



**Name:** Robbie Southwell

**DOB:** 11/10/1994

**Grew up:** Cowes

**Currently Living:** Cowes

**Occupation:** Student at Cowes Enterprise College

**Sailing/ Yacht Club:** Gurnard Sailing Club

**Position on Boat:** Trimmer

**First sailing experience:** Sailing with my dad on their work boat.

**Greatest sailing goal:** Win the Volvo Ocean Race



**Greatest sailing achievement to date:** Winning Cowes Week class 4 2012

**Most memorable sailing experience:** Hitting 25 knots tight reaching in a class 40

**Meet the sailor...**

***Greatest strength you bring to the academy?*** Competitive and professional attitude

***Most influential person in your sailing career to date?*** Graham Sunderland, he has helped me understand the shapes and design in sails and sail trimming.

***What do you hope to achieve from joining the Keelboat Academy?*** Experience of running a campaign

***If you could compete in any Keelboat event what event would it be and why?*** Volvo Ocean Race, it separates the men from the boys and it's not just an inshore around the cans race.

***My worst moment (sailing)?*** Snapping a pipe cot of the side of the boat in 40 knots of breeze on one of the toughest offshore's I've done

**Best sailing venue in the UK?** The Solent, no doubt about it

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

- 1) Cowes Week Class 4 1<sup>st</sup> overall
- 2) Under 25 and 20 national match racing championships 1st
- 3) 1<sup>st</sup> Irish IRC national championships Class 2

***Other notable achievements away from sailing?*** Hampshire Rugby Trials,

***Other interests away from sailing?*** Gym, skiing, cycling

***What's your greatest fear or phobia?*** Rollercoaster's

***Who is your hero and why?*** Ben Ainslie, he has achieved so much in his career

***Any famous relatives?!*** I don't think so!!