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Aurora assists world record rower for charity

After three years of preparation, Australia's rowing world record holder, Andrew Abrahams, sent off the ocean race boat, which will see him take on the mighty Atlantic Ocean, in the Talisker Whisky Atlantic Challenge, commencing December 2, 2013.

Andrew bid bon voyage to his boat on the afternoon of Wednesday the 25th of September, at Rivergate Shipyard in Brisbane. His major sponsor, Aurora Global Logistics, fork lifted it into a 40ft shipping container, strapped it down, shut the doors and loaded it onto a ship for the 45 day journey to the port of Santa Cruz de Tenerife in Spain.

The boat was stuffed with key items needed to see him complete the challenge. Aside from satellite equipment, safety gear and several Go Pro cameras, a pair of goggles was also in the mix, to assist with cleaning the algae and barnacles from the bottom of the boat, which will slow him down if not removed.

Andrew said the team at Aurora have been great.

"I didn't realize how much needed to be considered when shipping a vessel overseas and I'm grateful to have them assist every step of the way. Particularly now, at this crucial time of successfully getting my boat to the start line."

With the aim to raise \$500,000 for Disadvantaged Children in the Community, Abrahams will row solo against teams from across the globe to conquer 5,000km (3,000 nautical miles) from San Sebastian De La Gomera across an unforgiving ocean to the English Harbour, Antigua.

Andrew is the co founder of the Townsville to Cairns bike ride, which has raised \$4.1 million for the Children's Cancer Institute, and is the World Record Holder for being the fastest person in the world to row 1 million meters on a concept 2 rowing machine. He aims to break another world record and cross the Atlantic, finishing the Race in just 46 days, back in time for his birthday on the 24th of January.

"Andrew has shown so much dedication to the cause and we're proud to be a part of it," said Aurora Director, Kane Bygrave.

"It was exciting to see him close the doors on the container, as one of the final steps closer to achieving his goal."

All proceeds raised will go directly to the charities supported by Lions including the Children's Mobility Foundation, the Childhood Cancer Research Foundation, ALDAF and Couee Community. These much needed funds will buy wheelchairs and aids for the children, making a huge difference to their daily lives.