

VITAL STATISTICS...

Name:	Stuart Bithell
Class:	470
Position:	Crew
DOB:	28 August 1986
Born / Grew up:	Manchester / Rochdale, Greater Manchester
Currently Living:	Portland
Sailing/Yacht Club:	Hollingworth Lake SC
Started Sailing:	Crewing for my old man in a firefly at my local sailing club, Hollingworth Lake. I was seven at the time.
Duration in current class:	2004-2006 and just starting up again in 2009
Name of Sailing Partner:	Luke Patience
Coach:	Morgan Reeser
Notable Achievements at Youth and Junior Level:	Bronze medal ISAF Youth World Championships 2004
Greatest Sailing Strength:	Tactics
Greatest Sailing Goal:	At least one Olympic Gold medal
Greatest Sailing Achievement to date:	Silver medal 470 World Championships 2009
Who has been the most influential person in your sailing career:	My old man
Personal sponsors:	Volvo Car UK, Holt, Selden, Miller
Other interests away from sailing:	Windsurfing, kitesurfing, Surfing, Climbing, most racket sports, trying to learn guitar.



Career highlights:	World Championships:	
	2011	Silver
	2009	Silver
	European Championships:	
	2011	Bronze
	2010	Bronze
	2012 record:	
	Skandia Sail for Gold	Silver
	Princess Sofia Trophy	19 th
	Miami Regatta	14 th
	2011 record:	
	Skandia Sail for Gold	6 th
	Hyeres Regatta	16 th
	Princess Sofia Trophy	Bronze
	Miami Regatta	Bronze
	North American Champs	4 th
	Find full career results here	

MEET THE SAILOR...

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What is the toughest part of your sport?

Keeping focus for such long periods of time

Who is your sporting hero?

Bradley Wiggins, because he is a very successful Olympian, his Ttour de France achievements and just the type of person he is.