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Join round Britain adventure with Nick

Cruise aims to help lifeboats

By JESS CHILDS

A COUNTY estate agent partially disabled in a spinal operation three years ago is taking his motor boat around the British Isles for charity – and anyone can join the cruise.

Nick Craddock, whose company has four offices in Herefordshire, is inviting two guests paying £100 each to join him and wife Jo on each one of 23 legs circumnavigating the country from Brixham in Devon around Scotland and back to Dorset.

Nick said: "We'll get to meet lots of different folk and hopefully some of my friends will be on board too."

The six-week trip in April 2008, on Nick's boat Reel Estate, aims to raise £10,000 for the Royal National Lifeboat Institution and see him achieve a long held dream.

"It's just a brainwave that's come to fruition, I've been boating from Brixham for years and the lifeboat there is one of the busiest, so I've just



grown up with it really," he said.

The dream was kicked into reality after Nick realised the trip's £3,500 fuel costs would be doubled after April when forthcoming legislation banning the use of cheaper red diesel comes into force.

A website has been set up for donations and Nick is hoping company sponsors will also help reach the target.

"Sealine have offered me £1,500 already and I'm hoping to get others on board," he said.

For more information visit www.round-britain.co.uk

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▲ Nick Craddock and his wife Jo and (above left) Nick's boat *Reel Estate*.



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