



Name: David Harsent

DOB: 10/05/1988

Grew up: Bournemouth

Currently Living: Staines/Cheltenham

Occupation: IT Consultant

Sailing/ Yacht Club: Unattached,
Previous- Spinnaker Sailing Club

Position on Boat: Bow

First sailing experience: Sailing when I was 14 in a topper doing my RYA level 1 as something to do at the start of the summer.



Greatest sailing goal: I want to get to the top of amateur sailing doing costal or mini offshore events and match racing. I have particular interest in doing the Medcup, World Matching Racing Tour and offshore, Sydney-Hobart.

Greatest sailing achievement to date: Getting into the BKA.

Meet the sailor...

Greatest strength you bring to the academy? Leadership, my drive and determination.

Most influential person in your sailing career to date? The people I grew up sailing who made it enjoyable and made me want to get better.

What do you hope to achieve from joining the Keelboat Academy? I want to grow as a keelboat sailor through access to top level coaching. I also want develop my ability to sail on different boat and have a successful J80 campaign. Through sailing keelboats I would like to develop as important team member on a successful boat.

If you could compete in any Keelboat event what event would it be and why? American's Cup as it is a testing event and it is one of the top match racing series.

My worst moment (sailing)? While crewing a Dart X, I was catapulted around the front and hitting the forestay and having a bruise down my left side.

Other notable achievements away from sailing?

Graduating from university with a 1st MEng Computer Science and getting onto a top grad scheme.

Other interests away from sailing?

Rugby, gym and windsurfing. I also enjoy/following cricket, lacrosse and F1.

What's your greatest fear or phobia?

Fear of falling.

Any famous relatives?! *Not any that I can think of.*