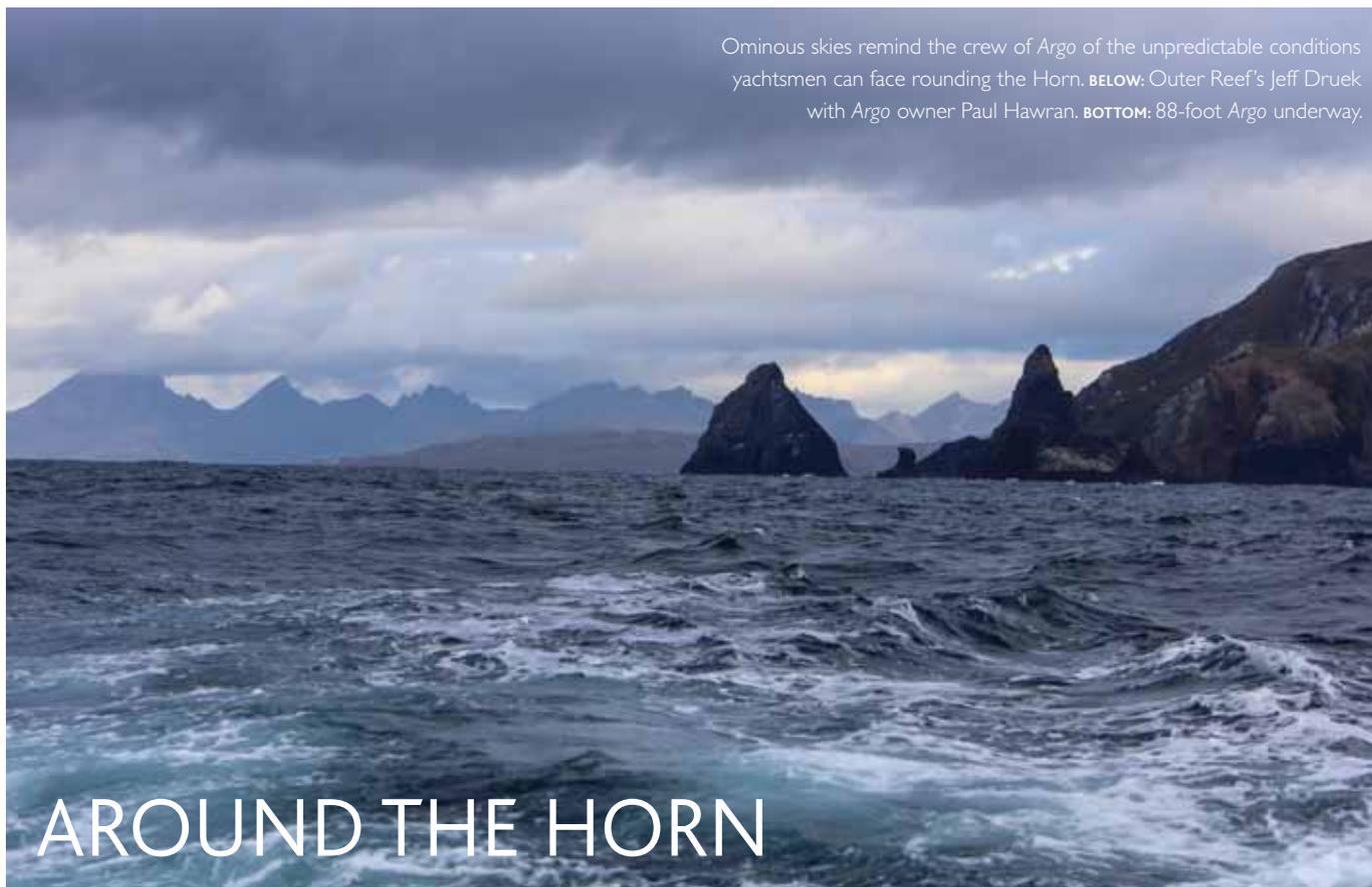


Ominous skies remind the crew of *Argo* of the unpredictable conditions yachtsmen can face rounding the Horn. **BELOW:** Outer Reef's Jeff Drucek with *Argo* owner Paul Hawran. **BOTTOM:** 88-foot *Argo* underway.



AROUND THE HORN



Outer Reef Yachts, known for semi-custom, long-range, bluewater motoryachts, says 88-foot (27-meter) Outer Reef Cockpit Motoryacht *Argo* has rounded Cape Horn. The exciting leg of a more extensive trip included *Argo* owner Paul Hawran and Outer Reef President and CEO Jeff Drucek, who faced unpredictable conditions that can challenge even the most seasoned yachtsmen.

In building *Argo*, the owner's brief sought a rugged vessel able to withstand the fury of Mother Nature. With *Argo* built to Ocean Category A standards for Unrestricted Navigation, her ambitious cruising itinerary includes Alaska, the Galapagos, Cape Horn, Patagonia and the glaciers and fjords of Chile. With a 3,500-gallon fuel capacity and twin Caterpillar C-18 Acerts, *Argo* has a range of 3,500 nautical miles at 10 knots.

Hawran's ambitious itinerary inspired Drucek to join him on the journey.

"For me, as the founder of Outer Reef Yachts, rounding the Horn was a culmination of what I attempted to achieve many years ago as I built the company," Drucek stated in a press release. "It was a proud moment for Outer Reef as a team—a true demonstration of the robustness of the yachts we build—but for me personally, it was an even more fulfilling moment to see the sense of joy and accomplishment on the face of my client and friend, [having helped] him make his dream a reality."

"My near lifetime ambition of getting to Cape Horn didn't really strike me until several days after circling and stepping on Cape Horn," Hawran said. "I know many other boaters have traveled here, but this was my personal Mount Everest."

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