



ANDY WIBROE

DOB: 06/04/88

Grew up: Born in Sutton and grew up in Kent

Currently Living: Hamble

Occupation: Freelance coach and chief Instructor / assistant sailing secretary at the Hamble River Sailing Club

Sailing/ Yacht Club: Hamble River Sailing Club

Position on Boat: Ideally main or trim but will do whatever is required to win

First sailing experience: In an optimist age 7 on a lake at my first sailing club (Blue Circle Sailing Club) thrown in at the deep end by my dad.

Greatest sailing goal: To compete in the World Match Racing Tour and turn professional.

Greatest sailing achievement to date: Going from no keelboating experience to finishing 8th overall in the student yachting nationals.

Most memorable sailing experience: being wiped out in my Laser at Stokes Bay and being towed by the main sheet in 35+ knots.

Meet the sailor...

Greatest strength you bring to the academy? *My continuous drive to improve myself and my team mates, and I'm a bit of a rule geek.*

Most influential person in your sailing career to date? *Ben Ainslie, possibly the most diverse sailor to date going from winning the Olympics in a Finn to being one of the top guys in the WMRT whilst being a heavy contender on the TP52 circuit. He has shown us all what can be achieved and what upcoming sailors should aim for!*

What do you hope to achieve from joining the Keelboat Academy? *To network with the right people and start a serious big boat campaign and match race on the side.*

If you could compete in any Keelboat event what event would it be and why? *The Louis Vuitton Trophy, just the fact that they do proper match racing in*

boats of that size is intense! The Americas cup is what I would have said if they hadn't moved to cats and killed the emphasis of match racing in the event.

Other interests away from sailing? *Cycling, climbing and badminton. I am up for anything outdoors really.*

Any famous relatives?! *My Cousin Peter Wibroe is a pretty good match racer as it is. Maybe one day I will compete against him.*