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Tracy Edwards

Skipper of the first all-female crew to sail around the world, Tracy Edwards has vital leadership lessons to impart in her keynote speeches and training sessions.

She is also a successful entrepreneur and has become the definition of tenacity as she battled her way back from bankruptcy.

After sponsors of a sailing event failed to come up with money they owed her, Tracy was declared bankrupt, owing GBP 8million. After moving out of her home, putting her sick mother into care and raising her daughter alone, she refused to give up, and seven years later she was back on top with a successful life coach business, helping adults and teenagers achieve their goals.

Tracy's determination to succeed was her driving force. Despite being expelled from school at 15 with no qualifications, she completed a degree in psychology in her 40s, after her sailing career, and runs a thriving business.

Tracy embarked on her first Whitbread Round The World Race 1985-86 as a crewmember on Atlantic Privateer. She entered the Jules Verne Trophy in 1998, and completed the fastest circumnavigation around the world with no stopping and no outside assistance.

Tracy's 1989 sailing victory won her international recognition in the Whitbread Round the World Yacht Race.

As a result, Tracy, the first woman to achieve acceptance by the British yachting community, was awarded Sportswoman of the Year and an MBE.

Tracy's book Maiden stayed at number one on the best-seller list for 19 weeks.

Alongside writing and running her business, Tracy has presented numerous TV programmes and is a patron of numerous charities, including The Prince's Trust.When Tracy gave birth to her daughter Mackenna, she retired from sailing to manage sailing projects for her team.

In 2003 she set up Quest International Sports Events after agreeing a GBP 6 million deal with the crown prince of Qatar to create and run two round-the world races in a four-year GBP 38million sailing programme.

Speaking Topics

- Motivation

- Adventure

- Sailing

- Peak Performance

- Triumph over adversity

Tracy's presentation provided a great counterweight to our more turgid business programme next day and this format really worked for us.

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