



Name: Alex Grant

DOB: 18/08/87

Grew up: Hong Kong

Currently Living: Cowes, Isle of Wight

Occupation: Working for a racing yacht management company/ freelance sailing instructor

Sailing/ Yacht Club: Royal Hong Kong Yacht Club

Position on Boat: Bow, but have done a spell on the grinders once or twice

First sailing experience: Probably straight after I was born. My parents lived on a boat when I was born. My parents tell me I would sit in a booster seat strapped to the aft guard rail of the boat....pre health and safety of course.



Greatest sailing goal: To do a Volvo Ocean Race or an Audi Med Cup.....hopefully both.

Greatest sailing achievement to date: Getting into the BKA

Most memorable sailing experience: Blast reaching in 20knts of wind away from Cascais on the way to Tenerife, on my birthday.

Meet the sailor...

Greatest strength you bring to the academy? A competitive attitude

Most influential person in your sailing career to date? I'd have to say my very first sailing instructor, Kevin Lewis. He got me hooked on sailing.

What do you hope to achieve from joining the Keelboat Academy? Hopefully a route into professional yacht racing

If you could compete in any Keelboat event what event would it be and why? Audi Med Cup. Fast boats, high winds and lots of sunshine. What's not to like?

My worst moment (sailing)? That's a hard one. Can't really think of one, sorry.

Best sailing venue in the UK? Has to be the Solent

Top 3 career sailing results:

- 1) 3rd in Magic 25 Class 2003 Typhoon Series (Hong Kong)
- 2) 7th in IRC Class 1 2009 Hamble Winter series
- 3) 8th in Daring Class 2011 Metre Regatta (Cowes)

Other notable achievements away from sailing? Graduating from Uni with a Masters in Ancient History and playing for Hong Kong Overseas Schoolboys U19 at Rugby.

Other interests away from sailing? Windsurfing and Snowboarding

What's your greatest fear or phobia? Spiders, I hate those little buggers

Who is your hero and why? Magnus Olson. Love the way he's always upbeat and brings out the best in everyone around him. I would also have to say Jerry Kirby, the ultimate rockstar bowman.

Any famous relatives?! Don't think so, although my grandmother's maiden name was Bolt so my dad is trying to find a connection to Usain Bolt, some how I don't think that's going to happen, I can't run very fast.