

ROWING THE PACIFIC 2008

Although after arriving in Fortaleza, in 2006, Alex promised himself not to fall into the sea again, a few months later he reconsiders the idea. With the same vessel, on 21st of February, Alex started from Lima (Peru) for his latest adventure at sea: the crossing of the Pacific ocean.

On 13 December, after 294 days and over 18,000 km of rowing, just 60 miles from land Alex decided to stop the attempt. The bad weather was likely to endanger his life and he decided to be accompanied to the closest harbour by a New Zealander tugboat.

What for some is considered a bitter failure for Alex is the most beautiful success of his life. "It is not important what you do in life. Whether you win or you lose important is how you react to what happens to you" Alex said. In addition to the sporting success (the crossing is considered valid) there is the personal success, the one beyond "absolute" goals of a man who, thanks to the value of renunciation, has landed on the ground wiser and more aware of himself.

From this new adventure has been written the book "Il Pacifico a remi", Longanesi published in 2010.