



Dee Caffari MBE

World-record yachtswoman Dee Caffari MBE is renowned for sailing solo non-stop around the world in both directions. With six global circumnavigations, Dee is a compelling speaker, offering insights on leadership, resilience, and diversity from her oceanic endeavours. An advocate for oceans and gender inclusivity, her tailored talks inspire audiences across various sectors.

KEY TOPICS

- **Building for the future - developing young, diverse teams**
- **Leadership in Challenging Times**
- **Good Communication - the power of what is said and not said**

BIOGRAPHY

Dee Caffari: Navigating Uncharted Waters

Dee Caffari MBE is not just a record-setting yachtswoman but a symbol of relentless determination and resilience. With six global circumnavigations to her name, Dee's unparalleled experiences offer profound insights and inspiring narratives.

Unrivalled Sea Expeditions

Dee embarked on a life of maritime adventure in 2000, rapidly ascending to become one of Britain's most celebrated sailors. In 2006, she etched her name in the record books as the only woman to have sailed solo non-stop around the world against the tides and prevailing winds. Dee's relentless pursuit of challenges saw her contest the gruelling Vendée Globe in 2008/09 and achieve three non-stop global circumnavigations by 2011. Her pursuit of historical records continues as the co-skipper of The Famous Project, aiming for the Jules Verne Trophy in 2025.

A Beacon of Inspiration and Advocacy

Dee's passion extends beyond sailing to advocating for clean seas and environmental responsibility. As the skipper of Turn the Tide on Plastic in the Volvo Ocean Race 17/18, she campaigned ardently against oceanic plastic pollution, earning widespread acclaim. Dee's initiatives for a balanced gender representation in maritime ventures and her role as the Chair of the World Sailing Trust underline her commitment to fostering diversity and inclusion in the sport of sailing and beyond.

Transcending Maritime Boundaries

Dee's extraordinary journeys offer captivating lessons on leadership, risk management, and high performance. Her authentic and motivational narratives resonate deeply, elucidating the essence of resilience and determination in overcoming unparalleled challenges. An international speaker of repute, Dee tailors her

presentations, infusing them with humour and insight, ensuring her message of inspiration, diversity, and environmental conservation strikes a chord with audiences across sectors and geographies.

A Legacy of Honours and Recognitions

Following her initial world record, Dee received an MBE in the Queen's Birthday Honours and was conferred as an Honorary Commander in the British Royal Navy for her outstanding contributions to maritime heritage and philanthropy. Dee's accolades not only celebrate her nautical achievements but also honour her enduring impact on maritime heritage and her benevolent endeavours for environmental conservation and charitable causes. Embark on a transformative journey with Dee! Explore the available options to hire Dee Caffari for your event and elevate it with her awe-inspiring tales and insights. Click [here](#) to enquire about her availability. For a deeper exploration of the transformative impact of sports speakers like Dee Caffari, delve into our blog: [10 Sports Speakers That Can Transform Your Team](#), a curated list emphasising the value and variety in motivational sports speaking.

WHAT PEOPLE SAY

"We thoroughly enjoyed having Dee share her insights and leadership lessons with our London Business School alumni community. Engaging, thought provoking and humble, her story resonated so strongly with our community that we are already being asked to bring her back in person next semester!' (Just so you know, one particular Alumni commented: "I wish we could have seen Dee in person. Please invite her back after lockdown." "Very impressive and great way to learn leadership skills" "fantastic event! Best one yet")"

— London Business School

"Dee was engaging, down to earth and warm hearted. Her presentation was extremely well received by our clients. Her description of the extraordinary challenges and her way of dealing with them was a lesson in perspective for us all.' "

— Oracle

"The manager's conference is still in full swing; however I wanted to reach out to you to thank you for the amazing story you shared with us. I was, like many others, inspired by your leadership lessons and will use many references in my speech later today. So many people commented on how unique your talk and you being available afterwards were. I really thank you for having been part of this event."

— Barry Callebaut