

**AUDIO SCRIPT**

**[Female Radio Host and 72-year-old Male Guest]**

F1: Good afternoon, listeners. Welcome to *The World We Live In*. Today, I have a very special guest on the program. Steve Morrison recently returned from a solo journey around the world on his yacht, *Waltzing Matilda*. He has just published a book about his adventures called *Steve and Matilda: Alone Together*. Steve, welcome to the program.

M1: Thanks, Paula. It's great to be here.

F1: First, I'd like to ask what you most enjoyed about your amazing journey.

M1: Well, I'd have to say the people I met and the places I visited. I spent two months in Samoa, a beautiful island in the South Pacific Ocean. I'm very interested in traditional cultures. And the Samoans are very friendly. There's a whole chapter in my book about Samoa.

F1: Yes, I enjoyed that chapter very much, Steve. I've been there and your description is accurate. You certainly needed a rest at that stage, too, didn't you, Steve?

M1: That's right, Paula. As I describe in the book, there were problems with the navigational equipment. The GPS stopped working.

F1: You must have been terrified, Steve.

M1: Well, I certainly wasn't happy, Paula. Luckily, my grandfather taught me how to use the stars to find my way. That information was very useful!

F1: Did you ever get lonely, Steve, with no one to talk to?

M1: Not really, Paula. I've always been an individual who likes to do things by myself. I've never been a team player or a company man. I will say though, it was sometimes difficult not having any assistance.

F1: I'm sure it was, Steve! What happened when you hit the shipping container? How did you manage alone?

M1: Well, I was very close to Samoa at that stage. I managed to close the hole and I had a device to pump out the seawater. Some Samoan fishermen assisted me to shore. They really saved my life.

F1: You have a special place in your heart for the Samoan people, don't you, Steve?

M1: I do, Paula. One of the best features of Samoan culture is their respect for older people. I'm 72, and they treated me like a king.

F1: Well, you certainly don't look 72, Steve! It must be all that fresh air. What are your plans for the future?

M1: Well, I'm planning another journey, Paula. I think I must have seawater in my veins instead of blood!

F1: Well, good luck, Steve. And thanks for being on the show today.

M1: It was a pleasure, Paula. Thanks for having me.