



## Director wins gold in Atlantic race for charity

**A Sussex business director has won first place in the world's toughest endurance race across the Atlantic Ocean.**

James Glasson, aged 39, from Midhurst and his team had been sponsored by Bunn Leisure holiday park to row 3,000 miles across the Atlantic over 48 days in a seven metre rowing boat.

The team of professional polo players has been at sea since December 4 and survived gale force winds, 45 ft waves, three days locked in an watertight cabin and two men overboard.

The Talisker Whisky Atlantic Challenge began in La Gomera in Spain and 16 teams set off at the beginning of December to take part, they have just arrived at their finish point, Nelson's Dockyard English Harbour in Antigua.



**Photo caption L-R: James Glasson, Henry Brett, Bobby Dundas and Fergus Scholes**

The Atlantic Polo Team took part in the challenge to raise money for their chosen charities, animal welfare charity Brooke, Right to Play which supports disadvantaged children and communities and Hilton in the Community Foundation.

John Bunn, Managing Director of Bunn Leisure, said: "We are really proud to have been a sponsor of The Atlantic Polo Team, completing the challenge is a huge achievement for them. Having played polo with all but Fergus I know how competitive the team is so it's a great accomplishment to have come first in their category."

James Glasson, business director of office design company Mantra Interiors Ltd, 39, from Midhurst said: "The Talisker Whisky Atlantic Challenge was 10 times as hard as we ever imagined it would be, we sort of hoped we'd just be able to cruise through the race.

“When we were caught up in the storm in the second week we were in the worst position for it. We lost all electrics and had to hand steer the boat the rest of the way and after spending three days in the cabin we realised we were 200 miles behind and nearly on dry land.

“But we all have an obsession with winning and were determined to complete the challenge. The up side to it was that we’re so proud of what we achieved and are absolutely delighted to have won our category and be second out of the entire fleet.”

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