

Name: Serena de Nahlik

**DOB:** 18 October 1993

Grew up: Warwickshire

Currently Living: Oxford/ Warwickshire

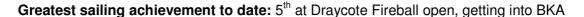
Occupation: Student

Sailing/ Yacht Club: Draycote Water SC

Position on Boat: Trim

First sailing experience: Sailing a homemade lark/mirror hybrid at my sailing club with the "young buccaneers" in mid November in the worst waterproofs ever.. the sheets froze.

Greatest sailing goal: Volvo Ocean Race



**Most memorable sailing experience:** Being 5<sup>th</sup> at the windward mark at the Cadet Promotional World champs in 2007, only to be told we were OCS

Meet the sailor...

**Greatest strength you bring to the academy?** Playing to other peoples' strengths, teamwork, enthusiasm

Most influential person in your sailing career to date? My dad

What do you hope to achieve from joining the Keelboat Academy? To learn a multitude of new skills both on and off the water, to gain contacts within the yachting community, to be able to progress to bigger, faster, more advanced boats, both offshore and inshore.

If you could compete in any Keelboat event what event would it be and why? Volvo Ocean Race – the exhilarating stories that I've heard- sailing in the Southern Ocean,



overcoming completely unexpected challenges with a 100% dedicated team, being able to say you've sailed round the world... the list goes on

## My worst moment (sailing)?

Best sailing venue in the UK? Pwllheli

## Top 3 career sailing results:

- 1) 5th Draycote Fireball open 2011
- 2) 3<sup>rd</sup> Paignton Fireball open 2011
- 3) Cadet National Development squad 2009

**Other notable achievements away from sailing?** Getting into uni, playing hockey for school 1<sup>st</sup> XI, grade 8 flute

Other interests away from sailing? Hockey, skiing, rock climbing, cooking

What's your greatest fear or phobia? Drowning

Who is your hero and why? Ellen MacArthur – she has such determination and skill, but also great generosity

Any famous relatives?! Unfortunately not!