



## PAUL HARSENT

**DOB:** 10/05/1988

**Grew up:** Carlisle & Bournemouth

**Currently Living:** Cheltenham / Hull

**Occupation:** Student at Hull University

**Sailing/ Yacht Club:** Spinnaker Sailing Club

**Position on Boat:** Bow or helm

**First sailing experience:** I was 14 and went sailing with two mates from school on their dad's Enterprise - loved it ever since.

**Greatest sailing goal:** To sail in the Volvo Ocean Race.

**Greatest sailing achievement to date:** Getting into the BKA

**Most memorable sailing experience:** Sailing in a fleet of Challenger Yachts around Portland Bill at night - was really surreal.

### Meet the sailor...

**Greatest strength you bring to the academy?** *Good endurance, high fitness and quick to learn.*

**Most influential person in your sailing career to date?** *My group of mates at Spinnaker Sailing Club - good group to learn with.*

**What do you hope to achieve from joining the Keelboat Academy?** *The chance to race keelboats both offshore and coastal, as well as to create new contacts involved in professional sailing.*

**If you could compete in any Keelboat event what event would it be and why?** *The Volvo Ocean race because it demands so much from a sailor and I would like to be tested. Also the Trans Pac because I would love to finish a race in Hawaii!*

**Other notable achievements away from sailing?** *Getting into uni, getting a year placement at Hewlett Packard.*

**Other interests away from sailing?** *Lacrosse, Rugby, Cricket, Skiing and Cycling.*

