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## Davies heads for home

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BRITAIN'S Sam Davies rounded Cape Horn, off the tip of South America, in fourth place in the Vendee Globe solo round-the-world race yesterday.

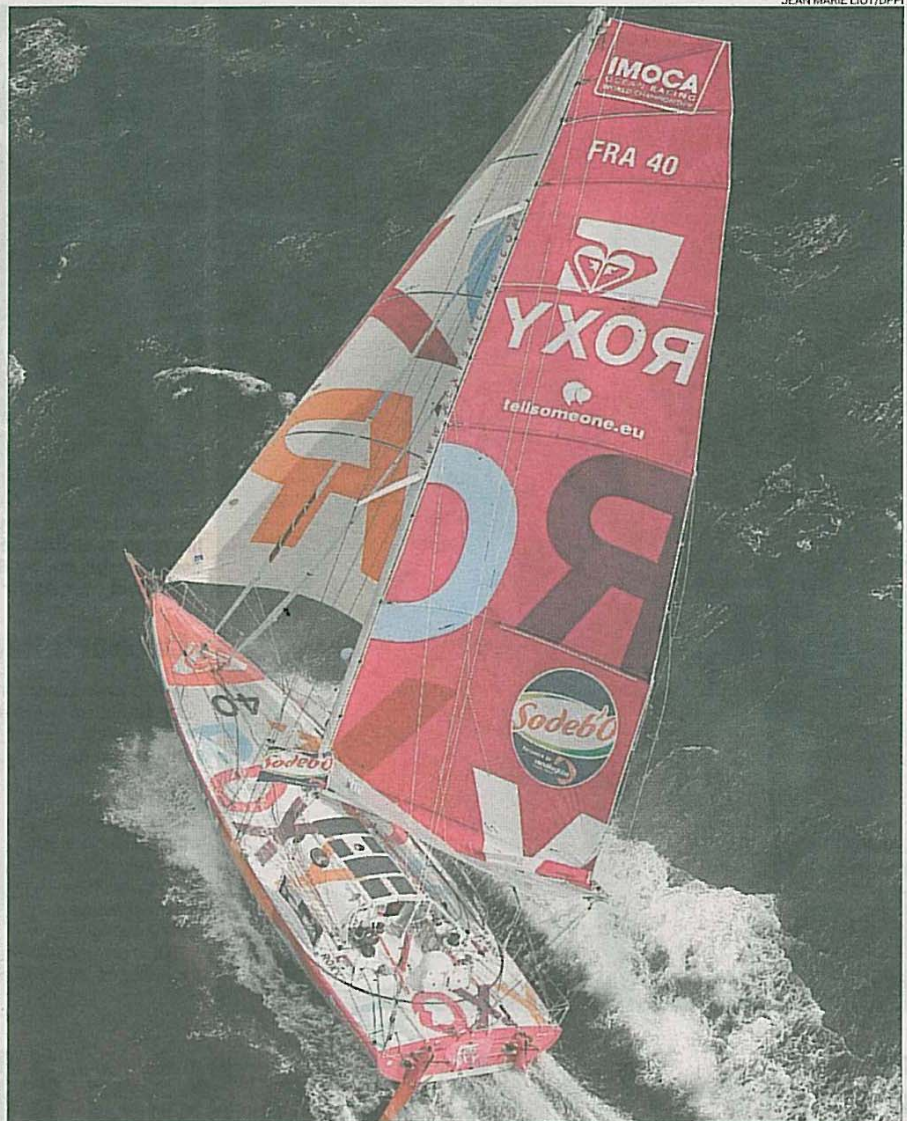
The 34-year-old passed the iconic landmark at 0920 GMT in 40-knot winds and big seas, 62 days and 21 hours after leaving Les Sables d'Olonne in France and is now on the last leg home.

"It's incredible to be here, especially after horrible conditions over the last 24 hours," Davies said. "I'm a bit sad, though, to leave the Pacific after such a great voyage."

Davies, the leading Briton out of the three left in the fleet, revealed that her Open 60 yacht *Roxy* had been knocked flat by a savage squall. "I've had 50-knot winds, and the boat went right over during the night," she said. "Now we still have 42 knots with boat sailing at peak speeds of 25 knots on the waves."

Frenchman Michel Desjoyeaux, on board *Foncia*, leads the race by more than 220 nautical miles (253 miles) from his countryman Roland Jourdain.

The pair are south-east of Rio de Janeiro and heading back to the finish on the west coast of France.



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Homeward bound: Sam Davies and 'Roxy' rounded Cape Horn in fourth place in the Vendee