

A photograph of Sharon Ferris-Choat, a woman with blonde hair, wearing a red sailing jacket, a black cap, and white sunglasses. She is smiling and looking towards the camera while steering a boat. The background shows a blue sky with white clouds and the ocean.

Sharon Ferris-Choat

Champion | Leader | Changemaker

Career Highlights

- **1st Women in the World to win a Round the World Yacht Race - 2005**
- Winner of ORYX Quest (62 days nonstop around the world) -2005
- 2001 Volvo Ocean Race 7th
- 1998 Jules Verne Challenge
- **World Speed Records x 5**
- **Olympic Games**
- 1996 Europe Dinghy Solo 5th Placing
- 2004 Yngling- Skipper 3 women keelboat 7th Placing
- **5x New Zealand National Champion**
- 2016 Skipper of Thalassa Magenta Racing,
- 1st female team in the Extreme Sailing Series
- Co-Skipper Armin Strom Sailing Team 3rd GC32 Racing Tour
- **2018 Skipper Ave Gitana –45 foot Trimaran**
- Winner of Gun Boat Trophy Hamilton Race Week
- Winner Island Racing Division Multihull Class
- **2024 – Rolex Sydney to Hobart 14th Line Honors**
- Winner Hamilton Island Race Week 2024 - Div Blue

Commercial Skippering

2023 - 25 Ocean Sailing Expeditions

- Salt Lines 4,011nm, Silver Fern 12,181nm
- Awen - IMOCA 3,232nm

2025 – Vixen Racing (shareholder)

Tasman Crossing, Cabbage Tree Island Race, Rolex Sydney to Hobart

2026 – Vixen Racing (Shareholder)

Tasman Crossing, Bay Week

126k Offshore Racing Miles

Qualifications

- RYA Yachtmaster Offshore and Ocean
- Master of Yacht <24m
- LROCP Long Range Radio
- First Aid Level 2
- Firefighting and Prevention
- Advanced Sea Survival
- RYA Radar and Diesel Engine
- Person in Charge of Medical Care on Board Ship



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