

## Sarah Gindre

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Although she grew up far from the coast, in the capital of Spain, Sarah Gindre has felt a deep love and respect for the sea since she can recall. Being of Italian origin, Sarah has spent countless summers discovering the Mediterranean Sea she so loves. Her first sailing experience on a Hobbie Cat at age 14, made her a devoted fan of this sport that is all wind, waves and passion.

This love for the sea led Sarah to pursue a Masters in Coastal Environmental Management at Duke University in the U.S., with the ultimate goal of returning to the Mediterranean Sea to contribute her small part for its protection.

After eight years in the U.S., during which she also worked for two years at Battelle Institute's Coastal Resources and Environmental Management division, Sarah returned to Europe. Here she worked for ICLEI-Local Governments for Sustainability (Freiburg, Germany), several FAO fisheries projects, and Oceana (Madrid, Spain). In 2005, she joined IUCN headquarters in Switzerland where she coordinated communications for the Programme on Protected Areas and the World Commission on Protected Areas (WCPA) for over two years. Sarah brings to *Sailing to Barcelona* her science background and her expertise in communications, as well as the experience she has gained over the years in the organization of events.

Sarah is fluent in English, Spanish and Italian, and proficient in French and Portuguese. She has a double degree in Environmental Studies and English from Tufts University, and whilst pursuing her Masters in Environmental Management at Duke she obtained a Certificate in International Development Policy. In addition to the sea and sailing, her passion is dancing.