



## STEVE AIKEN

**DOB:** 22/06/1988

**Currently Living:**  
Southampton

**Occupation:**  
Sailmaker

**Position on Boat:**  
Trimmer

**First sailing experience:**  
3 weeks old, strapped to the  
sink of a Centaur in my car seat

**Greatest sailing goal:** Compete  
in the Volvo Ocean Race

**Greatest sailing achievement to date:** Being offered a deckhand job on Liara (PY 100)

**Most memorable sailing experience:** Surfing at over 20 knots off the coast of Portugal in the pitch black

### Meet the Sailor...

***Greatest strength you bring to the academy?*** I have a good ability to perform under pressure and am able to keep smiling even after I have been wet for a week offshore

***Most influential person in your sailing career to date?*** My dad for encouraging me from the beginning and constantly driving me to events

***What do you hope to achieve from joining the Keelboat Academy?*** To have access to the level of coaching available through the BKA will greatly improve my abilities both on and off the water, a bit of TP 52 sailing wouldn't hurt either

***If you could compete in any Keelboat event what event would it be and why?*** The Volvo Ocean race as I think that it is the pinnacle of crewed offshore sailing.



**Other notable achievements away from sailing?** *2:1 Degree in Physics*

**Other interests away from sailing?** *Keen climber and cyclist, or I am when I can fit it around sailing*

**Who is your hero and why?** *Lewis Hamilton, to almost win the world championship in your first season as an F1 driver is something quite special and then to dominate so much in your second season shows what can happen if you get the right opportunities, something that I hope the BKA can do for members of the squad.*