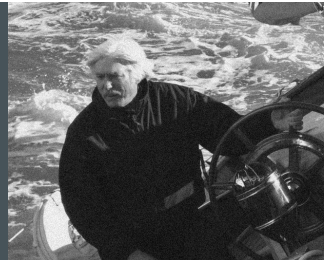
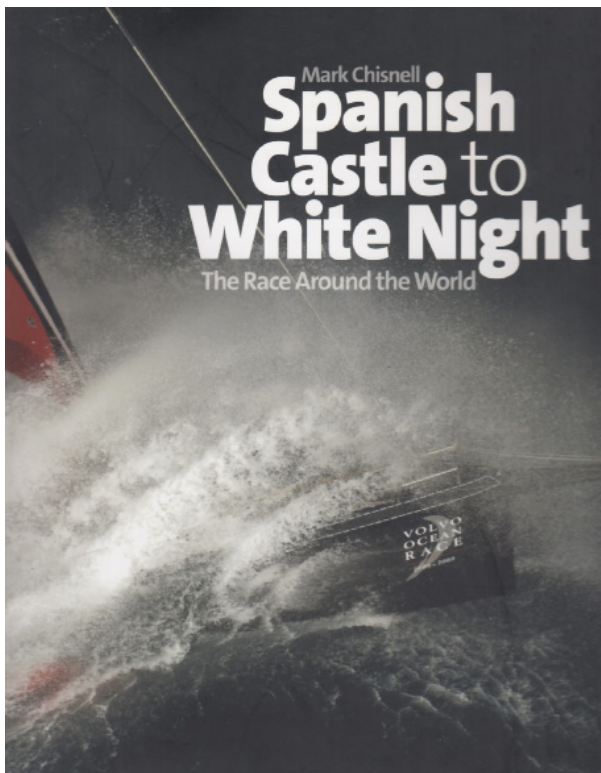


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Tom's Book of the month recommendation June 2022

Spanish Castle to White Night by Mark Chisnell



*Spanish Castle to White Night
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Years have rolled by since the first Whitbread Round the World Race took place in 1973. By 2001 it was under the Volvo banner and the boats picking up the baton were becoming progressively more extreme.



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Chisnell's book deals with the 2008 race; 37,000 miles through ten stages across the world's seas and oceans. The boats, the Volvo Open 70 - capable of sustaining speeds of well over 30 knots - and the course made this the most exacting of all crewed sailboat races. Many sucked their teeth and prophesied doom as they contemplated the swing keels, daggerboards, minimal displacement and no compromise. But without someone sticking their neck out, progress is made only slowly, if at all, and these yachts certainly stretched the limits. Although blisteringly fast, they did indeed prove structurally questionable.



An exacting and exhilarating race

The blend of 'go-for-it-and-be-damned' and defensive seamanship demanded probably hadn't been seen since the China Clippers came storming down from Kowloon a century and a half earlier. To minimize weight, crews relied on freeze-dried food and often only took one change of clothes.

In this book, gloriously illustrated by Rick Tomlinson and Rick Deppe, Mark Chisnell - both author and navigator - gives a microscopic examination of the sailing skill, seamanship, stamina and strategy of the seven boats that left Alicante in October to circumnavigate in that year: *Telefonica Blue*, *Telefonica Black*, *Ericsson 3*, *Ericsson 4*, *PUMA*, *Delta Lloyd* and *Green Dragon*. Nobody is better qualified for the job.

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