

CHRIS BERTISH

IMPOSSIBLE

Speaker Author Waterman Ocean Pioneer

"Inspiring your greatest potential, is my purpose!" Chris Bertish

**“ Make the change.
Be the change.
Leave a positive
impact on others
and the world
around you. ”**

Chris Bertish is a Big Wave Surfing Mavericks champion; Stand Up Paddle Boarding Guinness World Record Holder and Ocean Pioneer.

He recently redefined the concept of Extreme Adventure by becoming the first person ever to Stand Up Paddle across any ocean. Defying all odds, Chris paddled 7500km - solo, unsupported and unassisted - for 93 days, across the Atlantic Ocean from Morocco, Africa to Antigua in the Caribbean. This is a truly unparalleled global feat!

By conquering this challenge, Chris showed the world that we all have the power to overcome the impossible. His philosophy is one of positive change – starting with ourselves; we can make a difference to others and the environment. This is the message Chris shares in all his talks and public appearances.

From Chris's motivational and Inspirational speaking messages, to the charities he supports – it's all focused around making the impossible, possible. In fact, everything we do at Chris Bertish-Impossible (CBI) is aimed at inspiring people to be at their best and be the change they want to see in the world.

Operation  Smile

Changing Lives One Smile at a Time

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 **1% FOR THE PLANET** | GIVE BACK TO BLUE



 **PEOPLE USING
BUSINESS
AS A
FORCE FOR GOOD**



**HEYERDAHL
CLIMATE PARKS**

CBI also donates a percentage of all Public Speaking Fees to charity organisations that Chris is an ambassador for and supports.

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In everything he does - from breaking world records in big wave surfing to Stand Up Paddleboarding and other water based disciplines - Chris Bertish shifts boundaries and shatters perceptions of what's possible.

His mantra - **Dream It. See it. Believe It. Achieve It** - has led Chris to redefine his approach to success - not only across multiple sports, but also as a respected Author, Filmmaker and Businessman.

In March 2017, Chris completed his most daring challenge yet by becoming the first person to singlehandedly cross the entire Atlantic Ocean (over 7500km) on a Stand Up Paddleboard over 93 days. In doing so, Chris dared to achieve what most perceive to be impossible.

Now he is launching his new speaking series on the SUP Crossing, starting in South Africa and touring abroad. Known to inspire, educate and motivate audiences by sharing his captivating experiences, Chris delivers a spellbinding and captivating narrative complimented by a powerful audiovisual presentation that will blow your audience away.

Engaging Chris to address your organisation is a worthwhile investment, as your team members will be inspired to adopt a "can do" attitude and implement the tools and skills he teaches through his powerful storytelling. Chris is also able to personalise any talk to reflect your company values, mission or a particular message.

When you book Chris, you will automatically be giving back to community projects, as percentage of the revenue generated by his global speaking engagements is donated through his various charity initiatives and his RAOK (Random Acts of Kindness) Projects.

Speaking Topics:

- » Limitless! - The SUP Crossing Story (50min - 1HR)
- » Achieving the Impossible - The Mavericks Big Wave Story (45min - 1HR)
- » Fireside Talks - Intimate Evening (2HRS, 6-20pax)*
*Please Note: No audio visual included
- » Intimate Dinner - Short Talk & Inspirational Q&A (2.5HRS, <50pax)*
*Please Note: No audio visual included

Messaging includes:

- » Chris's 5 P's (Planning / Preparation / Passion / Perseverance / Purpose)
- » The Psychology of Success
- » Welcoming Challenges and Overcoming Obstacles
- » The Value of a "Can do" Attitude and Teamwork
- » Embracing Change as a constant
- » Risk and Fear Management
- » Focus, Adaptability and Flexibility
- » Grit, Determination and Perseverance
- » Growth and Limitless Mindset

Additional Experiences / Products / Services:

- » Ocean Driven Film Screening and Q&A (1.5HRS, 15-200pax)
- » Team Building SUP Sessions (2HRS, 2-20pax)
- » Workshop 1 - Opportunity of Change (1.5HRS, 10-60pax)
- » Workshop 2 - Blue Print for Success (1.5HRS, 10-60pax)
- » Appearances: Social Event / Meet & Greet (2.5 hours)
- » Personalised signing of Chris's best-selling book - Stoked!



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After an inspiring address based on his beautiful and courageous true story, Chris deservedly received a massive standing ovation from our international audience in financial services. His story is simply Breathtaking!”

MIKE LEE - CEO, ATMIA, Global



You were everything we could have asked for and more! The standing ovation was well deserved and the response was overwhelming...You are a special Human Being!”

STEVE HARDEN - GM, Southern Wines, California, USA 1000 pax @ Hilton San Francisco



Everyone is just raving about your talk. Your story is truly outstanding and is told with humility, insight and humour, which is woven into a spellbinding narrative. As an inspiring and motivational talk, I cannot fault it!”

PAUL BOYNTON - Alternative Investments Manager, Old Mutual Investment Group



Chris’s talk was simply incredible. His achievement is remarkable, but, importantly for us, there were lessons in his talk which each and every person in the audience could apply to their own lives. As a brand building evening it was out of the top draw. Chris was a pleasure to work with and his story is an extraordinary one. We hope that Chris becomes a household name throughout South Africa and beyond, he deserves every standing ovation and accolade that comes his way!”

JAMES CLUCAS - Director, Clucas Gray June 2017



Chris’s talk about achieving our own goals was truly fantastic. My team found it engaging and inspiring, linking in all our key focused messages, while leaving a lasting impression and fuelling a higher level of confidence and motivation to take on the challenges we face going forward”

ALEXANDER ANSON-ESPARZA - Head of Marketing, Clicks Group



Chris has spoken at more than five of our biggest conferences around the USA, over 2016 and 2017, addressing a variety of different audiences, but one thing is always constant – he captivates them from the second he walks on stage. His energy, excitement, and passion for adventure are second-to-none. It’s impossible to leave one of his talks without being truly inspired.”

JONATHAN TOOMEY - CMO, Eventful Conferences, USA



Many thanks to Chris for headlining our recent Sales Guru Live events in Durban, Cape Town and Johannesburg. Chris spoke to sell out events in all three cities and received standing ovations at these events and feedback from our clients has been nothing short of spectacular. Chris has an amazing story to tell and he does so with unlimited passion and drive, Chris is the consummate professional and it was a pleasure dealing with him throughout. We look forward to having Chris back at our events in 2018 to speak about his latest mind blowing accomplishments.”

BRETT WOOD - Marketing Director, Sales Guru Live



Your talk was simply incredible and the staff are still buzzing today and amped to read your book. There is a type of crazy that challenges the status quo and what we perceive to be possible. Chris Bertish has this in bucketloads and inspires people to be a better version of themselves. Huge appreciation and respect!”

ROBIN OLIVIER - Managing Director, DigiCape South Africa



Chris shared his personal story which was extremely inspirational to all the agents at our Conference. I believe every person in the room walked away feeling that they could conquer the challenges that lay before them. He was engaging and had their full attention for the whole duration of his presentation.”

ANNA DAVIS - Marketing Manager, Pam Golding Properties



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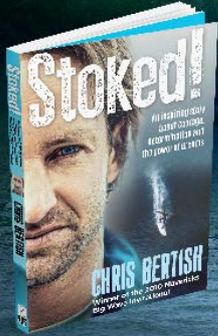
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BOOK

#1 Best selling book



MOVIE



SUP TRANS-ATLANTIC CROSSING

Longest solo, open ocean, unsupported, SUP World Record

2000 -2013

- » **First person to paddle in at Jaws - 2000**
[Peahi, Hawaii]
- » **XXL Swell.com Award - 2001**
[Biggest Wave Paddled in the World]
- » **Red Bull Big Wave Africa – 3rd place - 2008**
- » **Nelscott Big Wave event, Oregon, 2nd place - 2009**
- » **First person to SUP Nelscott Reef, Oregon - 2009**
- » **First person to SUP Dungeons - 2009**
- » **First person to surf Seal Island - 2009**
- » **Mavericks Big Wave Invitational Champion - 2010**
[Half Moon Bay, California, Winner]
- » **Nelscott Big Wave event, Oregon, 2nd place - 2010**
- » **South African Surfing Awards - 2011**
[Pushing the Boundary Award]
- » **Big Wave World Tour, 3rd place finish - 2011**
[after only surfing 3/5 events]
- » **Eddie Aikau Invitational Big Wave Classic, Oahu, Hawaii - 2011**
- » **SUP World Championships, Peru, 9th place Distance - 2012**
- » **ISA World SUP Championships, Peru, 6th place - 2013**
- » **World first 325km unsupported/unassisted SUP up West Coast of South Africa - 2013**
- » **Nominated for the Nightjar, South African Adventurer of - 2013**
- » **Runner-up: Adventurer of the Year Award - 2013**
[Global SUP Awards: USA]
- » **First Source-to-Sea: River Thames, England - 2013**
[Run 20km / Paddle 243km / Cycle 42km]
- » **New English Channel World Record: SUP [5:26:03] - 2013**

2014 -2018

- » **New Open Ocean Guinness World Record: SUP 12-hour Record [130.10km/12 hours] - 2014**
- » **Chris launched his Film (Co-Director)-Ocean Driven-The Chris Bertish Story - 2015**
- » **Ocean Driven has won 5 International Film Awards-Best Film/Audience Award - 2015**
- » **New Open Ocean supported World Record: SUP 24-hour Record [131km/24 hours] - 2015**
- » **“Adventurer of the Year Award” - 2015**
[Nightjar People's Choice]
- » **Chris launched his book- Stoked! - 2015**
[#1 Best Selling Book]
- » **Runner up for Book of the Year Award - 2016**
- » **First person to sail a catamaran under 15ft, solo, unsupported, Gordons Bay- Kommetjie [112km] - 2016**
- » **New SUP Open Ocean 24hr, solo, unsupported, World Record: SUP 24 hour Record [62NM/24hr] - 2016**
- » **First person to paddle unsupported and solo between Africa and Canary Islands- [356km] - 2016**
- » **New Open Ocean solo, unsupported, paddle World Record [any craft under 20ft] - 2017**
- » **First person to paddle unsupported, solo between Africa and Caribbean Islands [7560km] - 2017**
- » **Longest solo, open ocean, unsupported, SUP World Record [7560km] - 2017**
- » **SUP the Mag 2017 Global Expedition of the Year Award - 2017**
- » **Global SUP Connect Man of the Year Award - 2017**
- » **Nominee for Laureus Best Sporting Moment of the Year Award - 2017**

