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Absolute Return Partners' Nick Rees and his friend Ed Curtis are taking on the Tallsker Whisky Atlantic Challenge in a bid to raise over £250,000 for Breakthrough Breast Cancer.

The race will see the pair row from the Canary Islands to Antigua unsupported, a journey of almost 3,000 miles. The gruelling challenge kicks off on 2 December and is expected to last between 40 and 50 days. During this time, the two intrepid fundraisers will row in shifts, two hours on, two hours off and typically burn up 8,000 calories a day, while battling unpredictable weather and dodging cargo ships.

The pair were inspired to raise money for Breakthrough

Breast Cancer after Rees's wife Ellen was diagnosed with breast cancer in 2009 at the age of 33.

In the run up to the race, Henderson Global Investors' Richard Acworth is organising a 'battle of the bands' event, dubbed 'Rock the Boat' on 26 September at the legendary 100 Club, with all proceeds to go to Breakthrough Breast Cancer.

Tickets cost £20 and Acworth is keen to make it a night to remember. If any industry bands want to sign up or come along please contact him at richard.acworth@henderson.com.

To read more about Rees and Curtis's Atlantic challenge, see www.breakthroughatlantic.com.