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**50<sup>TH</sup> ANNIVERSARY OF HISTORIC ATLANTIC OCEAN CROSSING**  
*Community Celebration of John Fairfax Solo Row*

**Hollywood, FL** – On July 19, 1969, John Fairfax became the first person in recorded history to row solo across the Atlantic Ocean. Fairfax landed on Hollywood Beach 180 days after shoving off from the Canary Islands in a rowboat called the Britannia.





All are welcome to join the City of Hollywood, Hollywood Community Redevelopment Agency and the Hollywood Historical Society as they honor the Fairfax family and celebrate this historic achievement on **Saturday, July 20th from 8:30 a.m. to 11:00 a.m. on Hollywood Beach** at Garfield Street.

Ceremony highlights to include a community paddle in, Key to the City and historic plaque presentation. The Historical Society is set to host a reception following the presentations inside the Garfield Community Center, 300 Connecticut Street on Hollywood Beach. All are encouraged to bring their reusable water bottle that may be refilled at the event. Be Seen Being Green and help reduce the use of single use plastics on Hollywood Beach.

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