

Name: Alice Butler

DOB: 16<sup>th</sup> January 1993

Grew up: Salisbury

Currently Living: Exeter/Salisbury

Occupation: Student at Exeter Uni

Sailing/ Yacht Club: Warsash Sailing Club

Position on Boat: Trimmer

**First sailing experience**: I first crossed the Channel aged 6 months, I don't think I can have been much help as a crew though!

**Greatest sailing goal**: To improve my sailing so that I can be a valuable member of a top level crew.



Greatest sailing achievement to date: 1st in Class 2 Round the Island race 2010

**Most memorable sailing experience:** Round the Island this year surfing down waves with the kite up, hoping we didn't wipe out!

Meet the sailor...

Greatest strength you bring to the academy? Teamwork, I enjoy working with others to overcome challenges.

Most influential person in your sailing career to date? My dad, for teaching me to sail.

What do you hope to achieve from joining the Keelboat Academy? I hope to improve my sailing by experience in a range of boats. I also hope to gain valuable knowledge and experience of planning and running a campaign which will help me progress in keelboat sailing.

If you could compete in any Keelboat event what event would it be and why? Med Cup, for the sailing and the weather!!

**My worst moment (sailing)?** Having someone airlifted off the boat after being hit in the head with the boom.

## Best sailing venue in the UK? Hamble

## Top 3 career sailing results:

- 1) 1st Class 2 Round the Island 2010
- 2) 2<sup>nd</sup> Hamble Winter Series 2010
- 3) 3<sup>rd</sup> Warsash Spring Series 2011

Other notable achievements away from sailing? Getting onto my uni course and passing my driving test first time!

Other interests away from sailing? Skiing, netball and basketball.

What's your greatest fear or phobia? Not sure it's a phobia but I'm pretty superstitious.

Who is your hero and why? Ernest Shackleton, for amazing leadership in such extreme circumstances.

**Any famous relatives?!** My great aunt and uncle have both won Olympic medals for equestrian eventing!