



## KELVIN MATTHEWS

**DOB:** 12/05/1987

**Grew up:** Isle of Wight

**Currently Living:** Portsmouth

**Occupation:** Sail Maker/ Designer

**Sailing/ Yacht Club:** Royal Victoria Yacht Club

**Position on Boat:** Trim or Helm, specializing in downwind trim



**First sailing experience:** Being pushed off the pontoon in an Optimist at my local club and being expected to sail back!

**Greatest sailing goal:** To win a major world championship and sail for my country in the Americas Cup.

**Greatest sailing achievement to date:** Winning the overall Black Group title at Cowes Week, my home regatta which I first raced in aged 11.

**Most memorable sailing experience:** Lining up for the first race at the J/80 Worlds in Santander and feeling the adrenalin start pumping, having spent weeks in preparation for the event.

### Meet the sailor...

***Greatest strength you bring to the academy?*** Drive and motivation to aim high and achieve goals.

***Most influential person in your sailing career to date?*** Jim Saltonstall. His enthusiasm towards sailing and racing has always inspired me to improve.

***What do you hope to achieve from joining the Keelboat Academy?*** The skills and experience needed to become a world class sailor.

***If you could compete in any Keelboat event what event would it be and why?*** The Audi Med Cup because the high level of competition requires every team to push themselves to the limit and strive for perfection.

### **Top 3 career sailing results:**

- 1) 1st Cowes Week Black Group Overall 2009
- 2) 2<sup>nd</sup> BUSA Student National Championships 2009
- 3) 5<sup>th</sup> J/80 National Championships 2009

**Other notable achievements away from sailing?** *Completing my degree in Marine Engineering with a 2.1 at the University of Plymouth.*

**Other interests away from sailing?** *Skiing, Formula One and Football.*

**Who is your hero and why?**

*Lewis Hamilton. The F1 World Champion could teach us all a few lessons about staying positive, focused and performing under pressure to reach the top.*