

Frenchman trying to cross Atlantic in barrel capsule

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A 71-year-old Frenchman has departed on a journey across the Atlantic

in a specially constructed barrel capsule, designed to use ocean currents alone to propel him across the sea.

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Savin will drop markers from his three-metre (10-foot) long, 2.1-metre (seven-foot) wide resin-coated plywood capsule along the trip to assist oceanographers in their study of currents in the Atlantic Ocean.

The barrel is equipped with a kitchen area, and a mattress with straps to keep him from being thrown about by rough seas.



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