



Name: Oliver Kemp (Kempy)

DOB:
04/08/1990

Grew up:
Hurst Green

Currently Living:
Wadhurst

Occupation:
Graduate and Part time Dingy Instructor
/ Coach

Sailing/ Yacht Club:
Bewl Valley Sailing Club

Position on Boat:
Trimmer / Tactician / Navigator



First sailing experience:
Topper sailing out of Pevensey Bay aged 6

Greatest sailing goal:
Race in the Americas Cup

Greatest sailing achievement to date:
Student Yachting National Champions 2012 - Exeter

Most memorable sailing experience:
Zone squad training in 40 knots off Thorpe bay and almost being taken out by the RNLI Hovercraft!

Meet the sailor...

Greatest strength you bring to the academy?
Leadership, adaptability and performance under pressure

Most influential person in your sailing career to date?
Ben Ainslie, cliché I know but there is a reason he is the most successful Olympic sailor ever. His approach and attitude to racing is inspirational

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

A stepping stone to gain the experience and contacts required to race on one of the grand prix yacht racing circuits

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

Not strictly keelboats any more but the Americas Cup, innovative technology and development combined with some spectacular racing

My worst moment (sailing)?

Managing to get food poisoning / sunstroke whilst doing a two man delivery in the med and being utterly useless for four days. Sorry Steve!

Best sailing venue in the UK?

I always love going back to Thorpe Bay Yacht Club, So many good memories as a teenager and the members are fantastic

Top 3 career sailing results:

- 1) 1st Dartmouth Regatta 2012 – J/109 Jagerbomb – Main Trim*
- 2) 1st RYA SE Zone Championships 2006 – Rs Feva - Helm*
- 3) 1st Student Yachting National Championships 2012 – Exeter – T1*

Other notable achievements away from sailing?

Great West Run 2012 – 1:45:06

Other interests away from sailing?

Snowsports, Running and generally stupid sports

What's your greatest fear or phobia?

Optimists, the boats not the people.

Who is your hero and why?

I wish Loick Peyron was my Grand Father! An all round sailing hero and so relaxed "Fast but not furious"

Any famous relatives?!

Not that I am aware of, maybe I will be the first.