

Biography

David Thomson



David was born in November 1975. David spent his childhood travelling around the world with his family, following his father's job as a helicopter pilot.

In 2001, David's first job was as an apprentice sail maker at White sails. He subsequently joined Banks Sails Loft in 1998, where he cut his teeth making racing sails. This inevitably led him being asked to sail with those for who he had made sails for.

In 2001, David's ability as one of the best bowmen & sail trimmers in the Solent led him to being asked to crew on two ex Americas Cup Yachts. This in turn led him to be selected to join Bill Koch's Americas Cup Yachts for what was arguably one of the greatest of all regattas held in Cowes in August 2001, The Americas Cup 150th Anniversary.

Later that year Steve Fossett's giant catamaran, Playstation, arrived in Gosport for a refit. David subsequently met the crew and was invited by the skipper to join them as a member of the crew for a series of World Record attempts. By February 2003 the Playstation team had already established 4 World Records. Since then, David has worked on a range of projects, including working with his brother Alex on the preparation and trialling of the Hugo Boss Open 60, the oceanic equivalent of a Formula 1 car. In 2009, David successfully became a circumnavigator on his first round the world attempt as co-skipper in the 40 foot double-handed class in the Portimao Global Ocean Race.

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