



GUY FILLMORE

DOB: 10/05/1987

Grew up: Leamington Spa

Currently Living: Southampton

Occupation: Student at University of Southampton

Sailing/ Yacht Club: Draycote Water Sailing Club/ Stokes Bay Sailing Club

Position on Boat: Trimmer/ Aftguard

First sailing experience: 3 years old, with my parents in Mirror 68100, at Salcombe. Later I sailed an Optimist for the first time on my own when I was 7 at Draycote.

Greatest sailing goal: To be regatta racing when I'm 60.

Most memorable sailing experience: Any sports person wants not only to perform, but to consistently perform, so anytime you have a run where you think you're in control is memorable. For a while now in the RS800 we've been really comfortable with boat handling, so the challenges in that boat come from strategy and tactics. At the Eurocup in Carnac this year we had a great regatta, felt in control of where we were going round the course all week and came third to two very good teams.

Running over a bird in the middle of the night in this years Fastnet race was quite unexpected and amusing.

Meet the sailor...

Greatest strength you bring to the academy? *No fuff attitude, and the ability to keep the big picture in clear view.*

Most influential person in your sailing career to date? *Spod Olive. Never have I had a team mate who can think so critically about getting a boat around a course. The number one lesson I've learnt is that everybody's approach is different, and even they probably don't know the best way to make it work for themselves.*



If you could compete in any Keelboat event what event would it be and why? Volvo Ocean Race. I guess the appeal is the technology, the team work, the self sufficiency and the glamour of sailing around the world.

Other interests away from sailing? Squash, windsurfing, climbing, cycling.

Who is your hero and why? Adam Carter, the ultimate professional.

Any famous relatives?!

A great grandfather was President of the USA, does that count?