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DOB: 26/05/1992

Grew up: Jersey, Channel Islands

Currently Living: Plymouth/Jersey

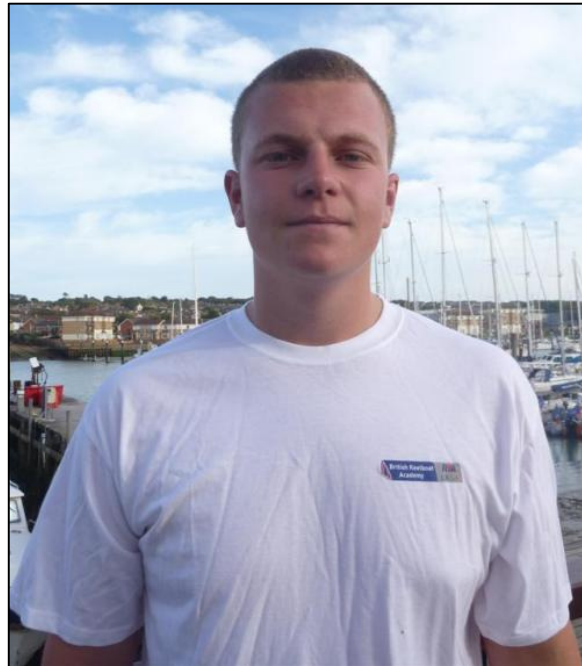
Occupation: Student

Sailing/ Yacht Club: Royal Channel Island Yacht Club

Position on Boat: Mast

First sailing experience: Being planted in an Optimist at a young age and given a push off into the unknown !

Greatest sailing goal: Getting into a professional sailing team



Greatest sailing achievement to date: Winning the 2010 Carrey Olsen Inter Insular in really tricky conditions. I'm also proud of getting into the BKA without ever being in a RYA squad as a youngster.

Most memorable sailing experience: Going overboard for the first time will take some topping !, failing that helping a class 40 especially downwind in a blow was incredible.

Meet the sailor...

Greatest strength you bring to the academy?

I'm hoping my 6ft 3 102 kilo frame will be put to good use somewhere !, I also love sailing with a new group of people watching and being part of individuals coming together, especially when it gets tough and growing into a team.

Most influential person in your sailing career to date?

No one person stands out as such, everybody at St Catherine's sailing club deserves a big thank you for all the opportunities I had growing up, Mum and Dad also need a thank you for all the lifts, support, encouragement and gear breakages.

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

The main thing I'm hoping for is that the academy gives me a realistic chance and getting onto a pro racing team as a mast or a grinder. I also can't wait to start sailing with and against the best youth keelboat sailing talent in the UK.

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

I've always had my heart set on sailing in the Sydney Hobart race, awesome race, potentially deadly conditions and amazing sailors to race against.

My worst moment (sailing)?

Surfing my laser up the slipway of my old sailing club and practically ripping it in half was one hell of an experience, very expensive too!

Best sailing venue in the UK?

Bit Cliché but for keelboat racing I think the Solent takes some topping.

Top 3 career sailing results:

- 1) 1st Carrey Olsen Inter insular 2010
- 2) 1st British Airways coastal series 2009&10
- 3) Channel Island champion Hobie 16/Tiger 2007-2010

Other notable achievements away from sailing?

Unbeaten house tug of war captain upper & lower sixth and managing a herd of 65 pedigree Jersey milking cows in my A level summer holidays aged 18.

Other interests away from sailing?

I love shooting, off roading and scuba diving, I'm currently training to be a Commercial Diver at university.

What's your greatest fear or phobia?

Coming from Jersey I have an inbuilt phobia of trains; I can't stand them and avoid them like the plague! Motorways aren't great either.

Who is your hero and why?

Loick Peyron is a truly inspirational guy, getting to meet him and chat to him was an amazing and motivating experience.

Any famous relatives?!

My cousin was going out with the daughter of Jonathan Ross Betty for a year, I've also had a pee stood next to Dean Barker, that must count!