



NAME
Tom Burton

EVENT
**Men's One Person
Dinghy**

CLASS
Laser

POSITION
Helm

COACH
Michael Blackburn

CLUB
**Middle Harbour
Yacht Club**

DATE OF BIRTH
27 June 1990

HOMETOWN
Sydney, NSW

www.laserinternational.org

The Laser class is a single person dinghy that was first included in the Olympic program in Atlanta in 1996.

The single-sail dinghy with a centerboard has been called the world's premier one-person sailboat with a presence in 122 countries and six continents.

Tom Burton trained alongside Tom Slingsby in the lead up to London 2012, with Slingsby grabbing the Olympic spot and going on to win gold.

Burton will make his debut in Rio after strong competition for the spot with fellow Australian Matt Wearn.

Burton took bronze at the World Championships in 2015, came third at the 2015 Rio Test Event and won two World Cups in 2015 including the final in Abu Dhabi.

He took up sailing at age nine after following his dad to regattas and is coached by Sydney 2000 Olympic medallist Michael Blackburn, who also coached Slingsby.

Recent Results

- **2016 Sailing World Cup, Weymouth & Portland**, June 2016, Weymouth, UK – 3rd
- **2016 Laser World Championship**, May 2016, Nuevo Vallarta, Mexico – 6th
- **2016 Sailing World Cup, Hyeres**, April 2016, Hyeres, France – 3rd
- **2015 ISAF Sailing World Cup Final**, October 2015, Abu Dhabi, UAE – 1st
- **2015 Aquece Rio International Sailing Regatta (Rio Test Event)**, August 2015, Rio, Brazil – 3rd