

Townsville's Voski (inset), who wants to circumnavigate the globe on a jet ski

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"The rewards are greater, though, especially for the charity groups I'm fundraising for," he said.

"At the moment, it's all my own money which has gone into the negotiations for this. We're still negotiating with other groups for sponsorship. There is a lot out there yet to be confirmed."

Tentatively, Voski plans to depart Townsville with a support crew of 14 people some time next year – if he can gather enough funds.

The six-month journey will be documented from all angles, Voski said.



Frosty Mango owners Alf and Heidi Poefinger have served all
manner of around-the-world adventurers

"We've got a documentary crew from New York on board, and I'm negotiating with publishers to write a biography/story on the trip.

"Everything is going to be recorded." Chris, on the other hand, is recording his global journey on his own by regularly updating his website, www.cyclestrongman.com.

Wherever he has the opportunity, he tries to grab the attention of local media to promote his cause.

Chris says a major factor in his travels has been communication – a tip that



“I think they’re crazy. It’s bad enough getting these people on bicycles going around Australia, but last year I had this guy come through on a penny farthing. He had no gears and he was riding straight into a head wind, wearing knickerbockers and a pink helmet”



British adventurer Joss Summerfield, 38, in Cairns on his
penny farthing bicycle in November last year

has so far seen the young adventurer join the media circus on the Best Job in the World Campaign in the

Whitsundays, after meeting the owner of an Airlie Beach-based media organisation who needed an extra hand to help film everything.

"I had 10 days cruising around the Whitsundays as part of the Best Job in the World campaign," Chris said.

"I've been sleeping in a tent, so it was a bit of a luxury for me to get to jump in a boat at the marina, cruise out the Whitehaven Beach and Hayman Island, and eat lobster meals."

Inevitably these solo adventurers do bump into each other on their travels.

It may be as rare as hen's teeth to encounter another global cyclist on his journey, but Chris says when he does meet other around-the-world adventurers, there's always plenty to chat about. "I think there is a mutual respect for each other," he said.

"These people realise what you have gone through and there's this mutual respect for that and an instant rapport."

Who knows? If Chris plays his cards right, he may have a jet ski rider to tag along with when he is homeward bound.