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Larry Jacobson grew up on the beaches of the Pacific Ocean sailing, kayaking, swimming, and scuba diving.

The California Native was also president of one of the premier incentive travel companies in the business, and is an avid sailor with over 50,000 blue water miles to his name so it wasn't too much of a surprise when he left the company to set out on a journey around the world with his partner, Ken.

In Jules Verne's Around the World in 80 Days, Phineas Fogg, the main character, also attempted to circumnavigate the globe but he was fixed on speed. Jacobson was going more for quality when he set sail for his trip, taking more than six years to live out an adventure he dreamed of as a child.

"When I was 13, I shattered both bones in my right leg while skiing, and was laid up for more than three months in a complete hip-to-toe cast," remembered Jacobson, author of The Boy Behind The Gate (www.larryjacobson.com), his chronicle of his 2,070 days on the open sea.

"My mother tried to keep me occupied, and I read every magazine my mom would bring home – from Popular Mechanics to Boy's Life -- as I watched my friends play outside," he said. "When I was finally free of the cast, I remember hobbling around as my brother brought home an eight-foot Styrofoam Sea ...

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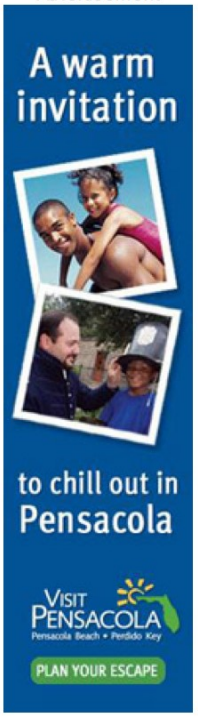

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