



**Name:** Alex Mathews

**DOB:** 06/09/1989

**Grew up:** East Grinstead

**Currently Living:** Bath

**Occupation:** University Student

**Sailing/ Yacht Club:** Weir Wood SC/University of Bath Sailing Club

**Position on Boat:** Bow

**First sailing experience:** Taken yachting at young age, but started sailing Optimists at age 11.

**Greatest sailing goal:** Steering 45+ ft boats to National/International victory



**Greatest sailing achievement to date:** Completing the Fastnet 2011 after minimal yacht race experience.

**Most memorable sailing experience:** Arriving in Plymouth after sailing for 5 days and 20+ hours during the Fastnet Race 2011.

**Meet the sailor...**

**Greatest strength you bring to the academy?** Team Working/Maturity/Leadership

**Most influential person in your sailing career to date?** Parents and Bath Sailing peers.

**What do you hope to achieve from joining the Keelboat Academy?** Become a well-known and respected bowman.

**If you could compete in any Keelboat event what event would it be and why?** TP52 MedCup – hot weather and incredible big boat experience

**My worst moment (sailing)?** Defrosting jib sheets and ice-breaking during last winters!

**Other notable achievements away from sailing?** *Sponsored through university by the Defence Engineering and Science Group (DESG)*

**Other interests away from sailing?** *Other sports including football and table football, Karate brown belt, motorsports and driving.*