

## Mick Dawson

The Man who Rowed Across the Pacific Ocean from Japan to San Francisco

Mick Dawson delivers presentations that are unique, awe inspiring and inspirational in equal measure. Tailoring stories of his incredible ocean rowing adventures specifically to have relevance in today's business work place. Mick emphasises the key issues to success not least; resilience and the fundamental ethos of great teamwork, and its essential value to any organisation or company.

He explains how to create a culture which will allow that 'Teamwork Ethos' to flourish and how to lead those teams effectively. Mick is a former Royal Marine Commando, a speaker, author, professional sailor and film maker. He is also one of the most experienced Ocean Rowers in the world.

He's spent over 500 days at sea in ocean rowing boats to date and crossed both the Atlantic and Pacific Oceans twice. In 2009 he skippered the first and still the only rowing boat to cross from Choshi in Japan, rowing almost 7,000 miles, to The Golden Gate Bridge in San Francisco. A voyage of over six and a half months, which as well as being one of the 'last great firsts' also set a remarkable Guinness world record.

In 2018 he returned to the Pacific and rowed with another former Royal Marine; Steve Sparkes, from Monterey Bay California to Hawaii, taking part in; 'The Great Pacific Race.' After an epic voyage of nearly three months, the pair stepped ashore in Honolulu creating another world first and Guinness Record; as Steve Sparkes ('Sparky') is blind. The first blind person to row the Pacific Ocean.

In addition to his speaking and writing commitments (Mick's currently hard at work on his second book due for publication in 2019), Mick spends his time taking part in or project managing expeditions designed to help recovering veterans. He does this under the banner of; 'The Cockleshell endeavour.' An organisation he set up specifically to help members of the service community struggling with mental health or physical disability issues.

As well as individual presentations Mick also conducts Strategic and Executive level Professional Development Events (1 Day).

Discussion based event with expert speakers covering decision making, leadership, teamwork and organisational reputation management.

Designed for leaders and executives looking to develop individual and team performance.

In 2011 Discovery Channel produced a documentary covering Micks epic row from Japan to the Golden Gate Bridge, with his friend and rowing partner Chris Martin, in a documentary titled; Rowing The Pacific.

In 2017 Mick's first book charting the story of his North Pacific and Atlantic rowing adventures went on the shelves: Published by Hachette, in the U.S. titled: *Battling the Oceans on A Rowboat* (published 22nd August 2017). In the U.K. titled: *Rowing the Pacific* (21st of September 2017).