



Name: Liam Gardner

DOB: 22.07.92

Grew up: West Kirby, Wirral

Currently Living: Portsmouth

Occupation: Student

Sailing/ Yacht Club: West Kirby sailing club

Position on Boat: Bow or helm on smaller boats

First sailing experience: When I was about 7 sailing an optimist between the two jetties at my club until I ran aground.

Greatest sailing goal: To compete in the Volvo ocean race and extreme 40 circuit



Greatest sailing achievement to date: 1st under 16 national firefly champion, competing at laser radial world championships in Japan, laser 4.7 national squad.

Most memorable sailing experience: Sailing in Karatsu Japan at the laser worlds in 38 knots, 8 to 12 foot waves. Amazing day on the water.

Meet the sailor...

Greatest strength you bring to the academy? My biggest strength is my motivation, determination and desire to achieve.

Most influential person in your sailing career to date? Most influential person in my sailing career is defiantly my parents, for there support help when ever it was needed.

What do you hope to achieve from joining the Keelboat Academy? I hope achieve the skills necessary to complete at world class level and sail with like minded people

If you could compete in any Keelboat event what event would it be and why? Volvo ocean race because I have always wanted to sailing round the world and its an extremely challenging race.

My worst moment (sailing)? After busa yacht nationals on the way back in, we were winning into the last day and ended up 4th overall after the stupidest mistake.

Best sailing venue in the UK? Abersoch north wales

Top 3 career sailing results:

- 1) 4th busa yacht nationals 2011
- 2) Graduate national champion
- 3) Under 16 Firefly national champion

Other notable achievements away from sailing? Gold duke of Edinburgh, head boy at school.

Other interests away from sailing? Freestyle skiing, windsurfing, climbing and most outdoor sports. Also a good film.

What's your greatest fear or phobia? Hate snakes

Who is your hero and why? Sir Steve Redgrave for being a true sportsman.

Any famous relatives?! Not that I no off