



**Name:** Will Goldsmith

**DOB:** 25/12/92

**Grew up:** Essex

**Currently Living:** Southampton

**Occupation:** Student, studying Electrical Engineering

**Sailing/ Yacht Club:** Blackwater Sailing Club / Haven Ports

**Position on Boat:** Bow/Tactician

**First sailing experience:** Sitting on top of a turtled Mirror dinghy

**Greatest sailing goal:** Skipper a team on the World Match Racing Tour

**Greatest sailing achievement to date:** Coming 3<sup>rd</sup> in the J/80 fleet in Cowes Week

**Most memorable sailing experience:** Eating cheesy doritos before the start of a rough offshore race.....

**Meet the sailor...**

***Greatest strength you bring to the academy?***

A broad experience of competitive sailing, including fleet, team and match racing in keelboats and dinghies

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

Richard Maly, master i.c. of sailing at The King's School Canterbury, for introducing me to team and match racing and for providing me and other with countless opportunities to develop our sailing.



***What do you hope to achieve from joining the Keelboat Academy?*** To train and race keelboats at prestigious events with a group of young, talented, likeminded people.

***If you could compete in any Keelboat event what event would it be and why?***  
The Volvo Ocean Race, as it is such a huge challenge in incredibly high performance boats.

***My worst moment (sailing)?***

Discovering the J/80 I was racing was catching fire and having to disconnect the battery in a cabin full of green smoke!

***Best sailing venue in the UK?***

Going to be very controversial and say EAST COAST... down south I miss the smell of mud!

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

- 1) 3<sup>rd</sup> J/80 in Cowes Week 2011
- 2) 4<sup>th</sup> BSDRA International Team Racing Finals 2010
- 3) 2<sup>nd</sup> NSSA Match Racing Championship 2009

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

I have completed several coast to coast walks across the north of Scotland, including a 300 mile expedition from the west of Mull to Edinburgh.

Made it to the finals of Young Engineer for Britten with my A Level engineering project. Was awarded an Arkwright Scholarship in 2009, an engineering scholarship awarded annually to approximately two hundred 6<sup>th</sup> form students in the UK

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

Snowboarding, Cycling, Films, Art, Music, Sustainable Energy

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

Loosing people that are close to me

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

Aung San Suu Kyi: an inspiring courageous and principled female leader who stands up for freedom from fear

***Any famous relatives?!***

I think most people do if you go back far enough!