

FREDDIE PARTON

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- Sailor and navigator across a range of vessels
- Meteorologist and data scientist
- English and French – based between London and Nice
- U27 for AC2027
- Working Drift Energy/MetWind

SAILING EXPERIENCE

Fast40 – AMPLifi – Co-navigator and runner trim

2025:

- Admiral's Cup – 5th in AC2
- Fastnet race – 10th overall, 7th in AC2
- RORC De Guingand Bowl 1st overall and IRC1
- IRC Nationals 5th IRC1
- Pre-Admiral's Cup regatta 1st AC1
- RORC Morgan Cup 6th IRC1

Gunboat 80 – Highland Fling 18 – Navigator

- 2025 Tre Golfi Sailing week, Sorrento, 3rd overall in Multihull class.

Jethou 77 – Meteorologist and strategy

- 2024 Maxi Worlds, Porto Cervo, 4th in Class.
- Multiple deliveries.

J122 – Bulldog - main trimmer 2022-2023 / Tactician and Navigator 2024

2022:

- Full Solent RORC season 1st in IRC1 season points
- Podiums in class at the De Guingand Bowl, Myth of Malham, Morgan Cup, Cowes-Dinard-St Malo, Cherbourg Race.
- Victory of the RORC youth cup for U25 teams.

2023:

- Fastnet race 16th in IRC1
- Full Solent RORC season, 4th in IRC1
- Podiums in class at the Myth of Malham and Morgan Cup

2024:

- Full Solent RORC season 1st in IRC1 season points
- Top 2 in class at the RORC Easter Challenge, Myth of Malham, Channel Race, De Guingand Bowl and Cowes week 2024.
- Overall win of the P40 class in Cowes week and 3rd in the P40 inshore season points.
- Victory of the RORC youth cup for U25 teams.

2025:

- Bits and bobs

S&S 52 yawl (1946) – Comet - kite and jib trimmer**2021:**

- Voiles d'Antibes 6th
- Régates Royales Cannes 1st
- Voiles de St Tropez 3rd
- VCYC Med Cup 1st (season points)

2022:

- Régates Royales Cannes 3rd
- Voiles de St Tropez 2nd
- Vele D'época d'Imperia 1st
- VCYC Med Cup 2nd (season points)

Volvo 70 E1 – Navigator

- 2022 Giraglia inshore and offshore races, St Tropez.

Corby 40 – Cracklin' Rosie - main trimmer

- 2021 RORC season in IRC1

Nitro 80 – Bliss - Bow and pit

- Runner up 2018 Alba Cup
- Overall winners of 2017 and 2018 Nitro Cup

Laser

4.7th overall in Europacup Monaco 2017; 17th overall in Europacup Hyères 2017

Radial

French youth national champion, Brest 2018

Vice-Mediterranean champion, Sainte Maxime 2018

15th overall in the Italian championships, Andora 2018

40th overall in the youth world championships, Kingston 2019

Standard 3rd overall in the national championships, Brest 2019

Other sailing:

Kialoa II – Jib and kite trim, Cowes, 2024 British Classics Week

Merlin Rocket Nationals August (top of bronze and silver fleets in first event) 2025

Dragon – 2018 and 2019 events in Cannes and Antibes.

Match racing in Antibes and university team racing at Reading University.

WORK EXPERIENCE

MetWind – March 2024 / Present

Private weather forecaster for MetWind, delivering daily forecasts to winning boats in Olympic, IRC/ORC, RC44, TP52, J-Class and Maxi classes for coastal and windward-leeward racing around Europe. Including specific forecasts, briefings and routings for offshore races and ocean crossings.

DRIFT Energy – September 2024 / Present

I am currently working as a data scientist and engineer for DRIFT energy developing a novel routing algorithm and feeding into the design of control systems and electronics for a 60 m sailing, energy-harvesting catamaran.

This role calls on my programming skills as well as my knowledge of yacht racing and the weather. From design work in our GOMBOC model, to representing the company at events and working on our routing algorithm in python, I enjoy being part of all aspects of the business and working in a team environment with a clear end goal.

Other projects I have worked on have been in business development, systems engineering, product design and development for the routing software, and planning of operations, communications, bridge and on-land vessel control room.

EDUCATION

Growing up in the South of France with English parents, I completed school in the French system and have my baccalaureate. I am bilingual English/French. I then went to university in England:

MSc University of Reading, **Applied Meteorology**, Grade: 2:1/merit **September 2024**
Dissertation: “Modelling mean wind gradient over the ocean in the surface layer of the atmosphere using boundary layer theory and data from racing yachts.”

MSci University of Southampton, **Oceanography**, Grade: 2:1 **June 2023**
Thesis: “Deep water properties and formation events in the Western Mediterranean basin using ARGO floats.”
Third year project: Modelling teleconnections between El Niño and the North Atlantic oscillation.

OTHER SKILLS AND CERTIFICATES

FaRo processor training course – December 2025

Multiple MedEd courses on local weather effects and remote sensing.

RYA Powerboat 2 – November 2018

First aid and sea survival courses - February 2025

English and French passport holder

Full French driver’s license – January 2020

Orchard’s cookery course for private catering – September 2020