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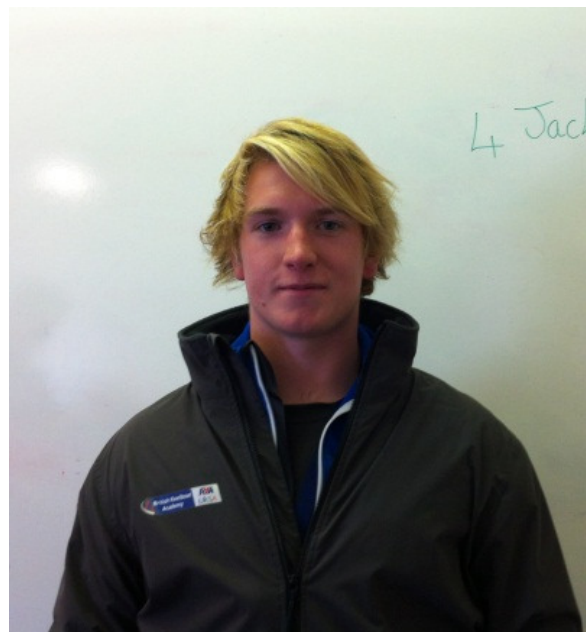
**Grew up:** In Central London, but with summers spent on the Isle of Wight.

**Currently Living:** Still in London except during university term time.

**Occupation:** Student, studying Geography at Cambridge University

**Sailing/ Yacht Club:** Royal Solent Yacht Club & Yarmouth Sailing Club

**Position on Boat:** Driver; but I'm fond of main and kite trim, as well as calling tactics/navigation



**First sailing experience:** Sailing an X boat called Foxy aged about 6 or 7 out of Yarmouth with my grandfather and mum

**Greatest sailing goal:** Win the Etchell and Dragon Worlds as a helmsman (and the Captain's Cup in XODs!). I also want to be part of the crew of a larger keelboat at the top of the sport.

**Greatest sailing achievement to date:** Getting into the BKA is a major one.

**Most memorable sailing experience:** Helming an X boat in the Centenary regatta in 2011 in a fleet of 148 boats was extremely memorable. Also, crewing on the 162 ft schooner which Ben Ainslie was driving for the Round the Island Race 2012 was pretty great.

**Meet the sailor...**

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

*With the BKA, the way that I'm able to identify learning opportunities is pretty key. I would also say my willingness to take responsibility as part of a team is one of my important qualities.*

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

*Definitely my grandfather. I've sailed with and against him in X boats for a long time and he remains to be tricky to beat.*

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

*I want to progress my keelboat sailing, in particular my skill as a helmsman. The academy will also give me lasting contacts and a way into the sort of sailing I want to be doing.*

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

*I'd love to be part of a crew on the RC44 circuit. It offers One-Design racing alongside some of the biggest names in the sport. At the moment, smaller keelboats are really my thing.*

**My worst moment (sailing)?** *There have been plenty of moments when I've been upside down in a laser in the middle of the Solent and things generally haven't been pleasant.*

**Best sailing venue in the UK?**

*Cowes and the Western Solent, without doubt. Also Antigua.*

**Top 3 career sailing results:**

- 1) 10<sup>th</sup> in Cowes Classics Week helming XOD*
- 2) Cowes Dinghy Week winner three times, including Laser Radial class in 2010*
- 3) 4<sup>th</sup> in Cowes Week, 2010, helming a Hunter 707*

**Other notable achievements away from sailing?** *Getting into Cambridge was a big one. Also managed to come second in a national Spanish essay competition last year!*

**Other interests away from sailing?** *I love sport, and following teams in football and rugby. I'm also really into Geography, which is lucky as it is what I'm studying at university.*

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

*Not overly keen on heights. Also don't like big fish.*

**Who is your hero and why?**

*I have so many, ranging from people I know to fictional characters in films, etc. In sailing at the moment it has to be James Spithill.*

**Any famous relatives?!** *A second cousin who played cricket for England and I think that's about it...*