



## RACHEL SCARFE

**DOB:** 23/04/89

**Place of birth & grew up:** Wimbledon

**Currently Living:** Durham/Chichester

**Occupation:** Maths student at Durham University

**Sailing/ Yacht Club:** Chichester Yacht Club

**Position on Boat:** Sewer

**First sailing experience:** Aged 3 in my parents' dinghy on the Thames. I remember being very annoyed that they wouldn't let me sit on the side in case I fell in!

**Greatest sailing achievement to date:** Getting into the Keelboat Squad last year and the Keelboat Academy this year.

**Most memorable sailing experience:** Sailing the TP52 downwind in lots of breeze for the first time. Suddenly the Solent seemed a lot smaller!

### Meet the Sailor...

**Greatest strength you bring to the academy?** *Being very organised and never giving up.*

**Most influential person in your sailing career to date?** *My friend Rachael. When I was eight I had no interest in sailing at all but she was learning to sail so I decided to as well. Without her, I probably wouldn't ever have learnt.*

**What do you hope to achieve from joining the Keelboat Academy?** *Learning as much as I can about keelboat sailing and having the opportunity to race in exciting events with a committed team of people with a great attitude.*

**If you could compete in any Keelboat event what event would it be and why?** *The America's Cup as it's one of the pinnacles of the sport.*

**Top 3 career sailing results:**



- 1) 6<sup>th</sup> in the 2009 Hobie 16 Youth European Championships
- 2) 9<sup>th</sup> in the 2008 Spitfire European Championships
- 3) 2<sup>nd</sup> in the 2007 Hobie 16 National Championships

**Other interests away from sailing?** *Playing football (very badly!) and playing the flute*

**Who is your hero and why?** *Ian Walker for competing not only in the Olympics but also the America's Cup and the Volvo Ocean Race.*