

OPEN WATER – BREAKING ICE

David Hempleman-Adams

What does an explorer do next, once he's climbed all the world's highest peaks, walked to both the North and South Poles, and ballooned alone across the Atlantic? If you're Sir David Hempleman-Adams the answer's simple. You find a small boat and sail it around the top of the world! Heaving the vessel through ice floes, facing bergs the size of blocks of flats, narrowly escaping polar bears and enduring one of the fiercest arctic storms ever recorded, Hempleman-Adams and his crew completed their hazardous voyage through the North-East and North West Passages in a single season, defeating all that nature could throw at them.

Terra Incognita is the name engraved on early maps given to those regions on earth where no civilised man had yet trod. Such places were the undiscovered planets of their day and they drew early adventurers to them as moths to a flame. For many the attempts to conquer the North East and North West Passages did indeed bring death. Here, explorers, such as Sir John Franklin and his men, met their lonely end in the ice-bound arctic wilderness.

Today, these once formidable barriers to routes west and east above the arctic circle are now open water, except in winter months, and as a result of global warming are likely to become passable all year in the not too distant future. This will change forever the lives of the people and wildlife who inhabit this once pristine environment, with commercial and political interests lining up to exploit the riches now on offer.

It was to help bring these alarming events to the world's attention that, in 2016, the explorer and adventurer David Hempleman-Adams took a party of fellow adventurers aboard a small yacht, *Northabout*, in order to attempt to sail through both the North East and North West Passages in a single season

This was The Polar Ocean Challenge – a feat never before attempted by such a vessel, crewed by an assortment of intrepid individuals of several nationalities, including a fourteen year-old boy. This is their story brought to life by the author, including personal daily records of events and illustrated with over 300 photographs.

ABOUT THE AUTHOR

Sir David Kim Hempleman-Adams, KCVO, OBE, KStJ, DL is a British industrialist and adventurer. He is the first person in history to reach the Geographic and Magnetic North and South Poles as well as climb the highest peaks in all seven continents, the Adventurer's Grand Slam.

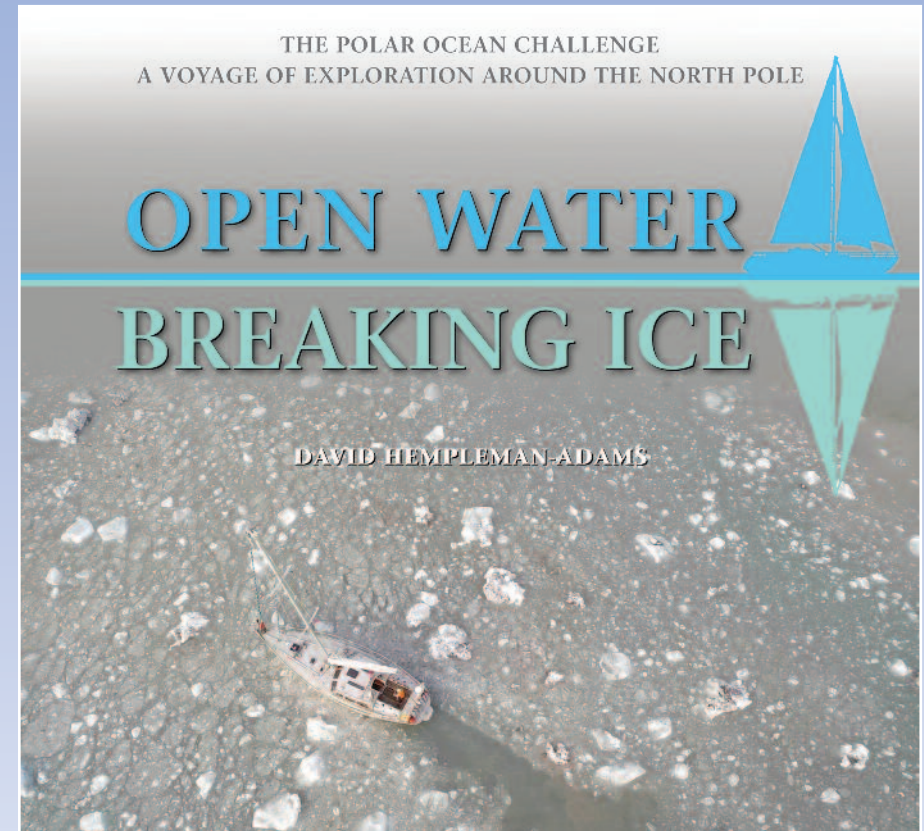
Born in Swindon, Wiltshire, in 1956, his interest in adventuring was inspired by the Duke of Edinburgh's Award Scheme of which he is a gold medallist.

A businessman by profession but an adventurer by preference, along with the Polar Ocean Challenge, he also founded the charity Wicked Weather Watch aimed at bringing issues of global warming to younger people and to schools.

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Above: Following in the footsteps of the early adventurers, Northabout glides past the Svalbard islands on the calmest of seas.



Left: A crew member helping their way through the ice.

Below: Aboard Northabout poling our way through ice. Despite the retraction of polar ice, the success of the Polar Ocean Challenge was by no means a certainty and we were at the mercy of nature should the ice close in.



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Example of a double-page spread.

