



STEPHEN BECKETT

DOB: 05/09/1992

Grew up: Solva

Currently Living: Solva

Occupation: Secondary education at Ysgol Dewi Sant, St Davids

Sailing/ Yacht Club: Solva Rowing and Water Sports Club

Position on Boat: Helm in Lasers, I'm not sure about anything else yet though.

First sailing experience: When I was about 6 months old, sailing to Ireland with my parents. The first sailing I can remember was in Oppies aged four or five.

Greatest sailing achievement to date: 12th Under 19 at the 2010 Laser Standard Junior Worlds.

Most memorable sailing experience? Sailing a 29er from home in massive waves with my brother.

Meet the sailor...

Greatest strength you bring to the academy? A knowledge of close quarters racing and tactics. The experience of having run an International campaign.

Most influential person in your sailing career to date? My dad, who taught me to sail.

What do you hope to achieve from joining the Keelboat Academy? I want to learn new things, meet new people and gain experience in different boats.

If you could compete in any Keelboat event what event would it be and why? The Americas Cup, because it is the pinnacle of match racing.

Top 3 career sailing results:

- 1) 12th Under 19 at 2010 Laser Standard Junior Worlds
- 2) 3rd Under 19 Laser Standard at 2010 RYA Youth Nationals
- 3) 2nd in the 2007 Topper Nationals



Other notable achievements away from sailing? I am Head Boy at my school.

Other interests away from sailing? Football, Rugby, Reading.

Any famous relatives?! Admiral Nelson, on my mother's side.