

Abby Sunderland Quotes

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I am twelve thousand miles wiser, twelve thousand miles more resilient, and I have twelve thousand miles more faith in God.

~Abby Sunderland

I was so thankful that my parents trusted me enough and had enough faith in my abilities to let me follow my passion and try to do something great, even if I might fail.

~Abby Sunderland

Fewer people have successfully solo-circumnavigated the globe than have journeyed into space.

~Abby Sunderland

The things that happen on the sea take you beyond yourself, beyond human capability.

~Abby Sunderland

On June 10, the worst storm in the series swept across the middle of the Indian Ocean and Wild Eyes was directly in its path.

~Abby Sunderland

I wanted to break the record, of course, and become the youngest person to sail around the world solo and unassisted.

~Abby Sunderland

Wild Eyes was built for speed and I was flying down walls of water twenty and thirty feet high.

~Abby Sunderland

The open ocean often takes you past your physical limits and when it does, sailing becomes a mental game.

~Abby Sunderland

Going up the mast is one of the most dangerous things you can do as a

solo sailor.

~Abby Sunderland

But none of that kept me from picturing what a tsunami might look like if it did rise up and roar toward my little boat like some watery blue version of the Great Wall of China.

~Abby Sunderland

Terror ripped through me as I was falling, falling, falling toward the sea.

~Abby Sunderland

If a big wave came at the wrong moment, it would sweep me off into forty-eight-degree water, where I might last twenty minutes. Drowning quickly might be better.

~Abby Sunderland

The terrifying physics of going up-mast in heavy seas are inescapable.

~Abby Sunderland

In that moment it dawned on me that everything has to line up perfectly for something to turn out this awful.

~Abby Sunderland

All the ingenuity, all the high-tech gear, all the jury-rigging sometimes the sea would rip it all away until there was only you, the Creator, and His mercy.

~Abby Sunderland

When a sailor overcomes crushing adversity, there's a massive sense of accomplishment.

~Abby Sunderland

I will definitely attempt to sail around the world again. In fact, I can't wait for the chance to try again.

~Abby Sunderland

I'm one-hundred-fifty miles off Cape Horn, both autopilots are broken, and my boat is drifting toward one of the nastiest chunks of ocean on the face of the earth.

~Abby Sunderland

Being at sea is like watching the whole world in high-definition.

~Abby Sunderland

I will never forget the feeling of walking into my home, a place that while drifting helpless in the middle of the Indian Ocean I wondered if I would ever see again.

~Abby Sunderland

When I saw the plane, I was absolutely astonished! Two emotions crashed over me: surging joy and crazy fear.

~Abby Sunderland

Slowly, my brain let me in on the fact that I had just come this close to dying.

~Abby Sunderland

One day that same year, I told my dad that someday, I would sail around the world alone.

~Abby Sunderland

On October 19, 2009, my sixteenth birthday, Wild Eyes officially became mine! Now it was really happening.

~Abby Sunderland

I knew that even if I was able to call for help, I was in a place so remote that it wasn't likely there would be anyone who could help me. And even if there were, it could take weeks.

~Abby Sunderland

The swells were amazing! As big as three-story apartment buildings!

~Abby Sunderland

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