



## **Come See Rich Wilson Live**

**Saturday, March 30, 2013 5 - 7 pm**

**Water's Edge Resort, 1525 Boston Post Road, Westbrook, CT**

**Tickets \$12 in advance ~ \$15 at the door**

**Buy tickets at Brewer Pilots Point Marina Offices**

**63 Pilots Point Dr. Westbrook, CT**

**or use your credit card by calling Amy at 860-575-7460**

Stop what you are doing and mark your calendar for an exciting evening with Rich Wilson! Rich Wilson is the author of "Race France to France, Leave Antarctica to Starboard" Great American III. Rich Wilson finished 9th of 11 finishers of 30 starters in the Vendée Globe 2008-9, the solo, non-stop, sailing race around the world. He was the only American, the only asthmatic, and the oldest skipper (58) in the fleet.

This is the Vendée Globe, the most challenging sailboat race on earth: 28,000 miles around the world, nonstop, single-handed in 60-foot-long, overpowered seagoing survival capsules, crossing three oceans, north to south and east to west, slashing past Antarctic icebergs at speeds more suitable to thrill sports like windsurfing or kiteboarding-20 knots, 25 knots, 30 and even more, uninterrupted for days on end.

Sailing 28,790 miles in 121 days, Wilson endured broken ribs, a facial gash, compressed vertebrae, hurricane force gales, an ascent up the 90' mast, crushing fatigue, fear, and gear breakage in braving the course via the Atlantic, Indian and Pacific Oceans, Cape of Good Hope and Cape Horn, in his 60' monohull *Great American III*.

A lifelong educator, Wilson achieved a primary goal: to excite and engage K12 students about science, geography, and math in the real world, via his [sitesALIVE!](#) program. Published online, and for 15 weeks by Newspaper in Education programs in 50 US Newspapers, including 25 in Missouri, a thousand miles from an ocean, he reached 7 million readers weekly, and 200,000 students. Wilson and a Team of Experts (doctors, professors, authors, ship captains) wrote essays for students and answered their questions.

**"The Vendée Globe is a race that is  
almost beyond belief."  
...Gary Jobson, ESPN Commentator**