**ABHILASH TOMY**

Abhilash is one of the better known and most experienced ocean sailors from India. Between November 2012 and March 2013, he sailed around the world, alone and without stops in a 56 foot sailboat. When his 151 day solitary voyage around the world finished at Mumbai, he was received by the Hon’ble President of India.

 Raising the bar higher, Abhilash decided to take part in the Golden Globe Race 2018. A 30,000 mile single handed, nonstop, round the world race starting from Les Sables d’Olonne, France, sailors were prohibited from using technology that existed only in 1968.

 After 82 days of racing, Abhilash met with an accident in a violent storm in the middle of south Indian Ocean which fractured his spine and left him disabled.

 Having spent more than 275 days without any human company, Abhilash is no stranger to solitude. But when he is on land, he is a reconnaissance pilot for the Navy flying Dornier aircraft.

**Awards and Recognitions**

1. Kirti Chakra 2013
2. Nau Sena Medal 2019
3. Tenzing Norgay National Adventure Award 2013
4. Mac Gregor Medal for Military Reconnaissance – 2013
5. Doctor of Philosophy (h.c.), Jharkhand Rai University
6. YAI Offshore Sailor of the Year – 2009, 2013, 2019
7. Chief of Naval Staff Commendation – 2009
8. Amrita TV Award for Outstanding Human Endurance and Courage – 2013
9. Manorama-Idea top two News Makers of 2013

**Author**

1. Author of ***“151”****, coffee table book on the SP2*
2. Author of ***“Kadal Ottakku Kshanichappol”***