



**Name:** Peter McCoy

**DOB:** 29/01/1992

**Grew up:** Emsworth

**Currently Living:** Plymouth uni

**Occupation:** Student

**Sailing/ Yacht Club:** Emsworth Slipper Sailing Club

**Position on Boat:** Helm or Grinder

**First sailing experience:** A Red Oppie that my Grandma and Grandad bought me for my 4th birthday

**Greatest sailing goal:** One day being involved in the Americas Cup. I can't think of anything better than to compete at the highest level for the oldest sporting trophy in history. Also having a single handed dinghy background, a successful Olympic campaign in the Finn class.

**Greatest sailing achievement to date:**

24th Youth Laser World Championships, La Rochelle 2011

**Most memorable sailing experience:**

RYA Team GBR Youth Laser Standard Euro tour 2009. Competing in top international events such as Kieler Woche, Warnemunde, and the World/European Championships in Landskrona, Sweden all in one month!



### **Meet the sailor...**

***Greatest strength you bring to the academy?***

Knowledge I have gained from campaigning my Laser on the International circuit over the past 4 years.

***Most influential person in your sailing career to date?***

Both my parents for supporting my sailing from the beginning. Continuously giving up their weekends to trail me and my Topper/Laser around the UK and beyond to compete in numerous sailing events.

***What do you hope to achieve from joining the Keelboat Academy?***

Further develop my sailing skills in keelboats and to compete in a successful J80 Worlds campaign. Perhaps taking my sailing to the next level as a professional sailor.

***My worst moment (sailing)?***

Leading the Lasers around the Windward mark in Kieler Woche (Grade 1 International Sailing regatta) then capsizing downwind. Schoolboy error.

***Best sailing venue in the UK?***

I've spent a lot of weekends training in my Laser at the Weymouth and Portland National Sailing Academy. I can see why this is the chosen venue for sailing at the London 2012 Olympics.

***Top 3 career sailing results:***

- 1) World Laser Standard Juniors Championship, La Rochelle, 2011 [24th/147 (4th GBR)]
- 2) 1st Artemis 20 Federation Week, 2011
- 3) Ranked 9th Overall on UK Laser Association Ladder 2010 (*inc Paul Goodison*)

***Other notable achievements away from sailing?***

GB Rowing trials, Fresher Captain for Plymouth University Rowing Club 2011/2012

***Other interests away from sailing?***

Windsurfing, Rowing, Wakeboarding, Skiing, Snowboarding, Mountain biking, Football

***What's your greatest fear or phobia?***

Bogophobia - Fear of bogeys or the bogeyman.

***Who is your hero and why?***

Ben Ainslie, Great Britain's most successful Olympian.

***Any famous relatives?!***

Not that I know of.