



## **MATT REID**

**DOB:** 12/10/1989

**Currently Living:** Poole

**Occupation:** Gap year

**Sailing/ Yacht Club:**  
Spinnaker SC

**Position on Boat:**  
Helm/Mainsheet/ tactics

**First sailing experience:**  
Can't remember but my mother informs me when I was 3 months old on the family yacht.



**Greatest sailing goal:** Become the best sailor I possible can.

**Greatest sailing achievement to date:** 4<sup>th</sup> Laser nationals 2009.

**Most memorable sailing experience:** Racing my Laser at Highcliffe in 25-35kn with 4-6m swell.

## **Meer the Sailor...**

***Greatest strength you bring to the academy?*** Racing knowledge and fitness.

***Most influential person in your sailing career to date?*** My father as he was the one who got me into sailing at a young age and encouraged me to learn in dinghies and then progress onto keelboats.

***What do you hope to achieve from joining the Keelboat Academy?*** I want to broaden my knowledge of racing and create future racing pathways.

***If you could compete in any Keelboat event what event would it be and why?*** Mini Transat, I really like the boats and the challenge they present.

### **Top 3 career sailing results:**

- 1) 1<sup>st</sup> Laser club sailor champs 08
- 2) 4<sup>th</sup> Laser Nationals 09
- 3) 10<sup>th</sup> Laser World Qualifier 08

**Other notable achievements away from sailing?** *I cycled 420 miles from Edinburgh to London for charity.*

**Other interests away from sailing?** *Kite surfing, Windsurfing, wakeboarding and Cycling.*

**Who is your hero and why?** *I don't really have heroes but I have many people who inspire me. The usual being Ainslie, Paul Goodison, Mike Golding ect.*

**Any famous relatives?!**

*My cousin in Australia is the girls under 19 pole-vaulting champion.*