

Ellie Driver Sailing CV

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I started at Southampton University in 2020, studying Maritime Engineering. During this time, my sailing focus has changed from dinghy racing to inshore and offshore racing. I have been sailing offshore double-handed on Chilli Pepper, a Sunfast 3300. Over the last four years, our campaigns have been based around the RORC Calendar, including two Rolex Fastnet Races and the Sevenstar Round Britain and Ireland Race.

Inshore, I have particularly enjoyed racing on Cape 31 and Etchells. I am a competitive person who enjoys being part of a team. I am a quick learner and happy to be challenged with new skills. I am always keen to look for opportunities to improve my sailing.



Yachtmaster Offshore
Sea Survival
First Aid
Dinghy Instructor
RORC Youth Committee 2022
UK Double Handed Offshore Series Committee 2021-2024
University of Southampton Yachting Captain 2021-2023
Magenta Project Mentee 2021-2022
Yachts and Yachting Yachtsman of the Year 2022
DH Female European Champion 2023
Runner-Up DH Mixed World Champion 2023

Experience

Double-handed | SunFast 3300 Chilli Pepper | 2020 - present

I sail double-handed on Chilli Pepper. Since we started in 2020, we have taken part in some major races, including the 2021 and 2023 Rolex Fastnet Races and the Sevenstar Round Britain and Ireland Race; I was the youngest skipper to have completed the race.

- 2021 Rolex Fastnet Race DH: 16th DH, 14th in IRC 3
- 2022 Sevenstar Round Britain and Ireland Race DH: 6th DH, 6th overall, 5th in IRC 2
- 2023 Rolex Fastnet Race DH: 10th DH, 7th IRC 2, 2nd Female Skipper, 2nd Youth Skipper

Some other notable results were:

- 2020 RORC Race the Wight, short-handed helm/trimmer, 1st IRC 3 and 6th overall
- 2021 RORC De Guingand Bowl 6th IRC 2, 7th DH
- 2022 RORC Morgan Cup DH Overall Winner, 1st Overall, 1st DH, 1st IRC 2
- 2022 RORC Cherbourg 4th IRC 2, 4th DH, Overall 6th
- 2022 RORC DH Nationals 4th
- 2023 RORC Myth of Malham 5th IRC DH, 7th IRC 2
- 2023 RORC Morgan Cup 2nd IRC 2, 3rd IRC DH, 10th Overall

Season Points

- 2022 RORC 3rd DH, 3rd IRC 2, 1st Mixed DH Overall – Boyd Trophy, 5th Overall.
- 2023 RORC 5th DH, 3rd IRC 2, 2nd Mixed DH, 4th Overall
- 2022 & 2023 UKDHOS Youth Winner

Bow, Pit and Navigator | Cape 31 | 2021-2023

Over the last four years, I have sailed on a few Capes covering the roles of bow and pit, but predominantly navigator on Gelert.

- Women's Open Keel Boat Championships 2021 - Katabatic – Pit - 2nd IRC 1
- Cape 31 Nationals 2021 - Katabatic - Navigator - 5th
- RSYC Land Union Regatta 2021 - Katabatic - Navigator - 4th
- HWS 4 2021 - Fanatic – Navigator - 2nd
- Round the Island Race 2022 – Gelert – Navigator - 1st Cape 31, 4th Overall
- Vice Admirals Cup 2022 – Gelert – Navigator - 6th
- IRC Nationals 2022 – Gelert – Navigator - 7th
- Cowes Week 2022 – Gelert – Navigator - 10th
- Cape 31 Nationals 2022 – Gelert – Navigator - 7th
- Royal Southern May Regatta - Gelert – Navigator - 3rd
- Cape 31 Vice Admirals Cup 2023 – Gelert – Navigator - 3rd

Other notable results

- 2023 DH Female European Offshore Champion (Figaro 3, Italy)
- 2023 2nd in the DH Mixed World Offshore Championships (Figaro 3, Italy)
- 2024 RORC Caribbean 600 – Sunrise powered by Zen – Navigator – 4th IRC 1

I am very organised and enthusiastic with good communication skills; I run the social media and sponsorship of the UK Double Handed Offshore Series. I am in my 4th Year at Southampton University studying Maritime Engineering. In 2021, I was part of the University's Team Racing 1st Team, where we came second at BUCS Finals and 3rd Girls University at BUCS Fleets.

I have created a blog following Chilli Pepper's journey and a Facebook and Instagram page @ChilliPepperRacing



References

David Swete – 2X Match Racing World Champion, 2X Volvo Ocean Race

Philip Barnes – Coach/co-skipper

