



ANTONIA BULL

DOB: 3rd May 1986

Grew up: Born in London, grew up in Suffolk and Essex.

Currently Living: Brighton

Occupation: Final year medical student at Brighton and Sussex Medical School.

Sailing/ Yacht Club: Stone Sailing Club and Brighton Marina Yacht Club

Position on Boat: Pit



First sailing experience: I was 6 or 7, at Stone SC on the River Blackwater in a borrowed cadet with my mum. We capsized about 20 meters off the beach!

Greatest sailing goal: Be recognised as someone people really want to sail with, both for my sailing ability and for being a good team player with a professional attitude. To compete and win at the highest amateur levels.

Greatest sailing achievement to date: Getting into the GBR Yacht Racing Academy in 2008 and finishing the Fastnet this year.

Most memorable sailing experience: My first nationals in my cadet in Torquay in 1999, the waves and the bay seemed huge. I went back for an event this year and it all looked a lot smaller!

Meet the sailor...

Greatest strength you bring to the academy? *Good team working skills and a cool head in a crisis. Experience. Committed.*

Most influential person in your sailing career to date? *My Grandad, he learnt to sail and introduced the sport to the family over forty years ago. He still races his squib most weekends from a mooring on the Blackwater, and he's in his eighties!*

What do you hope to achieve from joining the Keelboat Academy? *To sail the TP with a group of like minded, talented and dedicated people, and to meet new teams and boat owners I would like to sail with in the future.*

If you could compete in any Keelboat event what event would it be and why? *The Tour de Voile, it's a great mix of inshore and offshore sailing, and an endurance challenge. Also because sailing is such a well recognised and supported sport in France.*

Top 3 career sailing results:

- 1) 12th Fastnet 2009*
- 2) 1st Overall Myth of Malham 2009*
- 3) 26th in the 420 National Rankings 2003*

Other notable achievements away from sailing? *1st class degree in Sports and Exercise Medicine, and 4/5 of a medical degree so far!*

Other interests away from sailing? *I love skiing, I play the violin, and I'm learning to knit!*

Who is your hero and why? *Sir Steve Redgrave, for his amazing 5 Olympic gold medals while being an insulin dependent diabetic.*

Any famous relatives?!

My (other) Grandfather was knighted, my Grandmother got an OBE, and my uncle was on telly being rescued by the coastguard off Weymouth!