	S/V Alruna — Passport 47 cutter, designed by Robert “Bob” Perry
LIVE TRACKING	PredictWind tracker at svalruna.com

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