

# TEAM PROFILE

# John Robertson

## VITAL STATISTICS...

Name:	John Robertson																
Class:	Sonar Class																
Position:	Helm																
DOB:	11 February 1972																
Born:	Sunderland, Tyne and Wear																
Currently Living:	Sunderland, Tyne and Wear																
Started Sailing:	Aged 11 with my father in a Mirror																
Duration in current class:	Since 1997																
Name of Sailing Partner:	Hannah Stodel and Stephen Thomas																
Greatest Strengths in Sailing:	Keeping focused																
Greatest Weakness in Sailing:	Starting																
Biggest Goal:	To win a gold medal at the Beijing Paralympic Games 2008																
Who has been the most influential person in your sailing career:	My coaches, Mark Barron and now Mark Rushall																
Other interests away from sailing:	Wheelchair tennis, general fitness training																
Personal sponsors:	Oysters Yachts, Little Britain Challenge Cup																
Sailing Career to date:	<table border="0"> <tr> <td>2008 Hyeres Olympic Classes Regatta</td> <td>Gold</td> </tr> <tr> <td>2008 Paralympic Midwinters</td> <td>4<sup>th</sup></td> </tr> <tr> <td>2008 Rolex Miami OCR</td> <td>4<sup>th</sup></td> </tr> <tr> <td>2007 IFDS Worlds</td> <td>6<sup>th</sup></td> </tr> <tr> <td>2007 Rolex Miami OCR</td> <td>Bronze</td> </tr> <tr> <td>2006 IFDS Worlds</td> <td>Gold</td> </tr> <tr> <td>2005 Rolex Miami OCR</td> <td>Gold</td> </tr> <tr> <td>2005 IFDS Worlds</td> <td>Gold</td> </tr> </table>	2008 Hyeres Olympic Classes Regatta	Gold	2008 Paralympic Midwinters	4 <sup>th</sup>	2008 Rolex Miami OCR	4 <sup>th</sup>	2007 IFDS Worlds	6 <sup>th</sup>	2007 Rolex Miami OCR	Bronze	2006 IFDS Worlds	Gold	2005 Rolex Miami OCR	Gold	2005 IFDS Worlds	Gold
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## MEET THE SAILOR...

1. What is the toughest part of your sport?	Keeping the focus and concentrating on your own race for the whole series.
2. Describe your training regime.	Lots of it, 45days in the USA Jan/Feb then home for 4weeks training in the gym twice a day for 5 days a week.
3. What is your greatest ever achievement in your sport?	Winning 2 WORLD CHAMPIONSHIPS with Hannah Stodel and Stephen Thomas. With our awesome coach Mr Mark Rushall.
4. What are your aims / goals for 2008?	Our aim and goal is to qualify for Beijing 2008 Paralympic games.
5. Who will provide the	Several teams, Germans, Norwegians, Israelis,

toughest competition?	
6. Have you had any embarrassing moments during training or competition?	Several.....
7. Who is your sporting hero?	Valentino Rossi. GP bike rider and multiple world champion.

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