



Name: Jack Whiting

DOB: 06/09/1990

Grew up: Essex

Currently Living: Plymouth

Occupation: Student

Sailing/ Yacht Club: University of Plymouth

Position on Boat: Helm

First sailing experience: A charity called Fellowship Afloat urged me to get involved in sailing and kept giving me opportunities to get out on the water.



Started thinking about sailing properly when aged 16 in a busy estuary with a fresh breeze. There were capsizes and chaos everywhere, but I was trying my best to impress a girl and got the boat going really fast. Loved it from that moment since.

Greatest sailing goal: To win a Volvo Ocean Race (ironic to the above point)

Greatest sailing achievement to date: Skipped a RTI 2011 campaign in a Hunter Medina

Most memorable sailing experience: Helming the Hunter Medina through the 20ft waves at the Needles. I knew there were boats all around us, just couldn't see them.

Meet the sailor...

Greatest strength you bring to the academy? Determination & drive, leadership

Most influential person in your sailing career to date? Andrew Eastham/Jon Salmon

What do you hope to achieve from joining the Keelboat Academy? To increase my sailing skills to a high level to compete at a world class standard

If you could compete in any Keelboat event what event would it be and why? I am really looking forward to the 2012 J80 Worlds. There will be lots of competition to really push us to the edge.

My worst moment (sailing)? Parked a dinghy 6ft up a marsh due to a gust whilst planing.

Best sailing venue in the UK? Solent

Top 3 career sailing results:

- 1) Well inside top third in RTI amateur results*
- 2) Class: Quarter Tonner, Event: RPCYC Doombur Spring Series, Result: 1, Position: Bow/trimmer*
- 3) Class: Quarter Tonner, Event: RWYC Inshore Series, Result: 1, Position: Bow/trimmer*

Other notable achievements away from sailing?

- 1. Building a 100m fence on my own in a week (and it is still standing)*
- 2. Teaching adventure skills to kids and adults of different abilities (autistic, homeless, disabled)*
- 3. Elected headboy at secondary school by students, not by teachers*

Other interests away from sailing?

*Outdoor adventure like climbing, hiking, etc.
Running and exercise
Any challenges
Socialising with my friends*

What's your greatest fear or phobia?

Honestly, not sounding like a cliché, it is failure

Who is your hero and why?

Sir Robin Knox Johnston (did what everyone expected was impossible)

Any famous relatives?!

Some bizaare link to Steve McFadden (Phil Mitchell from Eastenders) and Brian McFadden