

## All aboard! Sweden's Crown Princess Victoria is casual in a baseball cap as she takes to the seas for a sailing challenge in Gothenberg

- The Scandi princess, 40, donned a waterproof coat and a life jacket on Monday
- Took part in Volvo Ocean 65 yacht for ProAm leg of the Volvo Ocean Race
- The event, in Gothenberg, promotes efforts to reduce ocean pollution
- Glamorous royal is a mother of two and will one day take the Swedish throne

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As **Sweden's** future queen she is often seen in tiaras and ballgowns.

But Crown Princess Victoria slipped into something a little more practical today when she took to the sea for a sailing challenge.

The Scandi princess, 40, donned a waterproof coat and a life jacket as she climbed on board the Volvo Ocean 65 yacht for ProAm leg of the Volvo Ocean Race in Frihamnen, Gothenburg.

Tying her brunette locks back into a sensible ponytail underneath a white baseball cap the royal, a keen sailor, looked to be in her element despite the chilly weather.

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Earlier on Monday, the mother-of-two met Hakan Samuelsson, CEO of Volvo Cars, at the Volvo Ocean Summit.

Sweden's heir apparent studied diplomacy and Swedish foreign policy before becoming a full-time working member of the royal family.

The glamorous Yale graduate, who speaks four languages, was not expected to take to the throne when she was born in 1977 but a change in the law of succession three years later changed that.

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Princess with a purpose! Today's event, held by Turn The Tide On Plastic, promotes efforts to reduce ocean pollution



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VIP visitor: Earlier, the mother-of-two met Hakan Samuelsson, CEO of Volvo Cars, at the Volvo Ocean Summit (pictured). She greeted him with a polite kiss on the cheek



Is that you, Victoria? Tying her brunette locks back into a sensible ponytail underneath a white baseball cap the royal, a keen sailor, looked to be in her element despite the chilly weather

In 2010, she married her former personal trainer Daniel Westling in front of 1,200 guests at Stockholm Cathedral, and have since settled comfortably into public life with their two children, Princess Estelle, five, and Prince Oscar, who turns two in March.

The Swedish Royal family is the fifth richest in Europe and thought to be the wealthiest in Scandinavia, worth an estimated £54m with an annual government fund of £11m and use of some 11 palaces.



Not just a pretty face: Sweden's heir apparent studied diplomacy and Swedish foreign policy before becoming a full-time working member of the royal family

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Sea change! As Sweden's future queen, Victoria is more often seen in a tiara and ballgown



Turning the tide: The glamorous Yale graduate, who speaks four languages, was not expected to take to the throne when she was born in 1977, before a change in the law of succession

With a personal fortune of £54m, they have use of the magnificent 600-room Royal Palace in Stockholm, although Carl Gustaf and his wife Queen Silvia live in the marginally smaller Drottningholm Palace instead.

Sweden's royal family, whose role is largely ceremonial, remain hugely popular in Sweden and enjoy widespread support despite the egalitarianism that otherwise characterises society in the Nordic country.