



MICHAELA BOUGHTON

DOB: 22.11.84

Place of birth & grew up: *Chichester, W.Sussex*

Currently Living: *Fulham, London*

Occupation: *Trainee Solicitor*

Sailing/ Yacht Club: *Itchenor Sailing Club*

Position on Boat: *Helm/pit*

First sailing experience: *I was 7, sailing to East Head beach in Chichester harbour with my dad and our dog, Hattie, in a Mirror dinghy.*

Greatest sailing goal: *To be a top class female helm.*

Greatest sailing achievement to date: *20th International 420 World Championship*

Most memorable sailing experience: *At the Youth Championships, Simon Wergan telling us that we were very close to being selected for the 420 National Squad, but it was up to the last race and we had to prove we could perform under pressure. Joanna Brigg and I then went on to win the last race.*

Meet the Sailor...

Greatest strength you bring to the academy? *A determination to succeed.*

Most influential person in your sailing career to date? *Christina Bassadone, my auntie, who has competed in the International 470 at the last two Olympic Games.*

What do you hope to achieve from joining the Keelboat Academy? *The opportunity to race in prestigious yacht racing events, to network amongst great sailors and build on my keelboat racing experience.*



If you could compete in any Keelboat event what event would it be and why? *The America's cup, as it is such a prestigious and World-class event. Competing in this would mean I had reached the top of my game.*

Top 3 career sailing results:

- 1) First BUSA Team Racing Championships
- 2) First BUSA Team Racing Championships
- 3) 20th 420 Ladies World Championships

Other notable achievements away from sailing? *2:1 degree in Law*

Other interests away from sailing? *Cycling, dancing and shopping!*