

NO BARRIERS ONLY SOLUTIONS

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NEAL PETERSEN

Neal Petersen is an award-winning author, round-the-world solo racing yachtsman, international speaker and global investor.

Petersen shares how the courage to dream, perseverance, dedication to a plan, and accepting help from others enable anyone to achieve their goals.

"Neal Petersen is one of the most inspiring, dynamic and thought provoking speakers you will ever witness. He is mesmerizing."



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Neal Petersen is an inspirational business speaker who draws from extraordinary life experiences. Delivering a strong and timely message of adaptability and perseverance, Neal turns barriers into solutions by never giving up. An award-winning author and the subject of a PBS documentary, Neal is a natural storyteller—riveting, engaging and highly entertaining. He challenges audiences to find their treasures, to use their experiences to navigate these challenging times to their advantage. Attendees are guaranteed to hang on the edges of their seats as he empowers them to excel.

Neal Petersen shares how he overcame the formidable barriers of a childhood physical disability, poverty and the humiliation of Apartheid in South Africa to compete in one of the most dangerous of all sports: solo yacht racing around the globe—27,000 miles, 9 months at sea—alone, and in a yacht he designed and built himself.

In his captivating and empowering **No Barriers—Only Solutions** keynote, Neal demonstrates how success is realized—through innovation, balancing risk against return and being flexible enough to adapt to constantly shifting winds.

Neal has “wowed” international audiences with his keynote and how he relates and connects his life story to their challenges.

In these challenging times of uncertainty, many feel like solo sailors—adrift, grasping for survival. Neal lays out the importance of a clearly communicated vision and direction, followed by detailed planning, preparation, passion and execution, using his personal story to show audiences how they, too, can achieve their goals.

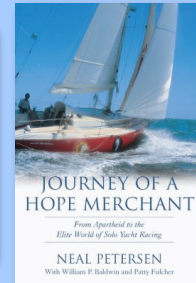
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Neal Petersen is famous for his contagious energy, subtle humor and flexibility. He seamlessly customizes every keynote to fit audience challenges or themes. Audience response is overwhelming and typically ends with a standing ovation.

Audiences will better understand:

- The importance of realizing goals through perseverance, determination, dedication and passion.
- Choosing conquest over adversity. Never give up!
- The power of positive attitude and how it affects one's performance.
- With choices there are consequences—choose wisely.
- Change—adapt to wind shifts and stormy seas by knowing when to alter course.

Neal helps prepare audiences to tackle their barriers by providing hope, a change in attitude and the vision to navigate challenging times ahead, not just for today—but, more importantly, for the next generation.



Neal Petersen has delivered keynotes at multiple events for **IBM, AIG, Cisco, Mars, Microsoft, Intel, Mass Mutual, Prudential, Citigroup** and **MDRT**.

“Neal you have received our highest ratings ever for a keynote speaker, and this covers hundreds of events over more than a decade. Before you, we had never had a single standing ovation, yet I can't remember a time that you did not get one! We couldn't have made a better choice for our thirty conferences this year.”

—Jack Mortimer, Government Technology

“I have been very fortunate to work with Neal Petersen - we brought him in to speak to three of our Top Producer meetings. He is a great speaker and he has found ways to help financial advisors take Neal's experiences and to apply it to their practices in such a way to grow their businesses through the tough times and enjoy the good times.”

—Larry Roth, CEO, Advisors Group, AIG