



Are you woman enough?

Intrepid rowers embarking on Pacific epic need two more girls for the job



Dream team: Penhaul (left) and Hancock go through their paces on the River Thames in Putney, south London, (above)

ARE you woman enough to row across the Pacific, covering 13,000km (8,000 miles) in 155 days?

Two adventurers planning to do just that are on the hunt for another pair to join them in the trip of a lifetime.

The only requirement is that you have to be of the fairer sex.

Annabel Hancock, 27, and Laura Penhaul, 30, have been planning their voyage for the last 18 months but are still just a two-woman crew.

The Coxless Rowers, as they call themselves, plan to set off in April next year and need two more women 'who

can live, eat and breath' the voyage, said Ms Hancock, from Bristol.

"Some experience of adventure sports or expeditions would be ideal as would some experience of rowing, though that's not essential as they've got a year to train," she said.

"We want two girls who really share our passion and who are able to operate outside their comfort zone and stay calm in difficult circumstances."

The trip will be completed in three stages, starting from Long Beach in

California, and heading towards Hawaii and Samoa before finishing in Cairns, Australia.

This route has never been undertaken by a female crew of four or as a continuous three-stage row.

The pair are using the trip to raise money for Breast Cancer Care.

The successful candidates will need to stump up £5,000 towards the cost of the expedition which is also in need of sponsorship.

The deadline for applications is Friday. See coxlessrowers.com/index.html for more.