Pete Goss MBE

Pete Goss, sailor, adventurer, and former Royal Marine, is an award-winning speaker who brings to life extraordinary lessons in leadership, resilience, and teamwork. His real-world adventures and business projects inspire audiences to embrace innovation, collaboration, and courage in the face of challenge.

KEY TOPICS

- Dare to Dream: Lessons in Courage, Teamwork and Resilience
- Leadership Reflections: Challenging the Norm and Leading with Credibility
- Planning for Success: From Ocean Races to Business Ventures
- Mental Resilience: Thriving When Things Don’t Go to Plan
- Spirit of Mystery: Adventure, Risk and Family Legacy
- Adventures on Land and Sea: Lessons from a Life of Challenge and Change

BIOGRAPHY

Introduction

Pete Goss is an acclaimed sailor, adventurer, and former Royal Marine, renowned for his courage, innovation, and leadership in the face of extreme challenges. Famous for his heroic rescue during the Vendée Globe round-the-world race, Pete translates his extraordinary adventures into powerful lessons on resilience, teamwork, and leadership for business and organisational audiences worldwide.

Professional Background & Credentials

Pete’s achievements at sea and beyond are remarkable:

- Competed in seven transatlantic races and two circumnavigations, covering over 300,000 nautical miles.
- Heroically rescued fellow sailor Raphael Dinelli during a fierce Southern Ocean storm in the 1996/97 Vendée Globe, earning international recognition.
- Built and skippered the revolutionary giant catamaran Team Philips, leading a workforce of more than 100 and managing multi-million-pound sponsorships.
- Recreated a historic voyage with the Spirit of Mystery, sailing with his family from the UK to Australia in a 37ft Cornish lugger.
- Led expeditions to the Arctic Circle and circumnavigated Tasmania by sea kayak, continually pushing the boundaries of adventure.

Alongside his expeditions, Pete has established and managed multiple projects, gaining significant experience in leadership, sponsorship, and business strategy.

Speaking Style & Audience Value

Pete is a natural communicator with a dynamic yet informal style, known for his ability to amuse, entertain, and inspire. His presentations are tailored to each audience and seamlessly blend humour, emotional storytelling,

and practical lessons. Audiences take away:

- Insights into leadership under pressure.
- The value of teamwork, trust, and communication.
- Practical lessons in planning, risk management, and resilience.
- Inspiration to pursue bold goals with determination and innovation.

His talks are not just stories of adventure, but blueprints for thriving in uncertain and high-stakes environments.

Awards & Recognition

- Awarded the MBE by Her Majesty the Queen.
- Recipient of the Légion d'Honneur, France's highest bravery award.
- Voted World Sailor of the Year.

Books & Publications

Pete is the author of the bestselling book Close to the Wind, which chronicles his sailing adventures, personal philosophy, and the ten years of preparation for the Vendée Globe.

Teaching & Academic Roles

Pete lectures regularly at leading business schools and is an Associate Fellow at Saïd Business School, University of Oxford.

High-Profile Clients & Collaborations

Pete has delivered leadership and motivational talks for leading corporations and institutions, tailoring each presentation to client goals and key messages. **Contact us now** for more information on how Pete can inspire your organisation with unforgettable lessons in resilience, leadership, and teamwork drawn from a life of extraordinary adventure.

WHAT PEOPLE SAY

> "*"Pete was simply one of the most inspirational speakers we've ever had, and his messages about the importance of teamwork and innovation were very relevant for our business. He's a great storyteller, and an incredibly humble and likeable guy. The feedback from our event was overwhelmingly positive about him and his message, so I'd strongly recommend him."*"
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> **— Richard Cameron, CFO, BT Retail**

> "*"The talk is still being discussed in corridors and over lunch both internally and with clients…a most enjoyable, stimulating and inspiring evening."*"
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> **— Nanette Wale, Business Link**

> "*"Pete's presentation was absolutely first class, mixed with a sense of life experiences, challenges and real business issues that he has overcome during his obviously challenging career."*"
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> **— Clive Sawkins, Avaya UK & Ireland**