

RYA NW MONTHLY NEWSLETTER

July 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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This month's highlights include;

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START SAILING

BUGS TAKE FLIGHT ON WINDIEST DAY AT BURWAIN

60 children from clubs all over the region came to enjoy a festival of sailing at Burwain Sailing Club, Colne, on Sunday 11th July. The children came from six clubs in the North Manchester area, where the RYA OnBoard initiative is successfully introducing many youngsters to the sport of sailing. Brisk, dry weather made ideal conditions for this OnBoard Laser Bug Day.

In fact, this was the windiest OnBoard event yet in the Region but the young sailors were quickly at home in the little Bug dinghies, and were soon flying round the lake in the morning practice

session. There were games on land as well for the fun fleet, while the more experienced sailors prepared to join the racing fleet in the afternoon.

With winds of up to 20mph, there was no shortage of excitement in the afternoon as racing started. Three races produced three different winners. Alex Dunston, 15, took the first race, but James Grummett, 11, improved with every race, and a win in the last race helped him to win overall by just two points from Lauren Smith, 14, from Salford Junior Sailing Club, who sailed very consistently. Alex took third place overall.

Meanwhile the fun sailors enjoyed some team relay races, and Team Hollybees ended up on top, with Team Actimal in second.

The sailors were sailing a fleet of 30 Laser Bug dinghies, kindly loaned for the day by sponsor Laser Performance.

The OnBoard Bug Day was a great day for competition between the OnBoard clubs in the Manchester North area, and teams came from Sailing Clubs at Burwain, Glossop, Hollingworth Lake and Salford, plus from two activity centres, Hollingworth Lake Activity Centre and Astbury Sailsports. The attendance, of 60 kids, was nearly 50% up on last year's event, showing the growing popularity of OnBoard in the area.

One of the kids, Charlotte Gatty, from Burwain, said, "Today was awesome; I was so excited this morning!"

Excited that morning for another reason was organiser Adam McGovern, the RYA OnBoard Development Officer. "I was a bit nervous when I woke up to see how windy it was. But the kids amazed me; they sailed so well in such difficult conditions. What was even better was that they all loved the windy conditions!"

The prize giving went with a swing helped by generous doses of prizes from two sponsors, Laser Performance and Harken. There were plenty of individual prizes as well as the overall ones above. Burwain sailors Olivier Bates and Charlotte Gatty received prizes for the most improved sailors. In the brisk breezes, capsizes were common, and Nathan Smith and Jack Monaghan, both of Glossop Sailing Club, were awarded the Endurance prize for carrying on after the most capsizes. Astbury's Owen Maccuish received a prize for his Almost Perfect Start.

Thanks go to Burwain Sailing Club for hosting a fantastic event, to our sponsors, and to the volunteers who helped.

Run by the RYA, OnBoard is a grass roots programme which introduces sailing and windsurfing to young people aged 8 to 18, through schools, youth groups and training centres.

Over a ten year period OnBoard aims to introduce a minimum of 500,000 children to sailing and windsurfing in the UK, converting over 10% of them into regular participants. So far it's nicely on track. For more information about how to get involved in sailing visit the RYA's website www.rya.org.uk or the OnBoard website www.ruob.co.uk.

Results

Racing fleet

1. James Grummett, Burwain
2. Lauren Smith, Salford Juniors
3. Alex Dunston, Burwain

Fun Fleet Relay races

1. Team Hollybees
2. Team Actimal

START SAILING

53 Kids Come OnBoard at West Kirby

53 children from five clubs flocked to the OnBoard Festival at West Kirby on July 3rd. The event is the annual OnBoard Festival for the Cheshire and Merseyside Region, and there were competitions and prizes at stake for teams and individual sailors.

Weather was perfect with a Force 2-3 and sunshine, with breeze building in the afternoon. In the morning the young sailors polished up their basic skills, prior to taking to the race track in the afternoon.

A combined team of Schools Youth Sailing and Canoeing Association (SYSCA) and Neston High School took the overall team prize, after winning the most races. Official supplier RS Racing brought along six extra dinghies for the sailors to use, while Henri Lloyd demonstrated their products and provided some prizes alongside Harken. In the RS Feva class, the winning pair was Simon Joyce (helm) and Michael Hamilton (crew). Many of the children took deserved merit prizes.

Not only the children had a good time, but their parents were given the chance to try out sailing too, taken out by experienced West Kirby members on "joyrides".

Winning Feva helm Simon Joyce said, "I really enjoyed the West Kirby OnBoard Festival. The wind was just right. It got windier later and there were a few capsize but I didn't capsize myself!" Organiser Luke Shaw, the RYA OnBoard Development Officer for Cheshire and Merseyside, said, "It was a fantastic day that ended with smiles everywhere, sailors and parents, and people keen to go sailing again- brilliant! A big thank you to the Club and all the volunteers that made it happen and the sailors who brought bags of enthusiasm."

Teams at the event were; West Kirby Sailing Club, SYSCA, Neston High School, Astbury Sailsports, and Hoylake Sea Cadets.

WINDSURFING

WARRIORS FIGHT OFF ASTBURY CHALLENGE AT GLOSSOP

"Who's pulled the plug out?" That was the reaction of young windsurfers as they arrived at Torside Reservoir, Glossop. Water levels were well below normal and the beaches much bigger, but luckily there was enough water to sail on, and the five T15 teams quickly got down to business at this, the third event of the RYA T15 West Zone 2010 series, held on July 10th. T15 windsurfing clubs are based all over the UK, and are for kids up to the age of 15 to learn to windsurf and to race.

Other than the low water, sailing conditions were perfect at Glorious Glossop, with a steady Force 2 to 3 wind blowing straight down the lake, giving the youngsters the chance of some fast sailing. Competition was in four different classes, using different sizes of sail. Most popular were the beginner/ intermediate classes, the 3.5 metre and 4.5 metre classes, each mustering twelve competitors and giving good racing. The 3.5 metre class held nine short races, and four different youngsters won races. Top performer was Oliver Eastwood of the West Kirby Warriors, followed by team mate Milo Callaghan, with Emma Kersely of the Hollingworth Hunters third.

Isaac Bradley Baker ran away with the 4.5 metre class, winning all six races for West Kirby, while team mates Samson King and Frances McNab took second and third.

In the 5.8 metre class, sailed on a longer Olympic type course, there was an equally runaway win for Rupert Trambusti, of West Kirby Warriors, but Team Astbury picked up second and third places through Adam Beeby and Max Webb.

But the finale was in the fastest, Techno 6.8 metre class, which was not only the fastest, but also the best contested of all the classes. Here the event favourites, West Kirby came a cropper, as other teams took centre stage. Winner by just a single point after six races was Scott Collins, making his team's first podium position in style with first place for Manley Mere Katz. Scott took the last two races to overtake his closest opponent, Richard Wardle of Team Astbury who had to settle for second place. Sarah Jackson weighed in with more points for Team Astbury, taking third.

West Kirby had won both of this year's previous events comfortably, and made it three in a row, finishing 13 points ahead of nearest challengers Team Astbury in second. Hollingworth Hunters took third, with Manley Mere Katz in fourth and home team Glorious Glossop fifth.

Some of the up and coming young windsurfers received Merit or Techno awards;
3.5m class, Merit Awards: Samantha Roberts, Hollingworth, and Jack Matthews, Glossop.
Techno Award: Katherine McNab, West Kirby
4.5m class, Merit: Abigail Duckworth, Glossop. Techno Award: Ryan Bolton, Hollingworth.
5.5m class, Techno Award: Charlotte Rutter, West Kirby.

The final event in the T15 West Zone interclub series will be at West Kirby on September 18th, where the Warriors will have the chance to complete an unbeaten record for 2010. But Team Astbury and the others may have something to say about that, and are sure to come out fighting.

Supported by industry leaders Tushingham/Starboard, Windsurf magazine, Boards magazine, Neil Pryde and Boardwise, T15 was set up by the RYA to help make windsurfing more accessible and appealing to youngsters at a grass roots level.

POWERBOATING

HENRY ROARS TO FOUR AS GLOSSOP GO ONE-TWO-THREE

The best young RIB drivers in the Region went head to head on Saturday 3rd July at Torside Reservoir, Glossop, by Stockport, at the North West Regional Final of the Honda RYA Youth RIB Championship.

There were contests for drivers in each of the two age categories of 8-12 years and 13-16 years, with each going round the same tight slalom course, which tested both speed and finesse. The Championship attracted a very strong local entry from the host club, Glossop and District Sailing Club, plus others from further afield.

One such was Henry Hughes, the only visitor in the 8 to 12 year old class. Henry, age 12, from West Kirby Sailing Club rated as a grizzled veteran of the event, having won it for three successive years from 2007. Would his experience tell? He was up against a pair of local drivers, Holly Oatway, 11, and Jade Ward, 11. Henry made a good time round the course, of 1 minute 27.72 seconds, and this gave him a fourth win by a more than comfortable half minute margin, with Holly second and Jade third for the local club. This is believed to be the first time a competitor has managed four wins in a row, and if he moves up to the 13-16 year category next year, his number of title wins could rival Rafael Nadal's!

Competitors in the 13-16 year class also included a previous event winner, Abigail Duckworth, 14, who won last year. But on the day, 15 year old Dominic Curry was just too hot for Abigail and the other competitors, as he scorched round the course in 1 minute 9.72 seconds. Abigail took second, just a couple of seconds ahead of third placed Jessica Morris, 14. It was a great result for the host club, with Glossop & District SC drivers taking all three podium places.

Dominic and Henry now go forward to compete against all the other regional winners for the UK title at Southampton in September. A delighted Henry said, "I really enjoyed driving the boats with the more powerful engines and can't wait for the finals in Southampton. Maybe I'll be 4th time lucky!"

The Honda RYA Youth Rib Championship, sponsored by Honda and Ribcraft, is a National Championship in which 8-16 year old RIB (Rigid Inflatable Boat) drivers can demonstrate their boat handling skills in a race around the clock with the goal of winning a 5m Ribcraft or a Honwave T40 for their club.

David Hodgkinson, Marketing Communications Manager for event sponsor Honda said: "Our continued association with the RYA Youth RIB Championship allows us to inspire and encourage young people to pursue their passion for boating and engage in worthwhile team-based social activities. Furthermore it allows us to underline our commitment to safety and best practice – something which we take extremely seriously as a major manufacturer of engines and inflatables."

Thanks to Championship sponsors Honda, and Ribcraft.

For more information about the Honda RYA Youth RIB Championship, details on how to get involved and a list of regional finals scores visit www.rya.org.uk .

REGIONAL DEVELOPMENT

RYA Regional Development Officers Report – June 2010

RTC Status & Inspections

- 94 training centres in the NW
- 5 new centres so far in 2010
- 53% of Inspections currently completed (as of 25th June 2010)

Instructor Training & Courses

Dinghy

- **RYA Dinghy Instructors** course @ **Hollingworth Lake Water Activity Centre**
9th – 13th August
Contact: 01706 370499
- **RYA Dinghy Instructors** course @ **Water Park, Coniston**
16th – 20th August 2010
Contact: 01229 88545

- RYA **Dinghy Instructors** course @ **Water Park, Coniston**
22-24th October & 5-7th November 2010
Contact: 01229 88545
- **Informal Advanced Dinghy Instructors Training_weekend @ Water Park, Coniston**
11/12th September 2010
Contact: 01229 885456
- RYA **Advanced Dinghy Instructors** course @ **Water Park, Coniston**
9/10th October 2010
Contact: 01229 885456

Windsurf

- RYA **Start Windsurf Instructors** course @ **Water Park, Coniston**
27th Sept – 1st October 2010
Contact: 01229 885456

Powerboat

- RYA **Powerboat Instructors** course @ **Debdale Outdoor Centre**
1st – 3rd October 2010
Contact: 0161 2235182
- RYA **Powerboat Instructors** course @ **Hollingworth Lake Water Activity Centre**
13/14th & 20th November 2010
Contact: 01706 370499

OnBoard Date for Diary

Cumbria Partnership – Sally Kilpatrick

OnBoard Festivals - 3rd October @ Low Wood Watersports

Team 15 Update

Final 2010 West Zone Regional T15 event:

- 18th September @ West Kirby

For more details please contact: miker.team15@googlemail.com



More Adults SAILING More Often

One of the RYA's primary objectives is to inspire more adults to go sailing more often. The RYA Sport Development Department is keen to engage with RYA clubs and training centres who wish to see more adults sailing/windsurfing more often. The initial key focus is encouraging existing sailors to get more active and out on the water more often, but will naturally include attracting new comers to the sport. Funding for this initiative has come through a successful application to Sport England as part of the RYA Whole Sport Plan 2009 - 2013.

A key project is the Regional Club Coaches Scheme for Adults, launched this year. Working with your RYA Regional Development Officer we can actively assist clubs and centres through the **Regional Club Coaches Scheme (RCC's)** to encourage their members and participants to go afloat on a regular basis. RCC's work in partnership with key RYA clubs and training centres offering practical advice and support to encourage regular sailing activity. Although this is a relatively new initiative we have already helped/in the process of helping a number of clubs and training centres to identify and deliver (through sports development plans) the following:

- ✓ Volunteer training days: e.g. pre-season/end of season instructor training days
- ✓ Training courses of benefit to club volunteers.
- ✓ Helping clubs become RYA Training Centres or extend their existing recognition
- ✓ Running class specific training days for clusters of clubs in an area
- ✓ Advice on marketing and promoting your club or training centre
- ✓ Advice on funding opportunities

Please note that this funding is limited. Therefore if you want to get involved with the scheme get in touch with your **RYA Regional Development Officer** on sally.kilpatrick@rya.org.uk

Funding:

Sport England Small Grants Scheme –

http://funding.sportengland.org/funding_programmes/small_grants.aspx

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.

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, 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/Howtorevali date.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.

SQUAD TRAINING

We are now starting to plan venues for next year's squad training, see below. Next year, as per this year, for the double handers we plan to run a North Feva Squad as well as a North Mirror Squad and a North Cadet Squad.

PROVISIONAL RYA ZONE SQUAD DATES 2010/2011

West Optimist

Land day Nov-06 Keele University

ZS1 Nov 13/14 Bartley

ZS2 Dec 04/05 West Kirby

ZS3 Jan 15/16 Rutland

ZS4 Jan 29/30 Budworth

ZS5 Feb 26/27 Carsington

ZS6 Mar 12/13 Pwllheli

West Topper

Land day Nov-06 Keele University

ZS1 Nov 13/14 West Kirby

ZS2 Nov 27/28 Bartley

ZS3 Jan 08/09 Leigh and Lowton

ZS4 Feb 05/06 Blithfield

ZS5 Mar 12/13 Pwllheli

ZS6 Mar 26/27 Carsington

N/W Windsurf

Land day Nov-07 Leeds Trinity

ZS1 Nov 27/28 Rossendale Valley

ZS2 Jan 15/16 Northampton

ZS3 Feb 05/06 North Lincs

ZS4 Mar 12/13 Carsington

ZS5 Easter camp WPNSA

ZS6 May 21/22 Northampton

North Cadet

Land day Nov-06 New Green Centre, Thurston

ZS1 Nov 20/21 Alton Water

ZS2 Dec 11/12 Rutland

ZS3 Jan 08/09 Stone

ZS4 Jan 22/23 Datchet

ZS5 Mar 19/20 RCYC

ZS6 Apr 02/03 Waldringfield

North Mirror

Land day Nov-06 Keele University

ZS1 Nov 20/21 South Staffs

ZS2 Dec 11/12 Yorkshire Dales

ZS3 Jan 8/9 Blithfield

ZS4 Jan 22/23 Beaver

ZS5 Mar 12/13 Carsington

ZS6 Mar 26/27 Pwllheli

North Feva

ZS1 Nov 13/14 Yorkshire Dales

ZS2 Dec 11/12 Ogston

ZS3 Jan 08/09 tbc

ZS4 Feb 05/06 Leigh and Lowton

ZS5 Mar 12/13 Draycote

ZS6 Mar 26/27 Hayling

RYA COACH AND CLUB CONFERENCES

This Year's conferences will be at;

North – Yorkshire Dales SC (TBC). Saturday 4th December

West – Anderton Centre, Chorley, Lancs. Sunday 5th December

KEY DATES

Events that junior and youth sailors might be attending

7 – 15 August 2010: Skandia Sail for Gold Regatta 2010 at Weymouth and Portland National Sailing Academy

25/26 September 2010: The Volvo RYA Zone Championships 2010 at Ullswater YC (West) and Yorkshire Dales SC (North)

16/17 and 23/24 October 2010: Junior and Youth Team Racing Championships 2010, Oxford

TECHNO STEERING GROUP/T15 WINDSURFER TRAINING

Spray Watersports 25th July; Alton Water 1st Aug; Croft Farm 15th Aug; Carsington 5th Sept

These T15 training events are all attached to a Regional inter-club challenge – so why not make a weekend of it? There will be camping available at all venues either on-site or close by.

If you are looking to develop your windsurfing skills further, to be able to enjoy your inter-club challenges more or thinking of trying for a place on the zone squads, why not come along to one or more of these events? Training at all events will be led by an RYA zone squad coach with support from a Fast Forward Instructor.

Entry details are on the techno website www.techno293.org.uk. Entry fee £13.

RYA VOLVO ZONE/HOME COUNTRY CHAMPIONSHIPS 25/26 SEPT 2010

Entries open at www.ryaracingevents.org.uk .

The championship you should enter depends on

1. which class you sail
2. where you live

The RYA Volvo South Zone Championships
Weymouth and Portland National Sailing Academy
All Dragoons; All Laser 4.7s

The RYA Volvo East Zone Championships
The Combined Clubs of Burnham
North / West / East Cadets

The RYA Volvo North Zone Championships

Yorkshire Dales Sailing Club
North Optimists; North Toppers
North / West Windsurfers: 4.5, 5.8 (open), Bic Techno 6.8, Bic Techno 7.8

The RYA Volvo West Zone Championships

Ullswater Yacht Club
West Optimists; West Toppers
North / West / East Fevas; North / West / East Mirrors

VOLVO ECO CHALLENGE 2010

It could be your club this year as Volvo will be running the Eco Challenge again in 2010.

There will be £20,000 up for grabs: 1 x £5000 grant for an outstanding project, 9 x £1000 grants for regional projects and several £500 grants for smaller projects.

Other sports will be eligible to submit applications this year, so make sure yours is a good one!
For more information about getting involved with the Volvo Eco Challenge
contact Gillian.smith@intotheblue.biz

SKANDIA SAIL FOR GOLD REGATTA AT WPNSA

9-14 AUGUST

- This will be the biggest dinghy sailing event ever held in Great Britain
- Over 600 boats are expected with over 100 coach boats
- Many Olympic stars will be there including medallists from China
- There will be a special Spectator day on 14th August, which is the day of the medal races
- If you can't visit the event you can follow the action via the website
- There will be tracking on the race courses so you can watch the racing live
- There will be regular reports posted and in addition snippets from the race course on Twitter
- Results will be posted as soon as we get them
- The notice board will contain details and results of Protests and Rule 42s

Classes racing

470 men 470 women 49er

Finn Laser Radial

RSX men RSX women Star

2.4mR Skud Sonar

Women's Match Racing

For the website go to www.skandiasailforgoldregatta.co.uk

or follow the link from www.ryaracingevents.org.uk

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

Many Thanks
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JUNIOR RACING

25th Junior 12 Hour Race at Southport

The Southport SC junior endurance race, celebrated its 25th anniversary at the Marine Lake with a great turnout and superb Costa del Sunny Southport weather. The event was sponsored by 1stmark.co.uk

31 teams turned out, sailing GP14's, Enterprises and Bosuns. Many parents and representatives from various clubs watch their junior teams race around the lake anti clock wise. The wind was a steady south westerly and changing to a westerly sea breeze, in other words perfect sailing weather.

Throughout the day teams battled for the premier position. Etherow CPSC was in the lead for most of the race, sailing an Enterprise. GP's from South Staffs and Bolton were well in the running. The wind did change through the race and there was only a small leg to fly the spinnaker for the Bosun and the GP. The Enterprises creamed through the fleet and West Lancashire Yacht Club A Team eventually won the event. 2nd was South Staffs Blue, 3rd Etherow CPSC, 4th Southport Purple SC and in 5th was Pilkington A.

YACHT TRAINING

Applications open for 2011 BKA squad selections

The RYA and UKSA have announced their commitment to extend the British Keelboat Academy partnership beyond 2010 as applications open for 2011's squad selection trials which will take place in September.

The Academy was set up in October last year for 18-24 year-olds offering budding young keelboat racers the opportunity to further their skills, experience and knowledge of the sport, fast-tracking their development and progression towards racing at the highest level.

Since its conception, the forty sailors picked for the programme's first two squads have benefitted from expert coaching and guidance, both on and off the water addressing all aspects of running a successful keelboat campaign.

The partners plan to build on the success of the programme's inaugural year.

John Derbyshire explains: "We're really pleased to confirm the continuation of the BKA into 2011. The season has gone well for the academy so far and we have received some positive and constructive feedback from the sailors and other industry professionals which gives us a good base to work from going forward.

“To further maximise the BKA’s objectives of widening access to the sport, smoothing the progression from grass roots to top level campaigning as well as offering the best training and grounding possible for our sailors; we have evaluated our activities and identified some areas we think we can build on for next season’s sailors.”

High on the agenda is addressing the progression through the academy and the jump from J80 sailing up into bigger boat racing on the TP52 JMII.

UKSA Operations Director, Ben Willows comments: “Making as smooth a pathway as possible through the academy is really important in preparing the sailors for whichever direction they want to take their sailing. The step from J80 to TP52 is pretty large so we are exploring how we can make this more progressive.”

And with a number of academy sailors receiving invitations to race and train with high profile boat owners such as Commodore Cup veteran David Aisher this season; further developing relationships with boat owners and professional teams remains at the forefront of the BKA’s future plans.

Working more closely with local clubs and centres to bolster regional keelboat race training at grass roots level is also on the agenda. This should provide a good source of talented young sailors for the BKA as well as providing a wider range of young sailors with the opportunity to develop their keelboat racing skills.

Online applications for 2011 BKA squads are now open with selection trials scheduled for 11-12th and 25-26th of September. Applications close at 5pm on Wednesday 18th August. To apply visit www.britishkeelboatacademy.org

Although the BKA already have a fantastically generous group of sponsors and supporters, it is actively looking for additional funding to help support the programme. Opportunities exist for corporate sponsorship at a range of levels as well as in-kind partners.

BKA’s partners include B&G, Wild Graphics, Hamble Yacht Services, Harken, Henri Lloyd, North Sails, Ocean Safety, Premium Liferrafts and RORC. For more information about the Academy and how you can help with fundraising visit www.britishkeelboatacademy.org.

TEAM RACING

Entries open for RYA Eric Twiname Youth and Junior Team Racing Championships

Entries have opened online for the 2010 RYA Eric Twiname Youth and Junior Team Racing Championships, which are once again gearing up to be a highlight on the RYA Racing calendar.

Last year saw organisers reluctantly turn away entries for 2009’s full-to-capacity event as the popularity of the championships continues to swell. And with automatic selection to the 2011 ISAF Youth Team Racing World Championships up for grabs this year for the winning youth team, organisers are urging teams to submit their entries as early as possible to avoid disappointment.

The 2010 RYA Eric Twiname Youth and Junior Team Racing Championships will take place at Farmoor Reservoir, near Oxford on 16-17 October and entries will be exclusively through the RYA Racing Events website – www.rya.org.uk/racing/events .

Entries will be accepted from teams of six to sail in three-boat teams in Firefly and Feva dinghies for the Youth and Junior events respectively with a maximum of 48 teams accepted; 24 Youth and 24 Junior.

Some 288 youngsters contested the event at Farmoor last October with teams entered from clubs, class associations, schools and RYA National and Zone Squads as well as some private entries.

This year teams will be looking to topple double event Youth Champions West Kirby Youth and 2009 Junior Champions Anglian Express from their perch but for youth teams, the first chance to get their hands on the opportunity to represent GBR in Schull, Ireland, at the World Championships will be at the forefront of their minds.

To enter the RYA Eric Twiname Youth Team Racing Championships 2010, youth entries must be under the age of 19 as of 31st December 2010 but to be eligible for selection onto the 2011 World Championships team, at least two helm and two crew members must also be under the age of 19 as of 31st December 2011.

Junior team entries to the event must be under the age of 16 as of 31st December 2010.

Entries for the 2010 RYA Eric Twiname Youth and Junior Team Racing Championships close on **Monday 20 September** and entry will only be confirmed once payment has been received in full. Entries will be accepted on a first come, first served basis.

REGION

RYA NW Region on the road in 2010

This year, the Region will be holding its Committee meetings at clubs across the Region, which will allow clubs to get a better understanding of the Region's work for boating, while Regional Committee members will pick up local issues affecting the clubs.

The Committee is also assigning its members to act as contact points for a short list of clubs, keeping in touch, and able to air issues from those clubs.

Next Regional Committee meetings are;

21 September at Windermere Motor Boat Racing Club
2 November AGM at The Mount, Orrell

RYA PUBLICATIONS

New this month

AVAILABLE TO ORDER FROM	DUE IN STOCK DATE			
MAY	JUNE	RYA Buying a Secondhand Boat 2 nd ed	Mandy Peters	£5.99
MAY	JU LY	RYA Start	Jon	£8.99

		Powerboating 2 nd edition	Mendez	
MAY	JULY	RYA Pocket Guide to Sea Fishing Baits	Jim O'Donnell	£6.99

RYA books can be ordered at most marina shops, or online from the RYA site. Remember, all RYA members gain a 15% discount on RYA books. Order at www.rya.org.uk/shop or phone the order hotline on 0845 345 0372. RYA Vouchers can also be purchased on the site.

YOUR RYA REGION

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If you would like to be added to the circulation list, please send your e mail address to [jgraham.knox "at" virgin.net](mailto:jgraham.knox@virgin.net).

The newsletter may also be viewed on the RYA NW website, at www.rya-northwest.org.uk.

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