



TOM SMEDLEY

DOB: 10/02/1987

Place of Birth & grew up:

Born in Berlin, grew up in Portsmouth

Currently Living:

Living on a boat on the Thames next to Tower Bridge! Pretty cold in the winter but great fun.

Occupation:

5th year Medical student at University College London

Sailing/ Yacht Club:

Royal Thames YC

Position on Boat:

Helm + watch leader

First sailing experience: Lived on a boat that my parent's built between the ages of 5-7 in Southsea Marina in Portsmouth. At the times I had a wooden optimist I used to sail round the marina.

Greatest sailing goal: Race round the world

Greatest sailing achievement to date: 29er European Champion 2003

Most memorable sailing experience: Racing in the Caribbean 600 race 2009 on the Class40 'Concise'. Sunshine and trade winds the whole way round... like the Fastnet race but better weather and less upwind.

Meet the Sailor...

What do you hope to achieve from joining the Academy? Gain skills and experience sailing powerful racing yachts like the TP52, especially offshore sailing, with a view to doing some serious offshore sailing in the future. Also develop my other skills relating to running a boat like the TP, such as the maintenance side of things.



If you could compete in any Keelboat event what event would it be and why? Definitely the Volvo Ocean Race. Awesome boats, fully crewed up and being pushed hard the whole way round. Tour de Voile would also be on the list

Top 3 career sailing results:

- 1) 29er European Champion 2003
- 2) 3rd at 29er Worlds 2003
- 3) 2nd 49er Nationals 2005

Other interests away from sailing?

Windsurfing, skiing

Who is your hero and why?

Tim Brabants, Olympic gold medalist in kayaking, as well as being a doctor. Proves it is possible to do a high level sport alongside a successful career.

Any famous relatives?

Nope, sorry!