



NIKKI CURWEN

DOB: 07/12/88

Grew up: Born in Southampton, grew up in Farnham/Grayscott

Currently Living: Bournemouth

Occupation: Studying Interactive Media Production at Bournemouth University

Sailing/ Yacht Club: Frensham Pond

Position on Boat: Usually Bow



First sailing experience: I started sailing from an extremely young age through my family, after a training course at Frensham Pond I was picked up as a Cadet crew at the age of 8.

Greatest sailing goal: To compete in the Transat Jacques Vabre.

Greatest sailing achievement to date: Becoming a member of the British Keelboat Academy.

Most memorable sailing experience: Rebelling against my coach and turning around to surf a HUGE wash from a tanker and successfully surfing down it, at some crazy speed in my cadet.

Meet the sailor....

Greatest strength you bring to the academy? Determination, dedication and enthusiasm along with a wide range of big boat experience.

Most influential person in your sailing career to date? Pete Goss, after reading his autobiography, *Closer to the Wind*, for his pure determination and strength. Among every other sailor who has undertaken as big a challenge.

What do you hope to achieve from joining the Keelboat Academy? Taking part in the BKA scheme is a great opportunity for me, benefitting from more experience sailing on a range of different boats, working with different people to try and achieve our goals as a team.

If you could compete in any Keelboat event what event would it be and why? *The Transat Jacques Vabre, I like the idea of the challenge, you and the boat against the world, but with a friend close by, so I don't have to talk to myself...too much!*

Other notable achievements away from sailing? *I spent five weeks exploring, climbing and camping in Greenland.*

Other interests away from sailing? *Snowboarding and Climbing.*