

Evinrude Round Britain Challenge

Harry Edwards

Date of Birth: 19/12/89

Lives: England

Occupation: Student



First powerboating experience

Harry was around 9 or 10 when his family bought a Ribtec RIB with a 100hp engine on the back, and after a bit of driving with his dad, he started to love it.

Watersport background

As well as powerboating, Harry sails. He started in Optimists when he was about 8 years. Harry has taken part in the last five Cowes Week regattas, two in a Mumm 30 and three in a Laser SB3. He is competing in this year's Cowes Week in a Seaview Mermaid with Jack, possibly Archie and various other friends their age.

Harry also sails various other boats including Lasers, Buzz sail boats, and Sea View Dinghies.

Harry is a qualified sailing instructor.
Harry can also wakeboard and water-ski.

Other interests

When Harry is not out on the water or preparing for their Challenge, he likes to play a lot of rugby, ski, go the gym – play any sport that he can, go out with friends and spend time with his girlfriend.

Most memorable experience on water

Harry's most memorable experience on water was when sailing in Cowes Week, two years ago, in an SB3 with his dad and a family friend. They were lying about 40th out of 80 boats after rounding the windward mark, and everyone put their kites up and followed along the North shore but they saw a huge area of pressure on the south shore so followed it. They absolutely flew, getting up to around 20 knots, slowly gaining on the whole fleet. They then got the Squadron line where around 30 Sigma 38s were starting and once they weaved through them at 20 Knots, they popped out first by about 100 metres as they reached the Leeward mark, gaining over half the fleet on one run.

Race history

Harry has competed in five Cowes Weeks and many Seaview and Bembridge Yacht Club Regattas.

The Evinrude® Round Britain Challenge

In preparation for the Evinrude Round Britain Challenge, Harry has been going to the gym at least three times a week to strength various body parts to withstand the power of the sea. Also playing rugby three to four times a week keeps his fitness high so that he will be physically prepared to face the sea.