



RETIRED MEN'S ASSOCIATION OF GREENWICH, Inc. (RMA)
Invites you to its meeting **January 30, 2019** at 11:00 a.m.
First Presbyterian Church, Lafayette Place, Greenwich, CT.

Benoit and Victor Ansart

"Winning the Clipper Sailing Race Around the World"



Benoit and Victor Ansart are a father-and-son sailing duo who took first-place honors as part of the crew in the 2017-18 Clipper Round the World Race. They will recount their experience preparing for the competition and sailing around the world under racing conditions.

Prior to joining the Clipper Race, Benoit did some offshore sailing, in Europe and US including a transatlantic, but he decided that he had to do a full circumnavigation to fully check his bucket list. He then registered to join the Clipper Round the World Race and was selected to join the crew of Sanya Serenity Coast. The race started in August 2017 in Liverpool, UK with 12 identical 70 feet sailboats on the start line and finished 11 months later in the same city after 45,000 miles of navigation over eight legs, thirteen races, and the crossing of six oceans. His son Victor joined the team in Australia for three legs and five races, including the crossing of the northern Pacific Ocean and the Northern Atlantic Ocean. The Sanya team finished victorious in this fabulous adventure.

Benoit is an avid sailor and started sailing at a very young age along the coasts of France. He became a competitive sailor in college, participating in various local, national and international races in Europe. He now sails his boats on Long Island Sound, racing all year round, during the summer season on a Farr 30 and during the winter season frostbiting his dinghy in Riverside. He is a member of Riverside Yacht Club and Old Greenwich Yacht Club.

Benoit Ansart lives in Old Greenwich and has been a resident of Greenwich for 25 years. He moved to the US in 1993 from Paris, France to develop business activities in North America for a large French utility. He now works in White Plains, NY as an executive at Fortistar, a privately owned independent power producer. Benoit has one son, Victor, who is 26 years old and also lives in Old Greenwich.

Next Week: February 6, Peter Bernstein, Chairman of the Board of Education of Greenwich Public Schools, and Ralph Mayo, Interim Superintendent of Greenwich Public Schools, "How School is Different in the 21st Century." Joined by principals Marc D'Amico (Glenville School), Jill Flood (North Street School) and Jason Goldstein (Eastern Middle School). *The Greenwich Retired Men's Association offers a*

free program every Wednesday that is open to the public, both men and women; no reservations are required. Our social break starts at 10:40 AM followed promptly by our speaker at 11:00 AM. Programs are at the First Presbyterian Church, 1 West Putnam in Greenwich. For additional information see www.greenwichrma.org or contact info@greenwichrma.org