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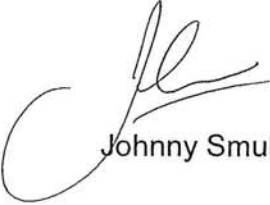
Dear Commodore, Distinguished Members, and Guests,

Good Evening,

I am very grateful to have been made part of this evening and to have been nominated for such a prestigious prize, The Commodores Prize, I am very grateful to the nominating committee and to the members for considering me for such a prestigious award and for acknowledging and recognizing my accomplishments as well as the team on the Green Dragon Volvo Ocean Race.

I graciously accept this award and would like to thank all the supporters of the Green Dragon Team and the Galway stopover for making it such a memorable event, one of which our Yachting community and the whole Nation should be proud of. I have been to all the stopovers, none of which had the welcome, enthusiasm, and support that we received from the Irish people, we should all be very proud of that accomplishment and look forward to future world class events.

Thank you very much, have a great evening,



Johnny Smullen