



## **TOBY YEABSLEY**

**DOB:** 25/09/1988

**Currently Living:** Oxford

**Occupation** At Bath University, currently doing a placement year in Oxford.

**Sailing/ Yacht Club:** Christchurch SC

**Position on Boat:** Main Trimmer/ Downwind Trim

**First sailing experience:** Aged 4 sailing an oppi in Christchurch 2 handed with my brother, being taught by parents.

**Greatest sailing goal:** Sailing as part of a successful keelboat crew on an international circuit.

**Greatest sailing achievement to date:** 7<sup>th</sup> at University Match Racing Worlds.

**Most memorable sailing experience:** Doing 19knts downwind in only 15knts of breeze.

### **Meet the Sailor...**

***Greatest strength you bring to the academy?*** *Endurance, dedication and team working skills.*

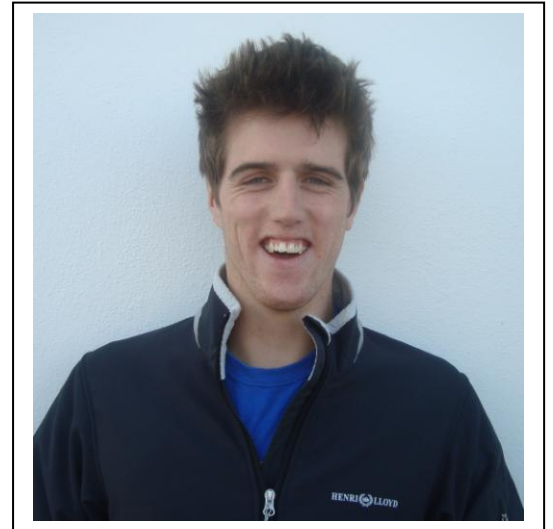
***Most influential person in your sailing career to date?***

*My dad as he was the person who taught me how to sail and to race keelboats at a club level then encouraged me to push my sailing further and gain as much experience as possible.*

***What do you hope to achieve from joining the Keelboat Academy?***

*The opportunity to sail with like young like minded ambitious sailors.*

*I would like to get the opportunity to do some inshore racing on John Merricks II, and campaign against professionally crewed TP's.*



*Get to know more sailors on the south coast and hopefully get involved in big boat programmes after the Keelboat Academy.*

***If you could compete in any Keelboat event what event would it be and why?***

*The TP 52 Med cup circuit as it's a highly competitive circuit in state of the art boats which attracts some of the best crews in the world.*

***Top 3 career sailing results:***

- 1) Silver medal at B.U.S.A. match racing finals.*
- 2) Winning the IRC inshore series at the 2009 Rolex Giraglia*
- 3) 7<sup>th</sup> University Match Racing worlds.*

***Other notable achievements away from sailing?***

*Completing Bronze Duke of Edinburgh Award.  
Completing the 35 and 45 mile Ten Tors Challenges.*

***Other interests away from sailing?***

*Rugby, wakeboarding, skiing.*

***Who is your hero and why?***

*Simon Fry, seeing what he has achieved in his sailing career and how he has been able to make a living out of what he loves doing.*