



ROBIN ELSEY

DOB: 05/09/1992

Grew up: Truro / Cornwall

Currently Living: Perranarworthal, Falmouth, Cornwall

Occupation: Student at Truro School Sixth Form

Sailing/ Yacht Club: Restronguet Sailing Club

Position on Boat: Helm or back of boat

First sailing experience: My first sailing experience was at Mylor Sailing School when I was 7 years old in a boat called a Bug designed and built by the instructor Mark Belshaw who taught me to sail.



Greatest sailing goal: To win the Volvo Ocean Race

Greatest sailing achievement to date: 9th under 19 at European Laser Standard Youth Championship and 19th under 19 at the World Laser Standard Junior World Championships 2010

Most memorable sailing experience? Sailing my Laser Standard in a 35 knots Northerly on the Carrick Roads. An absolutely insane day's sailing.

Meet the sailor...

Greatest strength you bring to the academy? My biggest strength is my get up and go, enthusiasm and a determination to succeed.

Most influential person in your sailing career to date? My Mum and first instructor for getting me to stick with sailing especially when things got rough, instilling in me a determination to work hard in order to succeed and to become one of the best.

What do you hope to achieve from joining the Keelboat Academy? I hope to develop my skills so that I can achieve a good set of results for the Academy and also to gain valuable knowledge and experience to take into my future sailing career.

If you could compete in any Keelboat event what event would it be and why? My dream would be to compete in the Volvo Ocean Race as it is one of the most highly professional events in the world and hardest to win. I have always wanted to sail around the world and I like the sound of a crazy challenge.

Top 3 career sailing results:

- 1) 9 under 19 at the European Laser Standard Youth Championships and 19th under 19 at the World Laser Standard Junor Championships 2010
- 2) 49th overall and winner of the Silver Fleet at the World Laser Radial Youth Championships in Japan 2009
- 3) 11th World Topper Championships Lake Garda 2007

Other notable achievements away from sailing? *Becoming a Judo orange belt in the days before I sailed.*

Other interests away from sailing? *I am a keen cyclist and enjoy running. Really enjoy Formula 1 motor racing.*

Who is your hero and why? *Ian Walker as he has helped my sailing career through the John Merrick's Trust and who has been an inspirational leading sailor for GBR for the past few years.*

Any famous relatives?! *Famous 1950s actor Jack Hawkins.*