



## MARTIN MACDONALD

**DOB:** 16/08/1990

**Grew up:** Oban, Scotland

**Currently Living:** Southampton

**Occupation:** Student at Southampton Solent Uni

**Sailing/ Yacht Club:** Oban Sailing Club

**Position on Boat:** Mast / Grinder / Pit

**First sailing experience:** Sailing a Mirror dinghy why my dad at 5 years of age doing a local frostbite series.

**Greatest sailing goal:** To be a recognised sailor on the professional circuit that I could jump on any boat!

**Greatest sailing achievement to date:** Winning our class at the Scottish series in 2009 on-board a Beneteau 31.7.

**Most memorable sailing experience:** All are pretty memorable.

### Meet the sailor...

***Greatest strength you bring to the academy?*** From playing rugby over the years I have developed a good amount of teamwork skills that I think can be used in sailing the same way and in the academy as a whole.

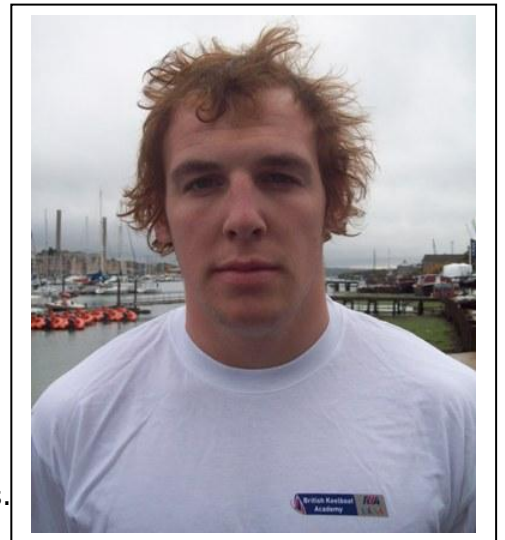
***Most influential person in your sailing career to date?*** I have had a lot of influential people but probably my dad just because of the experience of being a yacht rigger.

***What do you hope to achieve from joining the Keelboat Academy?*** A better knowledge of racing and the coaching it requires.

***If you could compete in any Keelboat event what event would it be and why?*** The Audi MedCup because of the sheer size and power of the boats involved and the high intensity racing.

### **Top 2 career sailing results:**

- 1)1st in class at Brewin Dolphin Scottish series.
- 2)2nd in west highland yachting week class 7.



**Other notable achievements away from sailing?** *having an unbeaten season in rugby for my school was pretty good!*

**Other interests away from sailing?** *Rugby, tennis, gym, football, golf.*

**Who is your hero and why?** *Muhammad Ali just because of his determined winning attitude.*

**Any famous relatives?** *Not that I can think of.*