



## JONATHAN COAD

**DOB:** 28/06/1986

**Grew up:** Southern Green, Hertfordshire

**Currently Living:** Southampton

**Occupation:** I'm a medical student at Southampton University

**Sailing/ Yacht Club:** Wessex Sailing Club

**Position on Boat:** Trimmer

**First sailing experience:** My parents have always sailed, so they used to put me in a bucket in the cockpit when I was small. I first started sailing myself in Oppies, then Toppers.



**Greatest sailing goal:** Do the Volvo Ocean Race, and some Farr 40 and TP52 sailing....and all of the classic offshores like the Transpac and the Sydney-Hobart.

**Greatest sailing achievement to date:** Finishing the Fastnet, and winning the team trophy

**Most memorable sailing experience:** The Fastnet race, coming back from the rock downwind with a whole load of dolphins. And match racing Farr 45s...carnage!

### Meet the Sailor...

***Greatest strength you bring to the academy?*** Picking up new things quickly.

***Most influential person in your sailing career to date?*** My Dad, he got me into sailing and racing.

***What do you hope to achieve from joining the Keelboat Academy?*** I'm really looking forward to helping to run our own campaign with a great bunch of sailors. I hope to take part in the Round Britain and Ireland Race on John Merricks II, and develop some good contacts to help with sailing in the future.

***If you could compete in any Keelboat event what event would it be and why?*** The Volvo Ocean Race. Would be an awesome challenge, on great boats.

**Top 3 career sailing results:**

- 1) 19<sup>th</sup> in the Fastnet, winning the Illingworth Trophy.
- 2) 1<sup>st</sup> In the David Diehl Trophy, Farr 45s.
- 3) 3<sup>rd</sup> In Student Keelboat Europeans.

**Other notable achievements away from sailing?** Getting into medical school, playing for the university rugby 1<sup>st</sup> XV.

**Other interests away from sailing?** Rugby, Politics, Fishing.

**Who is your hero and why?** Desmond Tutu