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USF St. Petersburg alum Paige Railey goes for Olympic gold

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— Olympian and USFSP grad Paige Railey

UPDATE: U.S. Olympic Sailing Team's Paige Railey finished 6th for 8th overall, falling short of her goal to medal in her debut Olympic bid. "I saw an improvement on things and I'm happy," Paige told U.S. Sailing. "I finished a race well and I moved up a spot." She was thrilled to have been involved. This is Railey's first Olympic Games. "It hit me today when I was on the water and looked up at the American flag on my sail," she said. "It was a moment for me where I was really proud. I was representing my country, everyone back home and everyone here, the staff, the coaches, the U.S.O.C."

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USF St. Petersburg graduate Paige Railey (2010) is competing in the London Olympics as a member of the U.S. sailing team.

Paige, who was awarded a Business Management degree in December 2010, is a first-time Olympian. She was born in St. Petersburg and grew up in Clearwater. She races with her brother, Zach.

She has been sailing since she was 8 years old. She has been a member of the U.S. Sailing team since 2005. Her brother went to the 2008 Olympics in Beijing, but she missed out. They [were excited](#) to be able to compete in the London Olympics on the same team. She competes in the Laser Radial class.

[USA Sailing](#) reports that Paige had another strong showing in the Laser Radial on Wednesday, placing seventh overall. Conditions were rugged. "It was tough," she told USA Sailing. "There was a lot of thinking involved. All I could think about is two good results to move up." Six races have been completed so far and racing resumes Friday. "I'm moving up slowly; there are still four more races and a medal race," said Railey. "If I keep going like that you never know what can happen."

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