



Name: Ed Hampton-Matthews

DOB: 15 August 1992

Grew up: Warsash

Currently Living: Coventry/Warsash

Occupation: Student

Sailing/ Yacht Club: Warsash Sailing Club

Position on Boat: Foredeck

First sailing experience: Age 9 being pushed off the pontoon in an opi

Greatest sailing goal: To compete in the world match racing tour



Greatest sailing achievement to date: Class win at Dartmouth Regatta 2012

Most memorable sailing experience: Speeding down the solent at 18knots on a j92s

Meet the sailor...

Greatest strength you bring to the academy?

Team work, I'm really easy to get on with and so I can work well with anyone within a team

Most influential person in your sailing career to date? Shaun 'Geeza' Mason. My old dinghy helm who has now turned professional with the Full Metal Jacket racing team. He has inspired me because i aim to achieve similar things to he has and he has showed me how using great opportunities such as the BKA it can be possible.

What do you hope to achieve from joining the Keelboat Academy?

To be in a position to become a professional sailor

If you could compete in any Keelboat event what event would it be and why?

The Americas Cup. It is the pinnacle of our sport, so to be able to compete in it would be an amazing experience

My worst moment (sailing)?

Getting trapped underneath my mirror dinghy during a capsize during the boxing day race when I was 11

Best sailing venue in the UK?

Dartmouth, it has got awesome winds, weather and beautiful surroundings.

Top 3 career sailing results:

- 1) Class win Dartmouth regatta 2012
- 2) 2nd the Jcup 2012
- 3) 4th j109 Vice Admirals cup 2012

Other notable achievements away from sailing?

I run my own company www.theunibus.com i also have bronze, silver and gold duke of Edinburgh's awards.

Other interests away from sailing?

Cycling, chilling with friends

Who is your hero and why?

Dean Barker, he's an awesome sailor and all round top chap