



TOM PHIPPS

DOB: 25/09/88

Currently Living: Plymouth

Occupation: Student Plymouth Uni

Sailing/ Yacht Club: Restrouguet

Position on Boat: Helm

First sailing experience: When I was 5 at my parents sailing school, I learnt to sail in a Polly Oppie 2 up with my best friend Jon.



Greatest sailing goal:

To Win an Olympic Medal in the catamaran class

Greatest sailing achievement to date : Winning BBC SW Sports Personality of the Year in 2006

Most memorable sailing experience: Leading my first race at the Olympic tornado world championships and doing a spectacular capsized around the windward mark

Meet the Sailor....

Greatest strength you bring to the academy? Knowledge of taking campaigns from grass roots through to a successfully performing team at the highest level

Most influential person in your sailing career to date? My Dad was the man who introduced me to sailing and is still as passionate about my career now as he was then.

What do you hope to achieve from joining the Keelboat Academy? The opportunity to partake in sailing I would not otherwise have been do including racing on the TP52. I also want further my J80 experience and build on my reputation in the sports boat world.

If you could compete in any Keelboat event what event would it be and why? I would love to compete in Melges 24 Worlds, the huge number of boats and fast sailing would make racing in the event extremely exciting and close

Top 3 career sailing results:

- 1) 2 x ISAF Youth Gold Medal (2004,2006)
- 2) ISAF Silver Medal (2005)
- 3) 1st Student Europeans (2009)

Other interests away from sailing? Music, Wakeboarding, Snowboarding, Windsurfing