

TEAM PROFILE

Shirley Robertson

VITAL STATISTICS...

Name:	Shirley Robertson
Class:	Yngling
Position:	Helm
DOB:	15 July 1968
Born:	Dundee Scotland
Currently Living:	Cowes, Isle of Wight
Started Sailing:	My father built a kit boat and we sailed it at Loch Ard Sailing Club, Trossachs
Duration in current class:	Since 2002
Name of Sailing Partner:	Annie Lush and Lucy MacGregor
Greatest Strengths in Sailing:	Professionalism
Greatest Weakness in Sailing:	Not being able to stop
Biggest Goal:	A third Olympic gold medal
Who has been the most influential person in your sailing career:	
Other interests away from sailing:	Being at home, cycling, films, dancing, friends
Personal sponsors:	Volvo Cars UK, JP Morgan Asset Management, Isle of Wight, BT



Sailing Career to date:	2004 Olympic Games, Athens	Yngling	Gold
	2000 Olympic Games	Europe	Gold
	2008 World Championships		8 th
	2008 Rolex Miami OCR		15 th
	2007 ISAF Worlds		Bronze
	2003 ISAF Worlds		7 th
	2002 World Championships		16 th
	2001 World Championships		14 th
	2000 World Championships		Silver
	2007 SPA Olympic Regatta		29 th
	2007 Semaine Olympique Française		12 th
	2007 Princess Sofia Trophy		8 th
	2006 Skandia Sail for Gold Regatta		Gold
	2004 SPA Olympic Regatta		Bronze
	2004 Semaine Olympique Française		Gold
2004 Princess Sofia Trophy		4 th	
2003 Pre-Olympics, Athens		Gold	
2003 SPA Olympic Regatta		Bronze	
2003 Semaine Olympique Française		4 th	
2003 Princess Sofia Trophy		Gold	
2003 Olympic Class Week, Barcelona		Gold	
2002 Olympic Test Event, Athens		Bronze	



MEET THE SAILOR...

Shirley Robertson is the only British female athlete to have won gold medals at consecutive Olympic Games. She is already one of the greatest female Olympic sailors in history.

Shirley started sailing at the age of 7 in a Mirror Miracle on Loch Ard in the Trossachs in Scotland. By the late 1990s she had won silver medals at the 1998, 1999 and 2000 Europe World Championships. Her excellent form continued into the Millennium Olympic Games in Sydney gaining her a gold medal in the single handed Europe Class. Following her success in 2000, Shirley turned her attentions to a new challenge. In 2001 she switched to the new Yngling class and her team finished 14th at the World Championships. Over the next two years they improved rapidly, finishing third at the 2002 Olympic Test Event and winning the 2003 Pre-Olympic regatta. This new direction was rewarded with Shirley's historical second gold medal at the Athens 2004 Olympics. In 2005 Shirley took a year off Olympic sailing to focus on big boat sailing, a budding TV career, and as an athlete delegate to the successful London 2012 bid. She returned to the Olympic trail, for Beijing, and the quest for another gold in 2006, with new crew mates, Annie Lush and Lucy Macgregor. 2006 also brought a different challenge, when Shirley gave birth to twins, Annabel and Killian in July. A mere 12 weeks later Shirley and her team won gold in their debut International event in the Yngling since Athens.

Awards & Honours:

2005 OBE

2004 Glenfiddich Spirit of Scotland Awards - Top Scot

2004 Sunday Times Sportswoman of the Year Awards - Team of the Year

2004 BBC South Sportswoman and Team of the Year

2000 ISAF World Sailor of the Year

Olympic sailing career to date:

2004 Olympic Games in Athens Yngling Class Gold Medal

2000 Olympic Games in Sydney Europe Class Gold Medal

1996 Olympic Games in Savannah Europe Class 4th

1992 Olympic Games in Barcelona Europe Class 9th