

## Comments in Response to BBC

### Facebook

**Nico Jonés** I completely agree with this (rebuttal) statement. I have been crew on a number of reliance yacht managements' deliveries and I have only been impressed by the professional and thorough preparations before leaving port. On a particular delivery, the life raft was out of date, but was replaced immediately at a local chandlers. The captain's checks, inside and out of the vessel were meticulous and preparations were made for every mile of the journey or in the event of an accident. It is an unfortunate beast that the media has the power and indecency to savage and twist truths and people's good reputations. Many thanks to you for your continued efforts to provide a professional delivery company and providing so many people with experience and work

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**Brian Morrison** I have skippered many yachts on deliveries for Reliance and have found them professional and helpful with an emphasis on safety in all cases. I have made all decisions regarding departure, weather, passage planning and routing and have never felt any pressure to take a course of action I was not happy with. Yachting will never be risk free but it is the Captain's job to manage the risks and reduce them to a minimal level.

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**Dùghall macLachlainn** If you need any support give them my name.

**Paddy Barker** I agree with Dughall . And I remember leaving an LM36 in Den Helder when I thought it was unsafe to cross the North sea- YOU said the final decision to stay or leave rested with me as skipper....(1998 I recall)

### Email

hi nick,

sorry to hear about your predicament on the news. hope your ok. but they do say any publicity is good publicity!

just to let you know i am still available if you need me for anything, it would be really be appreciated.

kind regards

**jeff**

### Email

Hi Reliance,

I have not completed a delivery with you yet - but intend to start in the Spring. Saw the Inside Out programme last night. Hang in there. You have experienced people like me who know what the score is. Sailing has dangers no matter whether you are in the Channel or the Bay of Biscay.

**Paul**

### SMS

Hi Nick. I just saw the BBC story. ....All i can say, if so, is that u shud have called some of yr skippers to testify. U may have advised me regarding commercial pressures in the past but i have always taken the view that my decisions as captain totally override such considerations. When i leave, which route i take etc are my responsibility not yours. If u need anyone to speak on yr behalf and give a balanced skippers view, let me know. Am happy to do so.

Its ironic, Xxx Xxxxxx-Xxxxxx tried to bully me earlier this year into sailing when and where i didnt want to. I refused and i almost had to take him to court to get him to pay me. Take care my friend and remember u have some mates out here who care. Best Regards

**Steve**