

HENRY SMITH

DOB: 07/08/89

Place of birth & grew up: Oxford and Long Crendon

Currently Living: Plymouth

Occupation: Student at University of Plymouth

Sailing/ Yacht Club: Royal Western Yacht Club

Position on Boat: Anything forward from trim!



First sailing experience: Age 7/8 in a topper on the Norfolk Broads, with a line attached to the mast practicing capsizes!

Greatest sailing goal: Work or race on a professional race team/campaign

Greatest sailing achievement to date: Gaining my Yachtmaster Ocean in 2008

Most memorable sailing experience: Crash gybing on a challenge 67 in the middle of the night in the Caribbean

Meet the Sailor....

Greatest strength you bring to the academy? Team Working skills and motivation to achieve

Most influential person in your sailing career to date? My dad – *for giving me the opportunity to compete in the sport*

What do you hope to achieve from joining the Keelboat Academy? Meeting new people and the opportunities available to ascertain my goal

If you could compete in any Keelboat event what event would it be and why? The Volvo Ocean race, due to the physical and mental challenges that the race brings.

Top 2 career sailing results if applicable:

First in PY at Dartmouth 07
9th in National Schools – Laser radial class

Other notable achievements away from sailing? Played hockey for Oxford u18. Hopefully completing my degree in 2010!

Other interests away from sailing? Playing hockey, music, guitar hero!

Who is your hero and why? Torben Grael – for winning events in numerous classes, including the latest Volvo. His motivation and strive for perfection is inspiring.

Any famous relatives?! Henry Winter – Daily Telegraph football correspondent