

MEET THE SKIPPERS



INTRODUCING RACE COMPETITOR

LUCY TE MOANANUI



Lucy was born in Leicestershire, England and learnt to sail as a teenager on an inland flooded quarry, racing Lasers. She moved to New Zealand 16 years ago and put sailing on hold while she concentrated on surfing. New to surfing at 23, Lucy went on to win two National Titles in her age group short boarding and representing New Zealand on the world stage, surfing her sup for two consecutive years, contributing to Team New Zealand's Bronze Medal in 2017.

In 2018, Lucy turned her attention back to sailing, with a goal to fulfill a lifelong dream. Her first small yacht was a Farr 727, and after many exciting experiences, she upgraded to a Cavalier 30. During this time, Lucy spent a few years racing at her local yacht club in Lyttelton on a number of different boats to gain experience and spent some time offshore on an Imoca 60. She was on the hunt for her dream yacht, a tough, well proven, yet small, ocean going vessel. After much searching she had made a decision.

Lucy now has a fantastic and acclaimed Contessa 32 that made the trip from Canada to New Zealand some 10 years ago. Lucy has been sailing her Contessa up and down the coast of the South Island for the last two years, her base being in Kaikoura. Lucy has recently sailed her yacht to Nelson, where she will continue preparations for the race.

Lucy is new to ocean racing and this will be her first campaign. She hopes to join the fleet of experienced yachtsmen and learn a great deal from them while giving it her all to complete the race in a respectable time.

BOAT: Nerissa K

TYPE: Contessa 32

HOME PORT: Lyttelton/Kaikoura

PREVIOUS COMPETITOR: No



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