



News June 2017

It's been three months since my last newsletter to you and so much has happened. As a sponsor your support has been invaluable to allow me to successfully follow this journey which I am forever grateful.

The BIG news is that 56 of us out of 700 have been selected to be on the GREAT Britain yacht, representing the Great Britain and Northern Ireland campaign, this is so exciting and such an honour. www.greatbritaincampaign.com. We are still waiting for notification as to when this will be formally announced. At first we were restricted by Purdah, now the government has said in light of recent tragic events in Manchester and London. I will keep you informed. But effectively you are sponsoring someone on Team GB, included in my team are two Olympians – Hannah MacLeod (Gold Medal Hockey) and Graham Bell (Skier & TV presenter – Ski Sunday).

Here are some of the other things I have been up to in the last three months which I hope you enjoy following:

1. Clipper yacht race training. I am now gearing up for my last official training - Clipper Level 4. This is the week we will sail on our GREAT Britain yacht with our skipper and some of our team. Practising race starts and tactics, further safety drills and brushing up on our skills. I am busy revising and practising as I want to get off to a good start with my skipper and team.

Crew allocation weekend was very exciting especially when Team Great Britain was announced. Andy Burns is our skipper, originally from Skegness and he was definitely one of the skippers I hoped I would get. The UK port is Liverpool, I don't know the start date of my race I do know that the finish date is 28th July 2018 – I would be delighted if you were there to wave me in. You will also be able to come aboard the boat in port as a crew supporter.

We now meet up regularly as a team, our team building weekend recently in the New Forest proved that we were the best team; we all got on so well and discussed lots on race tactics, living on board, Food and medical supplies, layout of the boat, a team song! And much more.

I do recommend visiting the Clipper Race website and there is also a Crew Supporters portal which you can sign up to which will assist with information leading up to and more

importantly during my race. Scroll to the bottom, fill in your details and tick the box to receive newsletters <https://www.clipperroundtheworld.com/race/crew-supporters>

2. Social Media and website .The Website www.shesetsail.com has been successful and I have been trying to keep on top of the blog page. Since launching it in September I have has 2114 views, 613 visits from 33 countries. It's been a great platform to host my ever increasing material. My designated Clipper Facebook page has increased to 264 followers <https://www.facebook.com/clipperyachtracejulie/> and my twitter @SeafishJulie (890 followers) and Instagram pages feature my challenge frequently. I have now updated my LinkedIn profile (860 connections) to include the race. Please feel free to utilise any of my on-line platforms.

3. Other Media. On the 18th April 2017 I did a live interview for Estuary TV in their studios which went well.
<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=9WwZfXJIfgw&feature=youtu.be&list=UUWenkgtgH8-RpLwIJ5fkqgA>

I have been contacted today to do an article for The Fish Site and will send the link when completed <https://thefishsite.com/>

4. RYA Skippers course .In October 2016 I started 26 weeks of night class at Scarborough Yacht Club to complete my RYA day skipper's course, kindly sponsoring me for this is Graham & Co Accountants. It has covered both traditional and electronic navigation techniques, the regulations for avoidance of collisions, tidal calculations, and an insight into meteorology, buoyage & pilotage. I have passed this exam and am now considering taking my RYA Yachtmaster exams this winter.

5. Scarborough Yacht Club. I continue to race for Yacht Kassy out of Scarborough and have completed 18 races since learning to sail last May. I am now a SYC crew member to the club. If you or anyone in your team would like to join me on a short race or if you don't think you have sea legs then just come down to the harbour for a tour round then it would be a pleasure - I can arrange this. I now continue to race for them in the summer series and have been asked to do the Ladies Helm race in August.

6. Fundraising for The Fisherman's Mission and The Yorkshire Air Ambulance is going well with my target exceeded for Yorkshire Air Ambulance and nearly reached for the Fisherman's Mission. I continue to fundraise for both and therefore I have increased the target. Both charities have supported me by regular Facebook and twitter mentions and seem to enjoy following my challenge. In June I celebrated my decade working for Seafish by climbing Ben Nevis with some of my work colleagues and to raise more money for these great causes during this challenge.

<https://www.justgiving.com/fundraising/Fishermansmission>

<https://www.justgiving.com/fundraising/YorkshireAirAmb>

Many thanks for your continued support, please don't hesitate to contact me at any time, whether for a general chat/update or to discuss further marketing/PR.

Kind Regards

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