

JAMES FRENCH

DOB: 21/08/1992

Grew up: Born London, grew up Isle Of Wight

Currently Living: Newbridge, Isle of Wight

Occupation: Student at Ryde School

Sailing/ Yacht Club: Gurnard SC, Royal Solent YC

Position on Boat: Anywhere, helm on smaller keelboats

First sailing experience: With parents sailing a mirror

on the river Yar.

Greatest sailing goal: Win the Americas Cup.

Greatest sailing achievement to date: U20 RYA National Youth Match Racing

Champion 2010.

Meet the sailor...

Greatest strength you bring to the academy? Cork week 2010 on Bob.

What do you hope to achieve from joining the Keelboat Academy? Become a better sailor through access to top level coaches.

If you could compete in any Keelboat event what event would it be and why? Americas cup or TP52 Med Cup.

Top three career sailing results:

- 1) U20 match racing champion
- 2) 40.7 nation champion 2007
- 3) U18 Pico national champion 2007/2008

Other notable achievements away from sailing? British junior ski team 2010 and English ski team 2010 and 2011. Junior 1 super-g national champion 2009.

Other interests away from sailing? Skiing

Any famous relatives?! Don't think so.

