

# ***RYA NW MONTHLY NEWSLETTER***

## ***November 2010***

Welcome to the NorthWest newsletter. Here, you will read about RYA activities in the NW, and find out more about latest initiatives from RYA HQ. The newsletter is being sent by e mail to clubs and centres in the NW. You can forward the e mail news to your fellow committee members at your club, or even to all your membership thus giving them all the chance to get the latest news fast. Print a copy to put on your notice board to let others see the news, or cut and paste stories onto your club website. You can also be added to the circulation group to receive your own personal copy.

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## **AWARDS**

**LOCAL SAILORS RECEIVE PRESTIGIOUS AWARDS FROM HRH PRINCESS ROYAL**

Three NW sailors were recently recognized for their long standing voluntary work for sailing with awards from the RYA. Graham Knox from Rochdale, Lancs was presented with one of the RYA's most prestigious honours, an RYA Award, on 18th November, by HRH the Princess Royal, President of the RYA at the organisation's annual awards ceremony in London.

Graham was one of only three people nationwide selected this year for an RYA Award. At the same ceremony 39 RYA Community Awards, and a pair of other awards, were presented to winners from all over the UK.

Graham was selected for the Award for his work on behalf of sailing in the North West Region and nationally. As an ambassador for the RYA in the North West and further afield, Graham always looks to present the RYA as a positive influence in our sport. Graham's contribution to sailing, and to the RYA, has taken many forms over a long time. For the last nine years he has been Honorary Secretary of the RYA North West Executive and during this time has achieved a complete reorganisation of the office. This was well overdue and as a result members of the Executive are better informed and the whole organisation runs more efficiently.

In addition to this work, Graham has also handled many national and regional Government consultations which come to the committee and require considerable time, effort and patience.

Graham has also played a major part in the running of the GP14 sailing dinghy class nationally for many years, including terms of office as President, Secretary and Treasurer and took leading roles in the running of his club, Hollingworth Lake Sailing Club. His services to the RYA and the sport will be greatly missed when he retires this year.

At the same ceremony two sailors from Redesmere Sailing Club, Cheshire, were recipients of prestigious awards. Robert Eastcott and David Wainwright received RYA Community Awards from HRH the Princess Royal, President of the RYA.

Robert, from Macclesfield, Cheshire was presented with an RYA Community Award for Outstanding Contribution, while David, from Bollington, Cheshire, received an RYA Community Award for Lifetime Commitment.

Robert and David were both selected as winners for their work at Redesmere SC. Robert is one of the most hard working Treasurers the club has known. He supported four club Commodores over 15 years, helping to transform the club through a very difficult period. He brought not only financial acumen to the committee but a wealth of sailing experience and knowledge. Robert is a driving force on the committee and his financial wizardry has transformed the club from one that was struggling to get by, into one that is not only financially sound, but also now has a fleet of sailing dinghies and safety power boats for use in supporting the training.

David's efforts may not always be noticed by the members, but his practical contribution is huge. He has been around the club longer than most can remember and has always been a key person when it comes to vital maintenance work. The list of projects he has completed around the club over the last 40 years is almost endless, but include building a boathouse, general repairs, organizing BBQs, and jetty work.

Dave is a quiet and unassuming man and has never sought recognition for his work but is always available to help with all projects, big or small. Both men have made huge contributions to the Club over many years.

Sarah Treseder, RYA Chief Executive said "The RYA is delighted to make these awards in recognition of their enthusiasm, promotion of our sport and many years' contribution to the

region's sailing scene. The 44 RYA winners are an inspiration to us all and it is my pleasure to recognise and celebrate their hard work and dedication.”

Graham, Robert and David and the other Award winners enjoyed a celebratory lunch in the presence of HRH the Princess Royal, and were presented with a commemorative medallion and certificate.

## **POWERBOATS**

### **HONDA CHAMP HENRY BRINGS HIS PRIZE HOME TO WEST KIRBY**

Young powerboat driver Henry Hughes, 12, was the star of the show at a ceremony at West Kirby Sailing Club, on Saturday 13<sup>th</sup> November. Henry won the prestigious Honda RYA Youth RIB Championship, 8 to 12 year old category, two months ago. His prize was a brand new Honwave T40 powerboat, with a Honda BF20 engine, for his club. On Saturday, club members, officials and VIPs were there to celebrate the arrival of the new powerboat at the club.

West Kirby SC Commodore Kay Johnson greeted guests including RYA officials Andrew Norton, Adrian Bannister and Michael Moore, and Wirral West MP Esther McVey, at the ceremony. A great crowd of club members joined them to welcome home Henry and his prize.

Henry won the national title at his fourth attempt, having the remarkable record of qualifying for the national final as NW regional champion in four successive years. But practice made perfect this year, and Henry was delighted with his title win, as were his club when they heard he would be bringing them such a fantastic prize.

As the VIPs gathered round, it was time for the new boat to get wet, as Henry poured the champagne over its bows, before getting the boat properly wet by launching it into the waters in front of the club. The honour of driving the boat on its maiden voyage could go to no other than Henry, as he showed off its paces.

Andrew Norton, RYA Motor Cruising Projects Manager said: “Over the last eight years of the Championship some 18,000 youngsters have taken part demonstrating that it is not only developing boat handling skills but is great fun too. Our special thanks go to Honda and Ribcraft who are far more than sponsors, they are partners in this project to build the standards of young RIB drivers like Henry.”

Kay Johnson, Commodore of West Kirby Sailing Club added: “We are very proud of Henry's Championship victory. As a club which plays a big part in its community, we hope to introduce many more youngsters, and newcomers generally, to our sport in the future. Henry is the latest in a long line of West Kirby Sailing Club members who have made their mark in our sport over the years and we look forward to many more similar achievements in the future.”

The Honda RYA Youth RIB Championship allows youngsters to demonstrate their skills as expert boat handlers and improve their skills in a safe, controlled environment. To ensure safety at all times each child is accompanied in the RIB by a competent adult/instructor.

Special thanks go to Championship sponsors Honda and Ribcraft.

## **WINDSURFING**

### **WINDSURFING WARRIORS WHIZ TO THIRD PLACE AT NATIONAL FINAL**

Youth windsurfing team West Kirby Warriors seized third place at the RYA Team15 (T15) Champions Cup on 9-10 October. This Cup Final for young windsurfers was held at Northampton Sailing Club, Pitsford, and the Warriors were there as North West regional champions after showing impressive form all through the year in RYA T15 Regional interclub events.

But competition at the Cup was sure to be tough, after more than 120 kids in nine teams arrived at the event, including teams hailing from as far afield as Scotland and Cornwall. Every team was the champion of its region.

In brisk breezes, the competitors whizzed around two courses in their four different classes of 3.5metre, 4.5m, 5.8m, and Techno 6.8m, with these different sail sizes allowing kids of all ages and sizes to get the best out of their sailboards. Each class had up to nine races over the weekend.

West Kirby Warriors fielded a strong 15 person team, a mix of boys and girls of all ages up to 15. The standout individual performance by a Warrior was by Oliver Bradley Baker in the 4.5 metres. With 34 competitors, this was the biggest class at the Cup, and Oliver beat all comers in that class, winning a cliff hanger of a contest by just a single point after nine races.

Team wise, the team of four West Kirby competitors in the beginners' 3.5 metre class sailed really well with all four Warriors taking top ten places, including William Mooney in second, Sam Kelly in fourth and Oliver Eastwood in fifth. The Warriors in these two introductory classes were scoring very well, but they were backed up by a quartet of Warriors in the 5.8 metres, who all took top twenty places, led by Rupert Trambusti in tenth, and by a Warriors duo in the 6.8 metres.

The Champions Cup went for a second year to the North Lincs Invaders, but the Warriors took third place and showed their potential to go even higher in the future with these excellent results among the younger sailors.

RYA T15 Manager Gillian Wright commended the efforts of the competitors. "This year's Team15 Champions Cup has been absolutely brilliant. The kids have been working really hard out on the water and they have all had a fantastic time.

"The standard of sailing has been really high and each year the competition goes from strength to strength. We will be looking forward to next season's T15 windsurfing, starting again in April/May 2011 and we hope to see even more youngsters windsurfing with Team15."

## **DINGHY RACING**

### **Patience & Bithell take RYA National Ranking Series**

On October 9/10, Luke Patience and Stuart Bithell won the last of the National Ranking Series for the 470 class, at Weymouth. They took the Series, with Phil Sparks/ Chris Grube in second and Nic Asher/ Elliot Willis in third.

They have just taken bronze medal at the Perth International Regatta, Fremantle.

## **TEAM RACING**

### **RYA Eric Twiname Team Racing hat-trick for West Kirby youths**

It was a hat-trick for West Kirby Sailing Club's under 19 team racers on weekend 16-17 October as they lifted the youth trophy for the third year running at the 2010 RYA Eric Twiname Team Racing Champions, Farmoor Reservoir, Oxford.

West Kirby made no mistake in retaining their title racking up an unbeaten record on Saturday's opening day to sit as comfortable overnight leaders in the 24 team strong youth fleet. The day's steady winds and bright sunshine meant the event got off to a great start with over 220 first phase round-robin races completed across the two fleets.

On Sunday as the morning progressed the wind filled in slightly and allowed for another 48 races to take place. West Kirby continued their winning form. With a late start to the day time was limited and the knockout phase was cancelled. As the highest ranked teams from the round-robin phase, 'West Kirby' and 'Bluefin' were named 2010 champions.

An ecstatic Cameron Douglas of West Kirby admitted his team, Sophie Shepherd, Fred Williams, Sam Robinson, Mike Moruzzi and Sarah Lombard weren't sure they were on high enough form to seal their victory this year: "It's pretty amazing to get the hat-trick – we weren't quite sure it was going to happen this year as we'd not managed to get as much training in as we had done in previous years but everyone sailed really well it's been a great event," he explained.

"We had plenty of tricky races but we managed to pull through and we did what we needed to do to take home the trophy once again," he continued.

Douglas added: "Team racing is completely different to fleet racing it's much more intense, much shorter, and there are more manoeuvres. It's less about the boat speed and I think it's more exciting than fleet racing but it's great to do them both and it certainly teaches you a lot."

Event Director David Campbell-James hailed the event a great success, saying, "The volunteers have been fantastic – there's a lot of preparation work that goes into the event beforehand and our team of volunteers have been absolutely pivotal. Oxford Sailing Club has been very involved in the running of the event and much of the event success is down to them."

**Youth** 1<sup>st</sup> – West Kirby Sailing Club

**Junior** 1<sup>st</sup> – Bluefin

## **TEAM RACING CHALLENGE**

### **West Kirby go Down Under for Team Challenge in Tasmania**

A West Kirby team joined hosts Royal Yacht Club of Tasmania at an international team racing challenge.

The RYCT team won 5-3 in the challenge, sailed on Hobart's River Derwent in the club's Elliott 5.9 sports boats.

As a result of the success of the inaugural challenge, the RYCT will draw up a deed of gift and other clubs will be invited to challenge each year.

West Kirby Sailing Club has always been at the forefront of UK and international team racing, including a recent series against the New York Yacht Club.

## **AWARDS**

## **Wright scoops Athlete of the Year at Skandia Team GBR awards**

Britain's sailors celebrated yet another bumper year in style at the fifth annual Skandia Team GBR Awards Dinner, held at the DeVere Hotel, Wokefield Park, on 15 October, with Finn star Ed Wright collecting the top prize of the evening.

Both sailors and support staff were honoured, as they celebrated the team's achievements during 2010 which saw a total of 47 medals won at World and European Championships and 32 podium positions at major ISAF Sailing World Cup events.

Now in its fifth year, this incentive scheme encourages Skandia Team GBR sailors and support staff to vote to decide which of them had this year best displayed one of three of the team's core values of 'Collaboration', 'Fun' and 'Gold Driven'. Cash awards of £1,500 were up for grabs for the each of the four winners, and £500 each for the runners-up and the top-voted Development Squad sailor in each category.

The 'Golden Funnel' award for coaching excellence, was given to Laser coach Chris Gowers while the evening also saw performance bonus cheques handed out by RYA Olympic Manager Stephen Park to numerous sailors who'd medalled at major regattas during 2010.

"The evening is all about giving recognition to everyone who has delivered medals for STGBR through the year. It's the sailor's and support staff's once in a year opportunity to really let their hair down and celebrate that great success they've had through the course of this year," Park explained.

### **Winners included:**

#### **British Olympic Association Athlete of the Year:**

Ed Wright (Finn)

#### **Accenture Rewards and Recognition Programme:**

##### **"Fun"**

Runner-up: Stuart Bithell (470)

##### **"Gold Driven"**

Runner-up: Luke Patience (470)

#### **Performance bonuses presented to:**

Alexandra Rickham & Niki Birrell – SKUD  
(*Gold – IFDS World Championships*)

Luke Patience & Stuart Bithell - 470  
(*Bronze – European Championships, Bronze – Sail For Gold*)

## **WINTER SAILING**

### **Leigh and Lowton Winter Series under way**

One of the UK's best winter sailing programmes has started at Leigh and Lowton Sailing Club. The programme started on 7th November with the Guy Fawkes Pursuit race and completes on 6th March 2011 after the UK's biggest winter series the Topsy Icicle.

After the Guy Fawkes Race, the Revett Series starts on 14th November with two races each Sunday starting at midday and lasts for five weeks. Fleets sailed with separate starts will be Asymmetric, Handicap and Lasers.

A further pursuit race will take place on New Year's Day (12:40 opi start).

On the 2nd January the much anticipated UK's Biggest Winter Series, the Topsy Icicle, will start on 2nd January and run for 10 weeks until the 6th March. Fleets again will consist of Asymmetric, Handicap and Lasers.

Visitors can pay on a week by week basis or pay for a full series. Visitors paying up for the full series are welcome to leave their boats at the club for the duration of that series. For further details go to [www.llsc.org.uk](http://www.llsc.org.uk).

## **Winter Frostbite series X 2 at Crosby SC near Liverpool.**

Autumn series continues through to weekend before Christmas. End of each month pursuit races included, other weeks have starts for Laser, Solo and handicap. 12 noon starts.

Second series starts after New Year until first weekend April. Same format.  
Sponsored by Liverpool Powerboats. £25 per series.

Held at a brand new £10 million watersports centre, which has a Bistro / bar & accommodation. Salt water lake which does not freeze over very often.

Info on centre website  
[www.crosbylakeside.co.uk](http://www.crosbylakeside.co.uk)

## **ENVIRONMENT**

### **Deadline extended for ALL Clubs to Apply for a Volvo Eco Challenge Grant**



The deadline for applications to the Volvo Eco Challenge, which offers ALL sailing clubs (not just Volvo Champion Clubs) the chance to win up to £5000 to go towards an environmental project, has been extended! By completing the online application form and returning before 1 December 2010, your club can still be in with a chance to share the £20,000 prize fund.

Young people between the ages of 8 and 16 can enter by submitting a project which must focus on one or more of these five categories: Energy Saving & Resource Efficiency, Waste & Recycling, Water, Wildlife and Biodiversity or a Green Event at your club.

For more information, ideas, read previous case studies and to download an application form go to [www.volvocars.co.uk/ecochallenge](http://www.volvocars.co.uk/ecochallenge)

Missed the Volvo Eco Challenge deadline but still have an idea for a project?

Then fear not, The Green Blue's [Grant Scheme](#) is aimed at helping clubs with some quick environmental wins that could save energy and money. With grants of up to £500 available, clubs could look at anything from installing low energy light bulbs and placing water saving bags in the loos, to greening an event or encouraging more recycling. Just download an [application form](#), complete and email or post it to The Green Blue. There's no deadline for applications but the pot of money is limited so be sure to get your application in sooner rather than later.

## CLUB DEVELOPMENT



In the UK there is an amazing array of people who work together to create vibrant clubs that keep our sports alive. To recognise and promote their outstanding achievements we launched this Award for clubs in 2007.

*'Is your club successful at . . . . ?'*

- ✓ Encouraging people to get on the water
- ✓ Providing a range of quality and safe activities for all
- ✓ Attracting new club members and volunteers
- ✓ Engaging with the local community, particularly young people
- ✓ Demonstrating good governance and club management

*'Could your club be the best in the UK?'*

Clubs are invited to apply by **22nd November 2010**

Applications\* will be considered by the RYA Awards Panel. Five clubs will receive Awards and an overall winner will be announced at the Dinghy Sailing Show in March 2011.

Three clubs will also be put forward to the CCPR 'Sports Club of the Year' Award 2011 which has a first prize of £6,000.

For more information and to download the application form, go to  
[www.rya.org.uk/go/cluboftheyear](http://www.rya.org.uk/go/cluboftheyear)

If you do not have access to the web, please call  
RYA Sport Development on 02380 604 192 / 199 to be sent a form.

*'A great opportunity to put your club on the map!'*

## REGIONAL DEVELOPMENT

### Instructor Training & Courses

#### Dinghy

- RYA **Dinghy Instructors** course @ **Water Park, Coniston**  
28<sup>th</sup> March – 1<sup>st</sup> April **2011**  
Contact: 01229 88545
- RYA **Dinghy Advanced Instructors** course @ **Water Park, Coniston**  
9/10<sup>th</sup> April **2011**  
Contact: 01229 88545
- RYA **Dinghy Advanced Instructors** course @ **Water Park, Coniston**  
15/16<sup>th</sup> October **2011**  
Contact: 01229 88545
- RYA **Dinghy Instructors** course @ **Water Park, Coniston**  
22/23<sup>rd</sup> October & 12-14<sup>th</sup> November **2011**  
Contact: 01229 88545

### Other Courses

**RYA First Aid course** - 12<sup>th</sup> February 2011 @ Hollingworth Lake Water Activity Centre

### Dates for the Diary

**RYA West Zone Club & Coach Conference** – Sunday 5<sup>th</sup> December 2010 @ The Anderton Centre, Chorley

**Principals Conference** – 5/6<sup>th</sup> February 2011

**RYA Dinghy Show** – 5/6<sup>th</sup> March 2011

**2011 North West Instructor Conference** - Saturday 19<sup>th</sup> March 2011

- Venue: Hollingworth Lake (Sailing club , Rowing club & Activity Centre)
- Bookings will be online and open in December

## OnBoard Update



### **Cumbria Partnership – Dave Woodhead**

Dave Woodhead has become the ODO for the Cumbria and will be looking after & developing the Cumbria partnership on a part time basis.

### **Greater Manchester Partnership – Adam McGovern**

#### **ONBOARD YOUNGSTERS MAKE A SPLASH AT SALFORD**

There was fun both on and off the water at the OnBoard Fun Festival on 29<sup>th</sup> October at Salford Watersports Centre. 10 teams of youngsters from across the Region completed a range of wet and dry challenges on a mild day with good breezes.

47 children of ages five up to 17 came in teams from Burwain Sailing Club, Salford Junior Sailing Club, Hollingworth Lake Activity Club, West Lancashire Yacht Club, Astbury Sailsports and Glossop Sailing Club. All the children had learned to sail with the RYA's OnBoard initiative, and all were keen to show off their skills in friendly competition.

The Fun Festival was the final event in the Manchester OnBoard series, and in teams of three to six kids, the teams joined in a number of tricky challenges. In one, the child steering the boat was blindfolded, and had to sail guided only by the instructions of his/her non blindfolded team mate. Onshore, there was nappy racing, with kids wearing their buoyancy aids round their legs, and regularly tripping up! There was conventional fleet racing on the water, in which each team selected their champion to go into battle against the other team reps.

In all there were eight types of race, and five of the ten teams won one or more events, so competition was keen. The winning team were Astbury Popular, while Hollingworth and Burwain both showed promise in the fleet racing. West Lancashire took the award for youngest team, after including children as young as five in their team!

The organiser, RYA OnBoard Development Officer Adam McGovern said, "The weather gods seemed to be with us, which made for a fantastic day's racing. It was great to see so many teams, plus such young kids joining in the fun. It was a really good way to finish the OnBoard season here in the Manchester area."

## **RYA Awards**

RYA Award – Graham Knox

Lifetime Commitment – David Wainwright (Redesmere SC)

Outstanding Contribution – Robert Eastcott (Redesmere SC)

## **Funding:**

### **RYA North West 2:1 funding on Instructor courses**

I have up to £700 available for funding club volunteers on Instructor courses, if your club would like to put in an application for 2:1 funding for your members who have completed (and passed) an Instructor course please e-mail me and I will send you the request form. This is valid for people who live in the North West, volunteer at a club and did the course (Dinghy, Windsurf or Powerboat Instructor) in the North West.

### **Sport England Small Grants Scheme –**

The small grants programme will provide funding for community-level activities that help people become involved in sport, keep people in sport or help people improve their performance at their chosen sport. The programme will be open to bona fide not-for-profit organisations, including applicants from sports clubs, voluntary or community organisations, local authorities, education establishments (such as schools, colleges and universities). Projects will need to demonstrate how they contribute to growing and sustaining participation in community sport or helping improve performance in sport. Funding will not be available to individuals.

[http://funding.sportengland.org/funding\\_programmes/small\\_grants.aspx](http://funding.sportengland.org/funding_programmes/small_grants.aspx)

## **RACING**

### **HPM Report**

#### **RACING COACH LEVEL 2 COURSES**

These courses continue to be popular. Any club wanting to hold a course needs to put their request in early as the coaches get booked up very quickly. The list of courses and further details about courses can be found by going to [www.ryaracingevents.org.uk](http://www.ryaracingevents.org.uk), then scroll down the page and click on RYA COACHING COURSES.

You will need to revalidate your qualification every 3 years. More information on revalidation can be found on the RYA website:

<http://www.rya.org.uk/coursestraining/coachestrainersinstructors/racecoaches/Pages/Howtorevalide.aspx>

## **CLUB AND COACH FUNDING**

A good number of clubs from the region continue to take up the offer of funding. Coaches are getting booked up, so if you haven't booked dates with either myself, or coaches, please get in touch asap.

## **RYA COACH AND CLUB CONFERENCES**

This Year's conferences will be at;

North – Yorkshire Dales SC (TBC). Saturday 4<sup>th</sup> December

West – Anderton Centre, Chorley, Lancs. Sunday 5<sup>th</sup> December

If anybody has any questions or queries regarding anything above, please call!

Many Thanks  
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## **RYA NW REGION**

### **AGM Report**

Our Region AGM was held on 2<sup>nd</sup> November at The Mount, Orrell, Wigan. The reports were received by an attentive audience of some 30 Club representatives. The success of our Training Forum and greatly increased activity in our North West Junior Travellers Series was especially welcomed. A revised Terms of Reference to replace our Region Constitution was the main feature of the Agenda. Although this is subject to subsequent review and acceptance by RYA Council, it was unanimously supported at the meeting. The main difference is the election at the AGM of all four Region Officers (currently only the Secretary and Treasurer are elected at the meeting). Otherwise it is framed to follow more closely other Region Terms and current RYA practice.

The Secretary, Graham Knox, has stood down after 9 years in the role and Paul Harkness of Lake District Boat Club has been elected to succeed him. David Helme, of Delph SC, was re-elected as Hon. Treasurer. The following names had been nominated for election to the Committee: Geoff Meggitt (MCA), Mrs Louise Halliwell (West Lancs YC), Stephen Hunt (Bassenthwaite SC), Graham Knox (Hollingworth Lake SC).

Standing down after very many years of service to the Committee were Cedric Selby and John Friend. Both are past Regional Chairmen. Both have also served on RYA Council.

John was much involved with the Racing Division and continues to work on behalf of RYA and our national interest via EUROSAF and ISAF.

Cedric was a Past Vice-Chairman of RYA Council and has been a long time member of the RYA's Cruising and Government Affairs Committee and has been elected to serve again on RYA Council as a representative of personal members. This, we believe, will mean that he has served on Council for over 20 years in the last 30. He is also involved with the Central Council for Physical Recreation. While we are sorry to see them stand down, we are assured that they remain committed and available to offer their experience and advice to the Region.

After the formal part of the meeting, a presentation was given by Jackie Bennetts on volunteering. This was most informative and reflected the experience Jackie has gained as RYA Volunteering Officer.

## **RYA PUBLICATIONS**

### **New this month**

RYA Sail Logbook	Bob Dearn	£14.99
RYA Personal Logbook	Bob Dearn	£14.99
RYA Go Green!	Claudia Myatt	£9.99
RYA CEVNI Handbook	Rob Gibson	£5.99

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