

Press Release

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DMG MORI SAILING TEAM Qualifies for Vendée Globe 2024

We are pleased to announce that Kojiro Shiraishi, skipper of the DMG MORI SAILING TEAM established in 2018, has qualified to participate in the Vendée Globe 2024. This solo, non-stop, and non-assisted round-the-world sailing race is scheduled to start on November 10, 2024.

The team participated in the Vendée Globe for the first time in 2020, with Kojiro Shiraishi becoming the first Asian to complete the race, finishing 16th out of 33 boats in 94 days, 21 hours, 32 minutes, and 56 seconds. In 2021, the team announced their challenge for the Vendée Globe 2024 with Kojiro. Since 2022, they have competed in 10 qualifying races over 3 years. Kojiro completed 9 of these races and has now been selected to compete in the next Vendée Globe. The team will continue to operate from its base in Lorient, France, aiming to complete the race.

◆Comment by Team Skipper Kojiro Shiraishi:

I am very happy to announce that we have successfully qualified for the Vendée Globe 2024. The four-year qualifying round has been long and challenging, with tough conditions and difficult situations, but we have progressed as a team. Although we couldn't compete in all the races, I am glad that we made it through. The DMG MORI Global One is now undergoing its final refit in preparation for the Vendée Globe 2024. Rest assured that the boat is in excellent condition. We would like to thank all of you for your support; it has been a tremendous encouragement. Our deepest gratitude goes to our sponsors and everyone who has provided technical support. We will maintain the boat with utmost care to ensure the best possible start. Thank you so much!

Information about the race

Race: Vendée Globe 2024

Start: November 10, 2024

Official website: <https://www.vendeeglobe.org>

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DMG MORI Global One during a race start



Kojiro Shiraishi after finishing a qualifying race