



## MATT HASLAM

**DOB:** 26.05.1990

**Place of birth & grew up:** Bristol

**Currently Living:** Plymouth

**Occupation:** Student Plymouth Uni

**Sailing/ Yacht Club:** Chew Valley Lake S.C.

**Position on Boat:** Mast

**First sailing experience:** I was 9, sailing my uncles old Topper at Chew Valley with mate Luke. We Raced Toppers up until the age of 16, when we moved into 29ers. I first started racing keel boats in 2009 in New Zealand, and I'm hooked!



**Greatest sailing goal:** Volvo Ocean race or Olympic medal

**Greatest sailing achievement to Date:** 1<sup>st</sup> Line 7 Regatta (NZ). Getting in to the BKA

**Most memorable sailing experience:** Winning my first race in a Topper..

### Meet the Sailor....

**Greatest strength you bring to the academy?** *Dedication, Team work skills*

**Most influential person in your sailing career to date?** *My dad, He first introduced me to sailing and has supported and funded my whole sailing career from the beginning and is still very supportive.*

**What do you hope to achieve from joining the Keelboat Academy?** *I hope to get help and support to further my career in sailing. This is an ideal opportunity to change the direction of my sailing towards big boats and round the world races.*

**If you could compete in any Keelboat event what event would it be and why?** *Volvo Ocean Race.*

**Top 3 career sailing results:**

- 1) 1<sup>st</sup> Line 7 Regatta Wellington, NZ
- 2) 4<sup>th</sup> North Island Laser Championships, NZ
- 3) 20<sup>th</sup> 29er UK Nationals

**Other notable achievements away from sailing?** Climbed Mont Blanc. Swam in Auckland Harbour crossing 2008

**Other interests away from sailing?** Climbing and Surfing

**Any famous relatives?!** Duke of Wellington