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Lymington brothers head out to the Needles in training for their Atlantic Ocean charity challenge, in memory of their father

Jude, aged 17 and Greg, aged 26 are brothers from Lymington who are raising money for the British Skin Foundation following the death of their father, Peter, who tragically died of skin cancer in 2015. The brave teenager and his older brother will be rowing unaccompanied across the Atlantic Ocean in January of 2018 in his memory.

In the past few days the brothers have been consolidating their training on the ocean in a similar boat to the one they will be using for their record-breaking trip. Their boat will cost £55,000 to build and the brothers are currently seeking a partner to cover the cost of the boat and trip, which will total £90,000.

The brothers training took place around the Isle of Wight in the Solent in one of the busiest shipping lanes in the world. They were accompanied by RNLi lifeboat man and MD of Gemini Marine, Mr Jon Chittock also an ex-paratrooper officer who is right behind the brothers and generously supported them for two days with a support boat.

An early 4:30am start is routine Jude explained, *“Everyday that we are out training we get more excited to set off from Gran Canaria and head out into the Atlantic but it was particularly special today to come so close the Needles,”* - one of the UKs most well known landmarks. Greg explained, *“It was truly spectacular to have the charity down with us as we rowed past the stacks of chalk. We will be living and surviving on a tiny boat like this for 11 weeks rowing continuously 24 hours per day and at the grace of whatever storms the Atlantic decides to throw at us.”*

The boys are now well into their training regimen headed up by Guinness world record-breaking ocean rower and ex GB international rower Chris Martin, MD of New Ocean Wave. Their land based training balances a mix of cardiovascular fitness and strength-based training combing frequent two-hour sessions on the rowing machine. The brothers are packing on the calories in preparation for the 20% body mass they will lose as they cross the second largest ocean in the world.

The brothers have launched a campaign to raise £100,000 for the **British Skin Foundation** – a charity that funds skin cancer research – whilst also raising awareness of the dangers of skin cancer. All donations will solely go towards skin cancer research grants.



L-R: Jude & Greg – Lymington Harbour



L-R: Jude & Greg – The Needles, I.O.W



L-R: Jude & Greg – Lymington Slipway



Peter Massey – Off of Ryde I.O.W

Peter, Jude father and Greg's stepfather, suffered with the disease which kills at least seven people a day in the UK and is the most common cancer. Jude said, "It was tough losing my Dad at age 16 whilst sitting my GCSEs and he really suffered with a lot of pain towards the end." Greg said, "It's a cancer which can affect people of all ages and will have touched the lives of many families as much as it has deeply touched our own."

The boys are launching their sponsorship awareness campaign and are seeking support from local organisations. They can be contacted through their website, email or telephone. Please follow their [Facebook](#) page and keep up to date with their training and latest news.

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About the BSF

The **British Skin Foundation** is the only UK charity dedicated to raising funds for skin disease and skin cancer research. Our unwavering commitment to funding quality research means we won't stop until we've found cures for common skin problems like eczema and acne through to potential killers like malignant melanoma. To date we've raised £15 million to fund research projects since 1996. www.britishskinfoundation.org.uk.

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