

JAMES O'MAHONY

DOB: 24/12/1989

Grew up: Cork, Ireland

Currently Living: Southampton

Occupation: Studying Ship Science at

University of Southampton

Position on Boat: Trim

Sailing/ Yacht Club: Wessex Sailing Club

First sailing experience: It was when I was 15 in

Kinsale in Ireland for an ISA Level 1 course with my school.

We were sailing Toppers and I was with Alan Macilwraith, and we just capsized all

the time!

Greatest sailing goal: Sailing around the World

Greatest sailing achievement to date: Having sailed for the first time when I was 15, I was offered a job by an ISA and RYA Coach to teach sailing when I was 16.

Most memorable sailing experience: It has to be the first time I went sailing with my friend, Alan, and it was windy and we were just constantly capsizing and swimming and he never let me helm again after that first day!

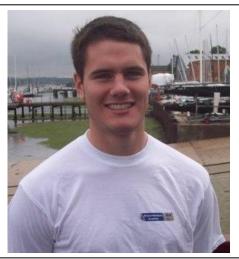
Meet the sailor...

Greatest strength you bring to the academy? A good balance of sense of humour and work ethic.

Most influential person in your sailing career to date? It's probably very cliché but Ellen Macarthur is definitely that person. She inspired me to push the boundaries and really get into sailing.

What do you hope to achieve from joining the Keelboat Academy? A better insight into racing keelboats and a knowledge of events while gaining contacts in the sport.

If you could compete in any Keelboat event what event would it be and why? For me it has to be the Vendee Globe. Again probably a bit cliché but it is still the toughest and for me it is the pinnacle of sailing.



Other notable achievements away from sailing? I am a black belt in Tae Kwon Do. I currently sit on the Athletic Union Executive committee for the University of Southampton. I am also a Powerboat Instructor.

Other interests away from sailing? Skiing, badminton, kite surfing, cricket, Tae Kwon Do

Any famous relatives?! Titus Oates (He went to the Antarctic with Captain Scott)

Who is your hero and why? My hero would have to be...... I have no idea!! It's a question that I've never been asked before, and I really don't know!

Any famous relatives?! Unfortunately, not to the best of my knowledge!