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MUSTO VOLVO OPTIMIST SAILING

The Optimist class is a perfect training ground for young Olympic hopefuls. Over 300 young sailors aged between 8 - 15 compete each year at the Volvo Musto Optimist Championships. Past Optimist National Champions include Team Volvo for life sailors Nick Rogers and Ben Ainslie.



VOLVO RYA CHAMPION CLUBS

There are over 130 Volvo RYA Champion clubs across the UK, an excellent programme that recognises those sailing clubs with a commitment to youth sailing and race coaching. It aims to encourage young sailors and windsurfers at the grass roots level, to stay in the sport and learn to compete. Ultimately the goal is to increase Britain's medal haul at international regattas, building on the British Sailing Team's success at the Olympic Games in Sydney and Athens. To achieve the award, sailing clubs must meet the criteria laid down by the RYA; the main aim being to provide a structured Junior Race Training Programme at the club.



VOLVO RYA KEELBOAT PROGRAMME

The Volvo RYA Keelboat programme was set up in 2003 to make racing 'big boats' accessible to anyone who has the passion and talent. This could be sailing across the Southern Ocean in the Volvo Ocean Race, competing in the America's Cup or becoming the next Ellen MacArthur. Any talented young sailors between the ages of 16 - 24 are eligible to participate in the programme. The sailors benefit from general and specific keelboat training, for example instrumentation, meteorology and sail tuning, as well as being provided with coaching. Once on the programme the Volvo RYA Crewsearch Scheme will look to match Volvo RYA Keelboat Programme members with keelboat owners who run viable campaigns, giving sailors the experience they need to further their sailing careers.



SKANDIA TEAM GBR BRONZE SPONSOR

Volvo Car UK are proud sponsors of Skandia Team GBR, the British Sailing Team training for the 2008 and 2012 Olympic and Paralympic Games.



TEAM VOLVO FOR LIFE

Team Volvo for life is an inspirational team of individuals who represent the very best of British sailing talent. Their wealth of experience covers everything from winning gold medals to sailing round the world. Team Volvo for life is supported by Volvo Car UK to attain their ultimate sailing goals, and will also help future sailing stars to hone their own talents in the Volvo RYA Keelboat Sailing programme, Volvo's grass roots activities with Volvo RYA Champion Clubs and Volvo Musto Optimist Sailing programme.



JPMORGAN ASSET MANAGEMENT ROUND THE ISLAND RACE

The Round the Island Race is one of the world's largest and most famous yachting races; the race takes place in Cowes, attracting over 13,000 participants. The race sees novices racing against some of the top sailors in the world, all on a level playing field. Volvo Car UK has been a race sponsor since 2005, adding to their support of some of the country's most successful sailing programmes.



VOLVO OCEAN RACE 2008-2009

The Volvo Ocean Race is the world's most gruelling and adrenaline filled offshore race, with sailors covering almost 39,000 nautical miles of the globe's most treacherous seas over a period of more than eight months. The 2008/9 edition of the Volvo Ocean Race promises to be the most exciting yet, and will mark the 10th anniversary of one of world's greatest sailing events. The 8-month race will start in Alicante, Spain on 4th October 2008.





TEAM VOLVO FOR LIFE

An inspirational team of individuals who represent the very best of British sailing from Olympic keelboat and dinghy sailing to ocean racing

TEAM SHIRLEY ROBERTSON

SHIRLEY ROBERTSON - OBE

Double Olympic gold medalist

Born: Dundee **Lives:** Cowes **Class:** Yngling (Three person keelboat)

Shirley started sailing at the age of 7 in a Mirror Miracle on Loch Ard with her father in the Trossachs, Scotland.

At the Sydney Olympics in 2000, Shirley won her first gold medal on Sydney Harbour in the single handed Europe class. After this she switched her attentions to helming a three person keelboat, the Yngling. This was rewarded in 2004 with a historical second gold medal at Athens, making Shirley the first British female athlete to win gold medals at consecutive Olympic Games.

After the birth of twins, Annabel and Killian in July 2006, Shirley was again on the campaign trail for a third gold medal at the 2008 Beijing Olympics with team-mates Annie Lush and Lucy Macgregor.

ANNIE LUSH

Born: Poole **Lives:** Poole **Class:** Yngling (Three person Keelboat)

Annie Lush was an obvious choice for Shirley when she was choosing new crew for her 2008 campaign. Already an established Olympic class sailor and successful rower at Cambridge University, she was awarded a 'Rowing Blue' for winning the Woman's Boat Race. Annie has a First Class Honours Geography degree and was University Vice President.

LUCY MACGREGOR

Born: Poole **Lives:** Poole **Class:** Yngling (Three person Keelboat)

Lucy Macgregor is the youngest member of Team Shirley Robertson. She is an experienced dinghy sailor, having risen through the ranks of talented young British sailors and competed Internationally. This is Lucy's first foray into campaigning for Olympic glory.



Shirley Robertson

Annie Lush

Lucy Macgregor



TEAM ROGERS GLANFIELD

NICK ROGERS

Olympic silver medalist

Born: Lynton **Lives:** Lynton **Class:** 470 (Double handed dinghy)

JOE GLANFIELD

Olympic silver medalist

Born: Sutton **Lives:** Exmouth **Class:** 470 (Double handed dinghy)

Nick and Joe joined forces in 1998 and quickly became a formidable partnership winning the first event they entered. They sail the 470, a double handed dinghy sailed by amateurs through to Olympians, with Nick at the helm and Joe as crew. The pair qualified for the 2000 Sydney Olympic Games where they finished fourth overall, just one point away from a bronze medal.

Coming so close drove the pair on for the next four years. They returned to Athens in 2004 to win a silver medal. Not surprisingly they announced their intentions to return in 2008 to try and gain that elusive gold. This is one of the longest surviving partnerships in Olympic sailing.



Nick Rogers

Joe Glanfield

PAUL GOODISON

Born: Sheffield **Lives:** Rotherham and Weymouth **Class:** Laser (Single handed dinghy)

Paul is a multiple European and British Laser Champion. The Laser is one of the two single handed dinghies which are sailed at the Olympics by men, the second being the Finn which his old training partner, double Olympic gold medalist, Ben Ainslie now sails. During 2004 at the Athens Olympics, sailing the Laser, Paul narrowly missed out on the bronze medal finishing a disappointing fourth place.

After Athens Paul bounced straight back, rising to the top of the world rankings winning four gold and one silver medal in 2006, putting him on track for a medal in Beijing 2008.



HELENA LUCAS

Born: Redhill **Lives:** Southampton **Class:** 2.4mR (Single handed dinghy)

Helena sails the single handed small 2.4mR Paralympic keelboat. Helena was born with no thumbs and only the use of two fingers on both hands. She competes against men and women alike and is nearly always on the podium at International events. One of Helena's most remarkable achievements was being asked to stand in for double Olympic gold medalist Shirley Robertson at the Olympic Test Event in Qingdao, China in 2006, where she steered the Yngling team to a silver medal. This achievement has driven Helena to train even harder in her campaign for the Beijing Paralympics in 2008.

BEN AINSLIE - OBE

Double Olympic gold and silver medalist

Born: Macclesfield **Lives:** Lynton **Class:** Finn (Single handed)

Ben is Britain's most successful Olympic sailor alongside 1960's Olympian Rodney Pattison. His career in sailing began at the age of 8 with his family in Restronguet, Cornwall. By the age of 16 Ben was already Laser Radial World Champion and at just 19 years old he won his first Olympic medal - silver in the Laser class at the 1996 Atlanta Games. Four years later, again sailing the Laser, he achieved every athlete's dream of Olympic gold in Sydney. For the 2004 Olympic Games, Ben switched to the larger and more technical Finn dinghy winning his second Olympic gold medal. Ben now intends to combine America's Cup sailing with his dream of a fourth Olympic medal in China.

ALEX THOMSON

Born: Bangor **Lives:** Gosport **Class:** Open 60

At just 25 Alex became the youngest skipper ever to win a round-the-world yacht race, the 1998-1999 Clipper Race, going on to win the 2000 Round Britain and Ireland Race in a record time of 10 days. At the end of 2003, Alex came a close third in the Defi Atlantique solo transatlantic race on the Open 60 "AT Racing". During the race however he set a new 24 hour world speed sailing record for solo mono-hulls, covering 468 nautical miles at an average boat speed of 19.5 knots. Alex is working towards fulfilling his dream of sailing a Open 60 in the 2008 Vendee Globe, the sixth edition of the solo round the world race.

