



Neal Petersen

Adventurer, author, world-class motivational speaker

Transform your organisation by turning setbacks and barriers into opportunities. How do you navigate forward, deal with constant wind shifts, sudden storms, conquer fear, isolation, while dealing with an ever-present changing world? Neal Petersen will take you on a personal journey around the world and show, There are No Barriers ~ Only Solutions!

Neal's biography

Neal Petersen's background

World-class, history-making extreme [adventurer](#), Neal Petersen completed two amazing journeys in his life: a single-handed yacht race around the world, 27,000 miles, 9 months at sea, alone, around Cape Horn, and in the smallest, least funded, yacht he designed and built himself. And an even more arduous and eventful trip of overcoming racial prejudice during the harsh Apartheid era in South Africa, poverty, and a childhood physical disability, just to make it to the start line!

Neal inspires organisations to foster [innovation](#), build stronger teams, adapt under pressure, and cultivate a mindset that focuses on solutions!

Petersen brilliantly connects his remarkable story to audience's unique challenges, a theme or vision with dramatic stories of [adversity](#), sheer determination and triumph. His presentations redefine courage and human potential.

With high energy and fully engaging presentation style, Neal audience's are spellbound from the moment he walks onstage, until he departs – leaving them with a fresh perspective on turning disadvantages into advantages.

Neal carries a treasure chest on stage, and in its symbols of how he reached his dream by always turning barriers into opportunities, then into solutions.

Using examples of how he overcame insurmountable barriers is compelling and highly entertaining. Neal demonstrates how success is realized through innovation, balancing risk against return and being flexible enough to adapt to constant shifting winds. In these challenging times of uncertainty, fear and insecurity,

many feel like solo sailors, adrift, grasping for survival.

Neal lays out the importance of a clearly communicated vision, followed by detailed planning, preparation, passion and then execution. Neal has challenged global audiences to prevail against their own formidable barriers and setbacks while igniting passion as they navigate forward.

This story of hope, resilience, and accomplishment is truly [inspiring](#) and reflects a powerful message that “in life, there are no barriers, only solutions!”

Neal projects stunning images during his keynote and a 1 ½ minute intro and a 4-minute powerful self-filmed video of Neal rounding Cape Horn solo – his dream!

He has thunder built into his presentation lightning and fog are easy options for larger productions, dramatically bringing his story to life.

Faced with huge challenges and rapid changes in today’s world, it’s easy to get bogged down in the negativity and uncharted waters. Striving for goals and success helps us to remain positive and to remember what’s really important.

Neal's talks

- **Neal Petersen's Shackleton Leadership Program**

Based on the polar explorer, Ernest Shackleton, who led three British expeditions to the Antarctic and became a role model for leadership as one who, in extreme circumstances, kept his team together in a survival story described as ‘incredible’!

- **With Choice There Is Consequence**

Neal's impact transcends age, gender, and race to promote the creation of leaders, life-long learners, and individuals who are mindful of the consequences their choices will have on personal, familial, community, and generational levels.

- **The Power of Positive Attitude & How It Affects Performance**

Neal has always defined himself by what he can imagine – rather than how others would define him and how he sustained his dream in the face of numerous barriers is compelling. Neal’s ability to apply his own attitudes, values and experiences to reflect on the values and mission of the guests will make this a powerful and meaningful experience for all.

- **Change Is Constant: It's How You Play the Cards**

Audiences will understand that you have to address the possibility of failure if one wants to achieve great things. His message will connect with audience members’ experience facing challenges – sales quotas for instance – that may seem formidable at first – until imagination, innovation and passion are applied.

- **The Importance of Realizing Goals: Perseverance & Determination**

Overcoming fear and facing danger and the unknown has been central to how Neal approaches his goals and his life. Audiences will walk away understanding the validity for direct correlations between perseverance, determination, motivation, and dedication to achieve any goal.

