

JAMES BROWN

DOB: 02/06/1987

Grew up: Southampton

Currently Living: Exeter

Occupation: Student at the University of Exeter studying an MSC in Economics

Sailing/ Yacht Club: Warsash Sailing

Club, Royal Southern Yacht Club

Position on Boat: Pretty handy anywhere

on the boat from bow to helm

First sailing experience: The first I can remember was aged about 4 on my grandfather sigma 36 cruising with my family around the Solent; I was given a piece of string attached to some bungee which did absolutely nothing and every now and then I was told to "trim" it.



Greatest sailing goal: Sailing on the TP52 and mini-maxi circuits.

Most memorable sailing experience: My first RORC offshore race the 2007 Morgan Cup on a Swan 65, after the wind built over 25 knots we decided it was time to take our 140% overlapping genoa down, a difficult task with a full crew of 16-17, we did it with 7!

Meet the sailor...

Greatest strength you bring to the academy? Lots and lots of keelboat experience, I have had the opportunity to work my way through most keelboat classes in the UK, everything from IRC class 3, 2, 1 and 0 to one design classes like J80's, Etchells and Farr45's.

Most influential person in your sailing career to date? David Bongers

If you could compete in any Keelboat event what event would it be and why? The tour de France a Voile

Other interests away from sailing? Duatholon, climbing, windsurfing, surfing