

## Sea2Sea Starts in Ocean Shores Today, Ends in DC July 4th

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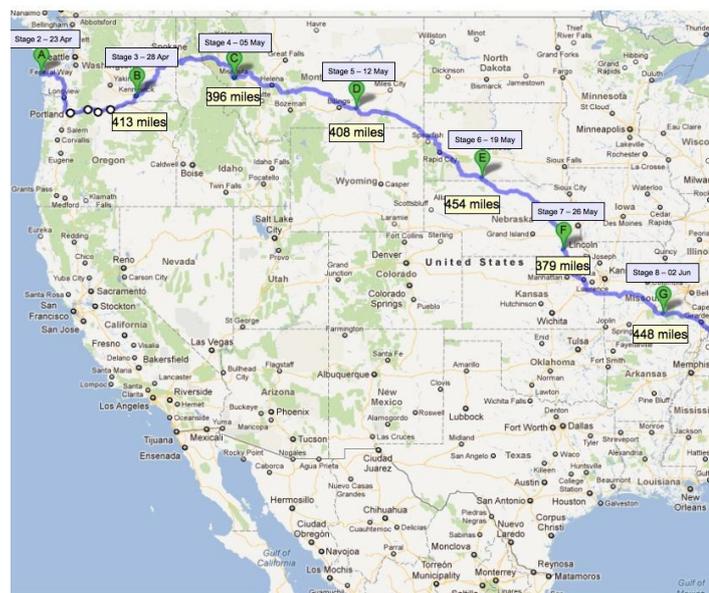
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OCEAN SHORES, Wash. - Cycling from the West to East coast of the US in 77 days, Tom Von Kaenel (Kay-Null) starts the US leg of his journey today in Ocean Shores. A retired American Serviceman living in Oxfordshire, Von Kaenel launched an ambitious international fundraiser to benefit UK and US servicemen April 21st. Two years ago, Von Kaenel spent 17 days in a UK military hospital after a cycling accident in the Pyrenees mountains, Von Kaenel says he wouldn't be cycling today without that care. "During those 17 days I saw for the first time the depth of selfless devotion and the sacrifices that our men and woman gave to those troops that were wounded or injured in Afghanistan and Iraq, and sadly those that paid the ultimate price." Cycling over 4,200 miles across the US and UK this summer, Von Kaenel is hoping to raise more than \$10-million US and £5-million UK to benefit serviceman. To donate, follow, or read more about Von Kaenel, visit [sea2sea.org](http://sea2sea.org)

Tom aims to raise £5,000,000 to benefit the various UK service member and veteran charity organisations (ie, Army Benevolent Fund, British Legion, Help for Heroes) and \$10,000,000 for the various US service member and veteran charity organisations (ie, Paralyzed Veterans of America, American Legion, Wounded Warriors). Funds raised through sponsorship will be paid direct to the charities through their own web sites. You can sponsor Tom and his team through his web site [www.sea2sea.org](http://www.sea2sea.org) which acts as a portal for the fundraising



## Sea2Sea 2012 Challenge



Tom is asking for help to make this huge challenge a success. He needs assistance in the UK and the USA to plan, organise, and of course participate in the cycle ride.

You can join Tom by signing up on the web site at [www.sea2sea.org](http://www.sea2sea.org) where you will also find full details of the charities supported by the challenge.

Tom says, &ldquo;The mission of Sea2Sea is simple: to give back to UK and US service men and women who have served since 9/11. We do this by providing a website that provides a comprehensive list of registered UK and US charities that are related to benefiting the Armed Forces of these two countries.&rdquo;

The Sea2Sea site will act as a portal for fundraising. On the site you can choose your preferred charity to benefit from your donation.

Tom says, &ldquo;I welcome help from anyone who wishes to give their support and expertise. We are completely apolitical and are not in competition with any other US or UK charity. In fact, our website will host the names, addresses, and purpose of any registered UK or US charity and welcome the opportunity to highlight the selfless work that they do so that people can contribute to their specific needs.&rdquo;