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ISKY AT ODAY FOR RDEEN'S AR FEAT

Y came out at noon at
Asset Management yesterday
the boat the fund managers
ing on its voyage into the
own.

Pulteney has been designed
d some of the harshest con-
arth, and her six-man crew –
ish explorer Jock Wishart –
on the Old Pulteney Row to
edition on 1 August, travel-
iles from Resolute Bay in
the Magnetic North Pole to
world first”.

ed route through shifting sea-
as only become possible after
asonal melting in the Arctic
e team will conduct scientific
ey create maritime history, to
Southampton University.

have also become the subject
ic study themselves, to avoid
lodging on the “monotonous”
re the explorers will alternate
h being cocooned in a con-
in the middle of nowhere.

ure why they put the beds so
er,” complained crew member



Aberdeen AM's James Thorneley (second from right) raises a toast with the crew of *The Old Pulteney*

Billy Gammon, who described how he and his fellow rowers have undergone psychometric tests to discover “which screws are loose and where the tipping points are”. Forewarned is forearmed – as Wishart said: “There is no room for a mutiny.”

GILBERT'S ALL AT SEA

MARTIN Gilbert, chief executive of Aberdeen Asset Management (right), was unable to attend yesterday's whisky-soaked christening outside Boisdale restaurant in Canary Wharf.

However, the “keen” sailor is looking forward to his firm's sponsorship of Cowes Week in August, where Gilbert and his head of distribution Chris Ellyatt are planning a range of activities for the fund's clients to give them “the whole Cowes experience”.

The Capitalist hears the more adventur-

ous clients will be able to race in Aberdeen's chartered yachts, accompanied by professional skippers – or they could just take Ellyatt, a lifelong dinghy sailor who competes in the Laser Masters racing circuit.

MATCH OF THE DAY

DEUTSCHE Bank challenged Henderson Global Investors, AXA, Royal London Asset Management and CVC Capital Partners, among others, at yesterday's football tournament organised by KennedyPearce Consulting at the Powerleague ground in Bishopsgate.

But there could only be one winner, and this year's five-a-side champions were Sarasin & Partners, captained by David Evans, who beat Matrix Group five-nil in the final to win the KennedyPearce Champions League Cup

The Old Pulteney was christened with whisky before its crew set off to the Arctic to attempt a maritime first



Men of the match; the Sarasin & Partners team

and £1,000 for a charity of their choice, to be donated to The National Brain Appeal. To enter next year's competition, contact Adam, John or Stephen on 0207 469 4180.

SPORTING CHANCERS

MEANWHILE, there is still time to place your bets on Sunday's five-a-side Diageo City Challenge at the Bank of England Sports Centre in Roehampton.

The City A.M. team has been named the “Aston Villa” of the contest as 9-1 contenders, while team Bank of England is Manchester City at 12-1 “because of the financial reserves behind them” and the Sky News squad has been relegated to the Conference, with Kidderminster-like odds of 20-1.

All bets and donations will transfer directly to The Stroke Association – see the Paddy Power website or www.just-giving.com/diageocitychallenge.

Or come along on the day – there's a free pair of return Ryanair flights to Tenerife to be won in the raffle. “That's actually free, not Ryanair free,” assures the event's organiser.

