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Accept any reasonable answer which refers to the news story, e.g. I think it is a good name for the challenge because it is incredibly difficult to row across the Drake Passage.

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Accept any two from: they are the first to row to Antarctica, they are the first to cross the Drake Passage or Fiann Paul became the first person to row on all five oceans.

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Accept any reasonable summary which is 20 words or fewer, e.g. A team of six rowers are the first to row to Antarctica. It took them just over 12 days.