

Name: Benjamin Gibson

**DOB:** 28/09/90

Grew up: East Cowes, Isle of Wight

Currently Living: East Cowes, Isle of Wight

Occupation: Fabricator

Sailing/ Yacht Club: Royal Victoria Yacht

Club

Position on Boat: Main Trimmer, Tactician

First sailing experience: Sailing a Mirror with

my dad aged 5

Greatest sailing goal: Americas Cup

Greatest sailing achievement to date: Overall Gurnard Dinghy Week Winner

Most memorable sailing experience: Sailing my Laser in 35 knots

Meet the sailor...

Greatest strength you bring to the academy? Motivation

Most influential person in your sailing career to date?

What do you hope to achieve from joining the Keelboat Academy? Expand my sailing skills in Keel Boats and place well at J80 Worlds

If you could compete in any Keelboat event what event would it be and why?

My worst moment (sailing)? Eskimo rolling my Laser in February – Brain Freeze!

Best sailing venue in the UK? Cowes

## Top 3 career sailing results:

- 1) Gurnard Dinghy Week overall winner 2010
- 2) Gurnard Dinghy Week Class winner 2008/10/11



**Other notable achievements away from sailing?** Competing in Tough Guy, Hell-Runner and a couple of Triathlons.

Other interests away from sailing? Cycling

What's your greatest fear or phobia? Drowning

Who is your hero and why?

Any famous relatives?! Not yet...