



Name: George Johnson

DOB: 13/07/1992

Grew up: Manchester

Currently Living: Southampton

Occupation: Student, studying Ship Science, University of Southampton

Sailing/ Yacht Club: Wessex SC

Position on Boat: Main/Trim/Mast

First sailing experience: Not until I was about 12 on holiday in Croatia



Greatest sailing goal: Tour de France a la Voile or the Sail Arabia Tour, very close racing in legs that are exciting offshore races but not too long!

Greatest sailing achievement to date: Arriving into Barbados after my first Atlantic crossing.

Most memorable sailing experience: Sailing a 138ft Schooner called Mariette in the Westward Cup 2012, beautiful boat to race and we won the Cup too!

Meet the sailor...

Greatest strength you bring to the academy? Physical fitness and offshore miles.

Most influential person in your sailing career to date? My parents have supported me every step of the way, from getting me into sailing to helping me get qualified so I could spend my gap year doing as much sailing as possible.

What do you hope to achieve from joining the Keelboat Academy? To push my racing to the next level.

If you could compete in any Keelboat event what event would it be and why? Tour de France a la Voile or the Sail Arabia Tour, very close racing in legs that are exciting offshore races but not too long

My worst moment (sailing)? Spent 24 hours a drift in an ice flow off the coast of Sweden with no gas for food or heating!

Best sailing venue in the UK? Solent for racing but I would love to see the West coast of Scotland on a Whiskey trip.

Top 3 career sailing results:

- 1) 12th at the European University Sailing Cup
- 2) 1st Westward Cup 2012
- 3) 3rd in Class RORC Easter Challenge 2012

Other notable achievements away from sailing? Finished in the top 7% of a sprint distance triathlon. Finished in the top 10% of a 100 mile multi-sport race across Scotland.

Other interests away from sailing? Triathlon, mountain biking, adventure sports.

What's your greatest fear or phobia? Falling overboard and seeing the boat sail away from me.

Who is your hero and why? Graeme Obree, for constantly battling against barriers in his way and for pushing the boundaries of what is possible on two wheels.

Any famous relatives?! My Dad was in Time magazine once...