

Press release

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Patron-sponsored boat of amputee rowers completes 3,000-mile journey across the Atlantic

A team of four amputee rowers has completed a record-breaking journey across the Atlantic. The team, known as 'The Legless Rowers' completed the 3,000-mile trip from the Canary Islands to Antigua in 46 days, arriving last Thursday (4 February) and raising over £25,000 for their fellow injured service personnel.

Patron Capital was proud to sponsor the boat which carried: serving Light Dragoon Lance Corporal Cayle Royce, MBE, who underwent a double amputation and lost the fingers on his left hand while serving in the Brigade Reconnaissance Force in Afghanistan; Irish Guardsman Paddy Gallagher, who lost his right leg below the knee in Afghanistan in 2009; RAF Flight Sergeant Parachute Jump Instructor Nigel Rogoff, who lost his leg above the knee while taking part in a Royal Air Force parachuting display; and serving Royal Marine Colour Sergeant Lee Spencer, who lost his right leg below the knee after being hit by flying debris as he was helping save the life of a crashed civilian motorist on the central reservation of the M3 motorway.

By completing the Talisker Whisky Atlantic Challenge, the four men have entered the record books as the first all-amputee team to row across an ocean.

Keith Breslauer, Managing Director of Patron Capital, said:

"These four inspirational men have completed an epic feat to prove that there is life after injury. Supporting wounded ex-servicemen in their rehabilitation into civilian life is a particular passion of ours at Patron and we were honoured to be able to sponsor this boat as part of our charitable initiatives."

Donations can be made at <http://uk.virginmoneygiving.com/fund/Row2Recovery> and all funds raised will be split equally between Blesma, Endeavour Fund, Help for Heroes and Row2Recovery.

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