

# Next Steps @ TRGA

Your weekly Careers news!

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*Next Steps @ TRGA* is a weekly newsletter which aims to provide students at TRGA with useful careers information, advice and ideas for the future – stay tuned for more tips and information next week!

## Career of the week

This week – **Professional Offshore Sailor**

**Robin Elsey**

**RER**

Robin Elsey Racing  
Offshore Yacht Racer



### I want to know more about...

Got a job or career area you'd like to find out more about that we haven't featured in the newsletter?

Let us know by coming and speaking to **Mr. Webb** in the **Careers Room** (Room 203)!

### Tell us a little about what you do...

I work as a Professional Offshore Sailor - this involves doing anything onboard the boat, from navigating through to steering. Everyday can be different, much like the wind changes. I have been sailing since I was young but I got into this side of sailing through building up experience working for different sailing teams over the years. My plans for the future are to take part in the Vendee Globe 2020, 3 months racing around the world alone!

### What's the best thing about your job?

The best thing about my job is being able to see some parts of the planet most people will never see - the sea is constantly changing and can always surprise you!

### What sort of challenges do you face?

This is a never-ending list! Some days you can be fixing a water maker that you use to keep you alive, whilst on other days you might be fighting it out in a storm trying to keep everyone safe as waves crash over the boat!

### What skills, qualifications or experience do you need to get into this industry?

Determination and just the will not to give up, as it'll grind you down, as will most things that aren't the normal well-trodden path – however, the reward is achieving something that is unique. The main thing you need is a Yacht Master Qualification which allows you to skipper a big yacht.

Just work your way up, you have all the time just build up your knowledge because the foundation of the best sailor and skipper is the ones that know how to deal with the worst of situations. I must admit I found school hard – I am certainly not academic but I pursued what I found interesting and found ways to relate that to my sailing so that I always felt like I was working toward my own goals. That's a good approach to life.

### What advice would you give to someone wanting to get into this type of work?

### Monday Morning inspiration:

*"Hardships often prepare ordinary people for an extraordinary destiny."*

C. S. Lewis

Need some support with your future plans?

*Speak to your Careers Adviser!*



You can find **Mr. Webb** in the Careers Room (203) on the 2<sup>nd</sup> floor at breaks or lunchtimes if you have any questions!

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**Check out Robin's website for more info on his career in Sailing:**

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