

RYA NW MONTHLY NEWSLETTER

November 2009

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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RYA AWARDS

NORTH WEST SAILORS RECEIVE PRESTIGIOUS AWARDS FROM HRH PRINCESS ROYAL

Roger Allen from Warrington was presented with one of the RYA's most prestigious awards, an RYA Award, on 19 November by HRH the Princess Royal, President of the RYA, at the organisation's annual awards ceremony held in London.

A total of 49 voluntary awards were presented to winners from across the UK from as far afield as the Isle of Wight to County Antrim. Roger was one of just five people nationwide to receive the top ranking RYA Award.

Roger was nominated for his award by RYA council members and was selected as a winner by the Awards panel for his work.

Roger has made an outstanding contribution to the RYA and sailing for over 30 years. He has served as a member of RYA Council, Chairman of the RYA North West Region, Treasurer of the Region for 18 years and an International Judge for 10 years. He is a long time member at Budworth SC. In all of his roles Roger has always been both constructive and very supportive while always being thoughtful and self effacing. He is very worthy of this award in recognition of his long and outstanding service to the sport of sailing and the RYA.

David Williamson, Chairman of RYA NW Region paid tribute, "Above all Roger is a kind and considerate man who has always done his best to put the needs of people first and has married this to his love of sailing."

Rod Carr, RYA Chief Executive said: "The RYA is delighted to make this award in recognition of Roger's enthusiasm and promotion of our sport and many years' contribution to the nation's sailing scene. The work and voluntary time that all 49 RYA winners put into our sport is simply outstanding and it is my pleasure to recognise and celebrate this through these awards."

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

Roger was joined at the lunch by four other sailors from North West England who received RYA Community Awards. Three of these came from one club, Redesmere.

The first was Tim Baker from Goostrey, Cheshire who was presented with an RYA Lifetime Commitment Award.

Club spokesman Colin Barrie said, "Tim's vision led to Redesmere becoming a training centre and achieving RYA recognition. Redesmere Sailing Club's current success can be directly attributed to Tim's influence as the club Treasurer and Commodore. Overall we cannot think of anyone more deserving at Redesmere of a lifetime achievement award based upon his interest and selfless dedication to the development of dinghy sailing. There are many people in North Cheshire who may never have learnt to sail if it wasn't for that original seed idea from Tim of starting a formal training session."

A Redesmere couple, Gary and Brenda Lowe from Congleton, Cheshire, received an RYA Community Award for Outstanding Contribution.

At Redesmere, the number of training opportunities has increased considerably as a result of Gary and Brenda's dedication. For example, they have introduced a Thursday morning social sailing group and a Thursday night Teens Club.

Redesmere spokesman Colin Barrie said, "Their enthusiasm for the club is inspirational and contagious, they give people confidence in their own ability and encourage people to aim high. They ensure everyone who helps on the training team feels appreciated and valued. We don't know where the club would be today if it wasn't for the hard work and dedication of Gary and Brenda. They are a great partnership in every respect."

John Kelly from Swinton, Manchester received an RYA Lifetime Commitment Award. John was selected for his work at Leigh & Lowton Sailing Club.

Michael Baldwin, club spokesman, said, "John simply gives of his time without question. He has ensured that the standard of training and the range of training opportunities available to club members have improved year by year. He has imparted his own extraordinary enthusiasm and dedication to innumerable students and trainees. This training interest began 25 years ago and continues unabated now, belying his current age of 73."

ONBOARD

ONBOARD PERFORMANCE AWARD FOR LOCAL SAILING OFFICER

Adam McGovern, from Littleborough in Greater Manchester, received one of the first ever RYA RS Sailing OnBoard Awards in November for outstanding Performance in his role as OnBoard Development Officer for Manchester North at an awards ceremony held at the Rose Bowl, Southampton.

Adam who works at the Hollingworth Lake Activity Centre was awarded the 'Performance Award', recognising his efforts in developing sailing clubs and centres, involving and encouraging schools to take up the sport and motivating volunteers.

Adam, 25, oversees nine OnBoard sailing clubs in his area, providing young people aged eight to 18 with the opportunity to get into sailing and windsurfing.

In the last three years he has organised numerous fun filled OnBoard festivals for local youngsters and even invited nearby sailing clubs to bring more children along. This year his 'themed' events were a great success including the 8hr race, Bug day and fun end of season regatta.

As a dinghy coach Adam also organises Instructor training when clubs need it, encouraging and running pre-season instructor days. He has helped to find funding for club boats and consequently Hollingworth Lake Sailing Club has now got six new boats.

Adam also regularly takes boats to local fairs and school assemblies and uses his imagination to ensure he creates the best and most suitable sessions to encourage school children to take up sailing.

Victoria Lenz, RYA OnBoard manager says: "The work done by the OnBoard Development Officers across the country is pivotal to the programme and we have introduced these awards to recognise all the hard work the team put in to making it such a success.

Adam is a dedicated and respected ODO who always goes out of his way to help his clubs and ensures he is available to support them. He goes the extra mile to inspire young people to get involved with sailing and windsurfing, many of whom remain permanent participants of the sport."

The Performance Award was one of three awards presented; prizes were also awarded for Innovation and Commitment.

Proud sponsors of the awards were RS Sailing who presented the three winners with specially commissioned trophies to mark their achievements. These perpetual trophies will go on to be presented to future winners of the RYA RS Sailing OnBoard Awards.

Riki Hooker from RS Sailing said: "RS are big fans of the OnBoard scheme. It's our chance to invest in the future of sailing. OnBoard serves to reinforce the next generation of dinghy sailors and to feed us with the passion and participation that we need. The OnBoard Awards were a perfect opportunity to say thank you to some of the people who shape the future of our sport by engaging children into sailing for the first time."

Run by sailing's National Governing Body, the RYA, OnBoard is a highly successful industry supported grass roots programme which seeks to make sailing easier to get into for young people. Over a ten year period the programme aims to introduce a minimum of 500,000 children to sailing in the UK, converting over 10% of them into regular participants. So far it's nicely on track.

To find out more about OnBoard visit www.rya.org.uk .

YOUNG SAILOR OF YEAR

ADAM WINS RYA YOUNG SAILOR OF THE YEAR AWARD

Adam Purcell, from Macclesfield, will soon pick up one of youth sailing's most prestigious awards, the RYA North West Region Young Sailor of the Year Award 2009, in recognition of his sailing achievements throughout the year.

Adam learned to windsurf at Team Astbury, an RYA Team 15 Windsurfing Club. He was soon regularly competing in Inter-Club events. He made a major contribution to the strength of Team Astbury, who became National Champions in 2007. Adam was selected to join the RYA NW Windsurfing Zone Squad in 2006, aged 12.

In 2007 he started competing nationally in the one-design 6.8m Techno fleet. By 2008 his hard work was paying off and he was placed 3rd in his fleet in the UKWA National Series of events. Adam then joined the RYA BIC Techno National Junior Squad, so committing him to more training opportunities and even more events, across the length and breadth of the country.

In 2009, Adam now 14, attended National Events in Weymouth, Bridlington, Rutland, Christchurch, Derwentwater and Mumbles and remarkably has finished 2nd in his class in every event bar one. As a member of the British squad at the European Championships in France, Adam finished 10th. He did however save the best of year 2009 until last – by producing a Bronze medal at the Techno World Championships in Weymouth in August of this year. He was sailing in a quality fleet of 66 boards!

On Saturday 9th January at the Tullet Prebon 2010 London International Boat Show, Adam will join 12 other RYA Regional Award winners from all over the UK for the eagerly anticipated awards ceremony at which they will receive their trophy.

Rod Carr, OBE, Chief Executive, RYA says: "Winning an RYA Regional Young Sailor of the Year Award is a fantastic achievement. Sailing and Powerboating are great sports for young people which are both mentally and physically challenging. The Young Sailor of the Year award highlights just how many youngsters are out enjoying the sport and achieving great things, and I am delighted that this is recognised through the award."

DINGHY RACING

West Kirby sailor is top Youth at Radial Inlands

104 Radials were at Rutland SC for the last event of the season on November 7th & 8th, the Inland Championships. On the first day a light to moderate South Westerly wind saw close racing in flights.

In Race two Cameron Douglas of West Kirby came to prominence, taking second place behind Jon Emmett. Race three completed the heats.

For the finals on Sunday the wind was light all day. The fleets were split in half with the top half being placed in the Alpha fleet. Cameron Douglas took the first race of the day, and then a third place in the final race helped Douglas to finish top Youth and second overall. Another NW sailor, former Topper multi champion Elliot Hanson was also well up the fleet, taking fifth overall.

Overall Results:

1st Jon Emmett (Weir Wood) 7pts
2nd Cameron Douglas (West Kirby) 14pts (1st Youth)
3rd Tom Britz (Royal Lymington) 15pts (1st Junior)
4th Lorenzo Chiavarini (Royal Northern & Clyde) 23pts
5th Elliot Hanson (Redesmere) 27pts

DINGHY RACING

Leigh & Lowton Revett Winter Series pulls the crowds

Fresh to occasional strong SW wind welcomed the members and visitors to the second Sunday, 22 November, of the Revett Winter Series at Leigh and Lowton SC. This series runs over 5 weekends up to and including the 13th December.

2 weeks in & already 102 different helms have sailed in the 3 fleets encompassing the Asymmetric, the Laser and the Handicap. The OOD set a tricky course in a difficult wind direction in a continually shifting breeze. The clubhouse remained busy all day with a number of the senior visitors and members sitting the day out in the warm.

Asymmetric Fleet (14 entries today) - it was a repeat of week 1 with locals Paul and Mike Allen in RS400 1155 making the most of a poor start to lead the first race. However it was Tom Gillard and Nikki Birrell in RS200 1065 who won leaving the Allens settling for second with Hamish Gledhill and Simon Dowse from West Riding taking third place. Competitors continually swapped places in the gusty and shifty conditions of race 2.

Lasers (25 entries today) - after a general recall Stuart Bellfield dominated race 1 with consistent sailing in shifty conditions leading from Chester Candish. The second race saw a change in the leaders with Mike Budd and Dave Shiel jostling for the top spots.

Handicap (20 entries today) - Lucy Yeates in Topper 44388 dominated the first race from local sailor Steve White in the Solo and Mike Webster from Elton SC in Phantom 1100. Race 2 was won by Gareth Williams in the Europe with the Toppers of Curtis Mearns and Jamie Catchpole, Steve White, the Phantoms of Mike Webster and Jez Entwistle all in close contention for the lead.

Series Leaders after Day 2: Asymmetrics – Paul and Mike Allen, RS400 **Handicap** – Mike Webster, Phantom **Lasers** – Dave Shiel

FOR SALE

Pontoons available for sale

Ian Mackay of Vanguard SC, Workington, writes; *Our scheme to put pontoons in Workington harbour at present has been changed to refurbishment of the quay with new ladders and fenders. The Harbour engineer felt the pontoons from Maryport were not suitable for this position.*

So we can now offer for sale 13 pontoons (5 refurbished, 3 could be mended, 5 spares) for £1000. Buyer arranges own transport.

NEW CHAMPION CLUB

Bolton SC is new Champion Club

On Wednesday 11th November Bolton Sailing Club were awarded the esteemed Volvo RYA Champion Club status as recognition of their commitment to youth sailing.

Chris Blackburn, the Royal Yachting Association's (RYA) High Performance Manager for the North and West of England, presented the prestigious award, along with Mike Cosgriff from local Volvo dealership, Hatfields Volvo.

Bolton Sailing Club, based on Belmont Reservoir is recognised as one of the leading sailing clubs in the North of England, and offers a wide range of activities for its members including high level training and a busy racing programme.

The club, which received the RYA North West Top Club award in 2008, is also part of the RYA Onboard scheme which aims to introduce sailing and windsurfing as a sport to 500,000 young people across the UK. They also have their own Sailability Foundation Club offering facilities for disabled members.

Keith Roberts, Vice-Commodore at Bolton Sailing Club, said "It is fantastic to see our efforts in developing Youth Sailing recognised. The support given by Volvo and the RYA in training our young sailors will be very much appreciated".

Now that Bolton Sailing Club has achieved Volvo RYA Champion Club status the young sailors will see increased levels of advice and professional coaching, including support from the RYA and their local High Performance Manager Chris Blackburn. On presenting the award, Chris said, "The volunteers at Bolton SC have put a lot of hard work into developing the Junior training and Racing at the club into a vibrant active and fun environment for the young sailors to learn to race. The award of the Volvo Champion Club status recognises this, and I look forward to continue working with the club developing the next generation of talented young sailors."

Mike Cosgriff, from Hatfields Volvo in Bury who presented the award alongside Chris Blackburn, said: "We are delighted to be presenting this award in recognition of the great work that Bolton Sailing Club has done to help young sailors to develop their racing skills. Following the success of British sailors at the Beijing Olympics last summer, and with the 2012 Olympics fast approaching, we may well be training future Olympians here in Bolton!"

The Volvo RYA Champion Club Programme recognises sailing clubs with a commitment to youth sailing and race coaching in the UK. It aims to encourage young sailors and windsurfers at grassroots level to stay in the sport and learn to compete, while encouraging clubs to introduce youngsters to the sport and help develop their skills. The key challenge for the programme is to encourage more young people to start participating in sailing and then progress with their racing careers.

For more information on Volvo RYA Champion Clubs visit
www.rya.org.uk/programmes/volvoryachampionclubs

CRUISING

COASTAL SKIPPER BECOMES YACHTMASTER COASTAL

From the 1st January 2010 the RYA's 'Coastal Skipper Certificate of Competence' will be changing its name to the 'Yachtmaster Coastal Certificate of Competence'.

Everything else; the syllabus, the standard of the exam and the way commercial skippers endorse their certificates will remain the same.

James Stevens, RYA Training Manager, explains, 'Currently many trainee skippers are daunted by the standards of the Yachtmaster Offshore exam, but for inshore sailors and powerboaters the coastal exam is more appropriate and more achievable. This change will remove any confusion between the Coastal Skipper Course and the exam, which has resulted in many people thinking they are qualified when in fact they have only attended the course.'

This new three tier system of Yachtmaster Coastal, Yachtmaster Offshore and Yachtmaster Ocean now gives a sensible and understandable progression that the both the RYA and the MCA believe will encourage more people to take the coastal exam.

The name change to these certificates will be worldwide and adopted by Yachting Australia and the NZ Coastguard Boating Education Service. Supporting courses; the Yachtmaster/Coastal Skipper shore-based course and the Coastal Skipper practical course remain unchanged.

Holders of the Coastal Skipper Certificate of Competence can get their certificate changed to the new Yachtmaster Coastal – please contact the RYA Certification department on 0845 345 0377.

HANDICAPS

DEADLINE EXTENDED FOR PORTSMOUTH YARDSTICK RETURNS

The RYA has extended its deadline to all clubs for annual return of race results by 4 weeks in one final push to ensure good quality inter class racing next season. The new deadline of 30 November allows clubs extra time to collate end of season data and get their returns in to the RYA's Technical Department.

The quality and volume of race results returned by clubs is a key factor in ensuring the accuracy of the popular handicapping system, which allows boats of different classes to race against each other.

Bas Edmonds, RYA Technical Manager, said: "The Portsmouth Yardstick scheme ensures fair racing between different classes of boat. However, without good annual club returns, the accuracy of handicapping is compromised. The extended deadline should allow for more clubs to collate and send in their race result data as well as finishing those last Winter series races.

In recent years the number of returns has generally been down, and this has had a knock-on effect on the quality of handicapping. The RYA has also taken several steps to ensure that the quality of the returns, even if less in number, remains the same or better. Part of this is through the introduction of the RYA's PYS website which collates race returns throughout the year and also analyses race results as they are uploaded.

"If your club has not yet got round to sending in its returns, then please pester the commodore, sailing secretary, handicap officer to make sure that your club and more importantly, **your** boat can be evaluated by the RYA. You may think it isn't important if your club don't submit this form, but it really is vital to the success of the whole scheme" Bas concluded.

To submit your returns, or find out more about how to, you can contact Bas Edmonds on 02380 604 202 or alternatively e-mail pyreturn@rya.org.uk.

REGION AGM

Matters discussed

The following is an extract of the Hon Sec's report at the recent AGM, and may give readers some insight into the work of the Region for boaters and clubs.

Committee: Christopher Loney (a member of Windermere Motor Boat Racing Club), Paul Harkness (Lake District Boat Club) and Ben Williams (Worsley Cruising Club) have joined the Committee over the last year, helping us ensure representation from all aspects of boating within our Region. The Committee meets at approximately 2-monthly intervals.

Committee on the Road: This year we visited Clubs around the Region for our meetings. So in April we went to Bassenthwaite SC and invited representatives of Cumbrian clubs to come. In July, we went to Elton SC and invited clubs within Greater Manchester and East Lancashire to join us. Finally, in September we visited Royal Mersey YC and encouraged Wirral and West Cheshire clubs to attend. The purpose was to make clubs more aware of matters discussed by your Regional Committee and then let us hear about issues affecting the clubs which attended. We believe this has been valuable and will continue next year.

Clubs: This has not been an easy year for the 82 Clubs in our Region. The economic climate has affected all. Burwain and Elton clubs have had to cope with loss of water at their reservoirs and been helped by neighbouring clubs. The uncertainty at Crosby seems to have settled after Sefton Council reneged on its agreement with the Greenbank disabled charity. This is now the Crosby Lakeside Adventure Centre, which will have a formal Royal opening very soon. West Kirby's marine lake was also emptied for repairs and, while the Sailing Club's situation is satisfactory, we have concerns over Wirral Council's proposals for the Water Sports Centre at the north end of the Lake, with an adjacent hotel plan. The basis of concern is the lack of consultation by Councils with the governing bodies of sport. When Clubs become aware of local problems, I suggest that the first port of call is the local council's sports development office and then the regional RYA. The sooner that we become aware of problems, potential or otherwise, the better we are able to assist. Some Clubs have also been sent revised water rate charges including fees for land drainage and run-off water by United Utilities. This has recently been in the political spotlight and Government promises to introduce legislation to prevent this charge being made to amateur sports clubs etc.

Coastal Affairs: It has been a little quieter on new offshore developments this year, though there was relief that the Cirrus Shell Flats Array plan was withdrawn. Gas storage and the effects of pipelines across Morecambe Bay remain a cause of some concern. We seek to keep in touch by attending groups such as the Morecambe Bay Partnership annual conference where there is a useful interchange of information. Changes to the plans for the proposed marina in Barrow and other projects on the Cumbrian coast are of significant interest. The Region held a successful Cruising Conference.

Inland Waterways: One unusual consultation paper that we received related to the passage of inland waterway boats across the River Mersey from the new Liverpool Pierhead to access canals on the south side of the river.

Achievements: Most here will know that this Region, and other northern regions, really are the powerhouse of competitive sailing in this country though the action is usually down south! We have many champions again at World and National level. We also have several members of RYA Olympic squads fighting to represent this country at Weymouth in 2012. At the risk of missing out some individuals who should be named, I will mention West Kirby SC's win at the Youth Team Racing Championship. Then there are our National Championship winners: Mike Hart and Sally Kilpatrick in the Laser 2000, Matt Mee and Chris Robinson in the GP 14, with Ian Dobson and Andy Tunnicliffe as runners up. But our stars must be Niki Birrell in the Skud 18 winning the Disabled Worlds, Luke Patience (a Scot) with Stuart Bithell coming good in the 470, plus Matt Mee, Ian Dobson, Jonny McGovern and Christian Birrell.

Anyone who missed the AGM and who would like to find out more about the matters discussed may contact the Hon Sec, Graham Knox.

CRUISING

NEW MARINE AND COASTAL ACCESS ACT – RYA PROTECTS BOATERS' INTERESTS

The RYA welcomes the groundbreaking Marine and Coastal Access Act which received Royal Assent on Thursday 12 November.

Gus Lewis RYA Head of Legal and Government Affairs: "Although we supported the Marine and Coastal Access Bill in principle we proposed a number of amendments on which we lobbied members of the House of the Lords to put forward to the House. The majority of our amendments were taken account of and as such we are very pleased with the resulting Act. It goes further in protecting and taking account of recreational boaters' interests than the draft Bill had done.

"It's been a lot of work over the past 4 years; with extensive lobbying and recommendations made to key DEFRA officials but it has paid off."

The Act aims to create a strategic marine planning system based firmly on sustainable development principles. Its journey started in 2001 when the Government made a commitment to improve marine conservation.

Summary of RYA amendments and outcomes

1. The Bill was drafted so that byelaws could be made in relation to Marine Conservation Zones (MCZ) specifically to regulate recreational vessels. We wanted the reference to recreational vessels removed so that they could not be unfairly penalised. This amendment was accepted.
2. The Bill also would have put UK vessels at a disadvantage compared to foreign vessels and we believed this to be unfair. Our proposed amendment to rectify this was accepted in the House of Lords
3. We wanted to make sure that any person charged for breaching any byelaws relating to a MCZ would have a defence that they took reasonable steps to avoid committing the breach. The Act will contain a defence for securing the safety of a vessel and we obtained an assurance from Government that a 'reasonable steps' defence would be included in byelaws made under the Act.
4. The Bill provided that, when creating an MCZ, the relevant authorities "may" take into account socio-economic factors. We proposed an amendment to change the "may" to "must". The purpose of this amendment was not actually to achieve an amendment, which we knew the Government would not agree to, but to counteract proposals by environmental organisations that socio economic factors, like the effect an MCZ might have on recreational boating, should not be considered at all. The attempts of environmental organisations to remove the reference to socio-economic factors were successfully resisted.
5. We also received ministerial assurances in relation to minimising the impact of the coastal access provisions on clubs and marinas.

REGIONAL DEVELOPMENT

North West RYA Regional Development Officer's Report

If anyone needs any other RYA Instructor courses / Endorsements please contact me so that I can know the demand and organize courses accordingly.
Any Club or Centre wishing to run an Instructor course in any discipline please contact me to check that it is ok and supply dates / venue and details of the Coach or Trainer running the course.

Funding update

Sport England Small Grants

Please go to the following link for application details & online application form:
http://funding.sportengland.org/funding_programmes/small_grants.aspx

Community Development Foundation Grass roots grants -

http://www.cdf.org.uk/bfora/systems/xmlviewer/default.asp?arg=DS_CDF_TECHART_23/page.xsl/27&xsl_argx=3

Grassroots Grants is a groundbreaking £130m government funded programme managed by CDF.

The programme, which will run from 2008-2011 has two elements one of which is an £80 million small grants fund for community groups.

Community groups should apply directly to their nearest Grassroots Grants local funder. Please click on the link above to find the page where you can get the contact details of local funders in each region.

If anyone has any questions or queries, please contact me on:

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RYA ZONE RACING NEWS

SUMMER 2009 HIGHLIGHTS

SKANDIA SAIL FOR GOLD REGATTA (WPNSA)

The biggest championship ever held in Great Britain with nearly 1500 people taking part

Well over 1000 spectators

706 sailors, 484 boats

184 coaches and coach boats

41 countries, 230 race officials

MIRROR WORLDS (PWLLHELI)

204 sailors, 102 boats

GBR World Champion

RSX WORLDS (WPNSA)

165 sailors, 50 coaches 39 countries

GBR World Champion

IWA, JUNIOR, YOUTH & MASTERS WINDSURFER WORLDS (WPNSA)

351 windsurfers, 46 coaches, 27 countries

RYA VOLVO ZONE CHAMPIONSHIPS (VARIOUS CLUBS)

6 RYA Volvo Zone Championships

In England 801 sailors in 686 boats

YOUTH AND JUNIORS ABROAD

In the Junior Programme 2009 457 junior sailors and 39 coaches attended 17 international regattas

Best results 5 GBR World Champions, 7 GBR European Champions

In the Youth Programme 2009, 640 youth sailors and 65 coaches attended 41 international regattas

Best results 3 GBR World Champions, 2 GBR European Champions

At the 2009 ISAF Youth Worlds GBR achieved 1 Gold, 1 silver and 2nd in the Volvo Trophy for the top youth sailing nation

ZONE SQUAD SELECTION

337 sailors are currently in the new RYA Zone Squads

157 were unsuccessful

RYA CLUB & COACH CONFERENCES 2009

The RYA Club and Coach Conferences are aimed at all those with an interest or involved in delivering, planning or coordinating club training, racing and coaching for both juniors and adults. The conference will inspire committees, active volunteers and coaches with new ideas to start planning their new season's programme.

There will be updates from your RYA High Performance Manager and RYA Regional Development Officers on what is new including essential information for your club on any funding available.

There will be a number of workshops so you can select the one most relevant to your needs and further guest speakers will also be attending.

It is also an opportunity for coaches to revalidate the Level 2 Racing Coach Certificate.

The conferences will run from 10.00 to 16.00 on

5TH DECEMBER

NORTH YORKSHIRE DALES SC

6TH DECEMBER

WEST ANDERTON CENTRE, CHORLEY

AGENDA FOR RYA CLUB AND COACH CONFERENCE 2009

- **Purpose**
 - A. How to make our clubs better, and more attractive places through enhancing the quality of delivery of training and racing activities in order to attract new comers, retain existing members, and encourage them to attend more frequently, and grow the membership base.
- **HPM Update**

- A. Class Recognition Policy changes.
- B. Departmental Changes / Pathway Managers
- C. Change in Sport England funding (Clubs and Coaches)
 - i. What it means to the clubs
 - ii. Coaching days support
- D. Vetting and Barring scheme (CRB changes) the facts!
- **RDO Update**
 - A. Linking OB/T15, VCC and adult participation together
 - B. Why do people go sailing – what does Sport England’s research tell us?
 - C. More adults SAILING more often – at your club or centre
 - D. Funding opportunities
- **Grow and Sustain your Membership**

Discussion groups

 - A. What resources are needed to move your club (Sailing/T15) training to the next stage and what is the next stage?
 - B. Best practice/ideas. Converting first time sails into active club members. How do we get someone who has just learnt to sail at a commercial centre/club to join your club?
 - C. The club doesn’t have enough qualified volunteers to run regular training, how can we create a sustainable succession of qualified and enthused volunteers to ensure training at the club can continue to operate regularly and successfully?
- **Challenges within the clubs**

Discussion groups

 - A. Club racing, is it appropriate to all the membership and how do we encourage more sailors to get involved?
 - B. What does a successful club look like and what is the key to their success?
 - C. How do you identify the needs of your volunteers, their training and ensure you meet the training needs of the membership?
- **The “FUN”damentals of Coaching (RYA Guest Speakers)**
 - Why is it important to keep sessions fun (even simple ones)
 - Fun is important at all levels (examples from high level coaching) and all ages.
 - Adapting your style to those you are coaching (Young and Adult sailors)
 - Foul weather scenarios and plans (Workshop).
- **Day Summary and Questions**

Finish

Free for VCCs and for clubs working with RDOs aiming to increase adult participation; otherwise it is £10. To book your place, go to www.ryaracingevents.org.uk and follow the link for coaching courses. You then need to fill in the online form.

CHRIS BLACKBURN MOVEMENTS

If you want to chat to Chris Blackburn then he will be at the following clubs

28th Nov – Rutland Feva North Squad

3rd Dec – Delph SC

5th Dec – Yorkshire Dales SC – Club and Coach Conference

6th Dec – Anderton Centre, Chorley – Club and Coach conference

9th Dec – RYA House Hamble

9/10 Jan—Zone Squad Training various clubs

30/31 Jan—Stakeholders Weymouth

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

Many thanks
Chris Blackburn 07909 994637

RACING CONFERENCE

RYA Racing Conference 2009

Book your place now!

The RYA Racing Conference 2009 will take place in London on Saturday 12th December 2009, from 10:00hrs at the Royal Thames Yacht Club, 60 Knightsbridge, London SW1X 7LF.

It is your chance to have a say on issues and policy which shape competitive racing in the UK. Whether you are representing a sailing club, a Class Association or are simply a keen member of the Racing fraternity the conference enables you to listen to, engage with and help guide the policies of the RYA Racing Committees over the next 12 months.

Places are limited so book now by completing the booking form available on RYA website. Forms must be sent back by Tuesday 1st December. If numbers exceed the capacity of 60 people, the RYA reserves the right to ensure a cross spread of interested groups. Bookings will be confirmed via e-mail by end of day Wednesday 2nd December 2009.

The day seeks to be as interactive as possible and if you have a point you wish to add to the [draft agenda](#), feel free to submit it ahead of the day by e-mailing joyce.habershon@rya.org.uk.

YACHT RACING

BLUEPOINT CONSTRUCTION LATE AUTUMN RACE 03 AT LIVERPOOL YC

Everyone knew the wind was coming, every forecast agreed the conditions would worsen in the afternoon with gale warnings in force! As the thirteen yachts and crews brave (or daft) enough to race entered the river, they were treated to a momentary lull. An impressive squall soon hit before the start and several yachts were forced to retire.

The frantic start saw Mighty Max and the rest of the pack beat into the SSW breeze gusting 33 knots. Saphoenix had a last minute rope/propeller incident, Di Rich thought conditions were too much as did Mistoffolees and returned to the safety of the Marina.

In Class 1 Mighty Max was "rounding up" out in the lead in the heavier gusts. F Word and Daydream Believer remained glued together to G9 with Another Nods charging up behind Max. At G9 Nods pulled off a race winning manoeuvre by choosing to stand on for a short while before tacking and heading to E4. A kite run back to E4 and then a beat to E6. At this stage the fleet was still quite close and the Prima pack now led by Nods began to really stretch a lead. F word and Daydream went on different tangents with Daydream sticking to one tack in the Eastham channel and laying E6. Daydream popped out miles in front, however a serious spinnaker wrap cost time and Nods powered away to win an excellently sailed race. Mighty Max had an impressive broach, snapped the pole and ripped a sail. F word and DDB couldn't find the breeze until Dingle and took off at 13 knots to plane over the line. Another Nods won by some margin with F Word second, Daydream third with Max fourth.

Class 2 with by now a drastically reduced number had 6 yachts left in the fleet. Catch 32 led the pack with the heavier design excelling in the breezy conditions as the yachts reached Dingle, Skukusa and Magic Moments chased hard with Musketeer as ever sailing well behind for the short leg to E2. The fleet had a gruelling task of beating to E6, with this wind direction with the lee of the land creating wind holes. Legless and Tango chose the mid river and multiple tack option,

and they too suffered light winds at E6 with the tide just on slack. Musketeer took line honours but Skukusa were first on corrected time with Musketeer second and Catch 32 in third.

So far this series has been more than competitive! In Class 1 it's anyone's guess with Daydream, Another Nods and F word all level on 8 pts. Class 2 see Musketeer out in front on 6 points, Skukusa on 11 and Magic Moments on 12.

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