



# Southern Region News

September/October 2010

## EVERYONE A WINNER AT THE HAMPSHIRE ONBOARD FESTIVAL

A combination of fun games and informal relay racing in dinghies on the lake at Spinnaker Sailing Club, Ringwood gave 42 youngsters an opportunity to pitch their skills and enthusiasm against each other while learning about sailing and kayaking at the same time. The event was the Hampshire OnBoard Festival 2010, in which all the kids taking part were part of the OnBoard Scheme which encourages children to get involved in boating. The kids, aged 7 to 16 years old, had all started to sail just this season, through their school and club links, coming from a number of different clubs around Hampshire including Hill Head, Hamble River, Portchester and Spinnaker.

Event organiser Sam Jones commented "I am overjoyed at the success of the day. Everything



went absolutely according to plan – even the weather! All the kids had a fabulous time on the water as did all the volunteers. We had all the OnBoard clubs in Hampshire together and it was great to see the kids making new friends and working as a team."

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.

More information: [www.ruob.co.uk](http://www.ruob.co.uk)

## Call for Young Sailor nominations

RYA Regional Young Sailor of the Year Awards 2010 are now open so all clubs are encouraged to put forward nominations. There is a nomination page on the RYA website which includes the criteria for the awards.

Please ask your members and committee members to vote for young talent or achievement that could be your RYA Regional Young Sailor. Nominations can be made at the quick-link <http://bit.ly/d3Wohj>.

All RYA Regional Young Sailor winners are automatically put forward for consideration by the YJA (Yachting Journalist Association) Committee for the national YJA and Pantaenius Young Sailor of the Year Award. Members of the YJA will vote for the winner through December. The winner will be announced at the Young Sailor of the Year awards ceremony at the London Boat Show. All the RYA regional winners are invited to the ceremony, together with their families, at which they receive a trophy for being an RYA regional young sailor, courtesy of Pantaenius Insurance.

## LT COL JOHN Q DAVIS

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It is with great sadness that we report the death of Lt Col. John Q Davis OBE, Chichester Harbour Master and Manager since 1997. John suffered a suspected heart attack on Saturday 28 August and was pronounced dead on arrival at Queen Alexandra Hospital. At the time, John was out racing in his beloved keel boat Fleury. He leaves his wife Valerie and two children Ben and Becky. He was for many years a valuable member of the RYA Cruising & Government Affairs Committee. Donations can be made by cheque payable to Chichester Harbour Conservancy to establish 'The John Davis Trust' - to be used for initiatives on Chichester Harbour – and sent to W Wright & Son, The Square, Emsworth, PO10 7EG, 01243 372255.

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New Southern Region Website [www.ryasr.org.uk](http://www.ryasr.org.uk)

## Victories for Parkstone and Chichester in the Honda RYA Youth RIB Regional Finals

Stephen Green, aged 12, won the 8-12 age group in the southern regional final of the Honda RYA Youth RIB Championship held at Parkstone Yacht Club on Saturday 17<sup>th</sup> July. Stephen, from Chichester Yacht Club was one of fifteen youngsters who competed in the powerboating event, which is designed to encourage responsible boat handling skills to the under-16s.

The 13-16 age group was won for by George Hill, 16, from Parkstone YC, who saw off eight other competitors in his division to claim victory. George also achieved the fastest lap of the event in 1 minute, 19.6 seconds.

Both boys have several years of powerboating experience behind them and have both attained Powerboat Level II experience. For both it was also their first win at the annual Championship. Stephen and George went on to face winners from sixteen other regional heats to represent their age groups at the National Final at the Southampton Boat Show, where both just missed the championship as runners up in their respective divisions.

The Honda RYA Youth Rib Championship, sponsored by Honda and Ribcraft, is a National Championship in which 8-16 year olds 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.

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](http://www.rya.org.uk).



## YOUNG WINDSURFING TEAMS GO HEAD TO HEAD AT SANDBANKS

Host team, the Academy All Stars of Poole, put in a bold effort but not quite enough to secure the Team 15 South Zone Interclub title for this the 4<sup>th</sup> event in the series, which was carried off



north to Farmoor by the Oxford Zoomers. Six teams of youngsters from around the south competed at Sandbanks, Poole, on Saturday 11<sup>th</sup> September as part of the Animal Windfest.

39 youngsters representing Bray Lake near Maidenhead, Calshot near Southampton, Farmoor near Oxford, Queen Mary at Staines, and the home team from Poole competed in a number of different windsurfer classes in this, the fourth and final regional heat of the season. The winners, the Oxford Zoomers, will now go through to the T15 Champions' Cup National Final to be held at 9<sup>th</sup> - 10<sup>th</sup> October at Northampton Watersports, Pitford.

Individual winners included Ben Tweedle, only 8 years old, in the 3.5m class, Charlotte Tudbury in the 4.5m, Molly Todd in the 5.8m and Guy Dixon in the 6.8m.

## Rachel Jeffries clinches OnBoard Fleet win at Parkstone Youth Week

Rachel Jeffries, aged 11, was the clear winner in the OnBoard Fleet at Parkstone Youth Week in July when she saw off the rest of the competition in the single handed Pico dinghy. Rachel was one of a number of kids who have been pursuing the Royal Yachting Association's OnBoard scheme. Each of the competitors in the Pico class have been taking part in training and racing throughout this season and Parkstone Youth Week was the culmination of their efforts and a chance to show their skills. "It's been absolutely excellent. It's amazing. I've never won anything before!" she commented.

The week as a whole attracted more than 200 kids in a variety of classes, all of whom enjoyed the social activities that went alongside it. But the racing was both fun and serious at the same time, and the OnBoard Pico class took part in three races each day between 1st and 6th August. For the first few days the kids were given a chance to limber up their knowledge of starting procedures and racing rules but by the end of the series, they were keenly attacking the course, using their skills and knowledge, and also facing penalties if they broke the rules! On the podium beside Rachel was George Gibbs in second place and Rachel's brother Alex in third. All three attend schools in the local area.



Event organiser Pip Woods of Rockley Watersports said "It's great to see these kids progressing the way they did in the six days from Sunday to Friday. It was just brilliant to watch them fill with enthusiasm. Each one of them is now determined to take their sailing further and become members of the Parkstone Yacht Club."

## CLUB FOCUS

### EXHILARATION OF WIDE EYED FIRST TIME SAILORS AT MAKE WAVES FESTIVAL

Fifteen youngsters aged 8 - 16 from schools all over the Island attended the Make Waves Festival at East Cowes as part of the OnBoard scheme to get kids on the water. The kids took part in sailing and fun and games on the water, some for the very first time. The OnBoard youngsters shared the Festival with some 40 other kids on a blustery but exhilarating day in the sheltered waters beyond East Cowes last Saturday 11<sup>th</sup> September.

The Festival was an island wide effort, organised by the IOW Council Sports Unit and hosted by a multitude of clubs and organisations including Medina Valley Centre, IYWAC, Wight Water, Ryde Sea Cadets and Shanklin Sailing Club.

Throughout the day the kids had a taste of trying out a number of different sailing dinghies including RS Tera classes, windsurfing and other water sports activities including kayaking and paddleboarding. Games included on-the-water football, and picking up balls from the water while in their boats.

"It's the first time we have run this event." comments the OnBoard Development Officer Susie Moore, who organised the Festival. "It was hugely successful and the feedback we have received has been brilliant." She adds "The kids really enjoyed being able to expand their sailing experience, and it was just great to see those who have never had an opportunity to get out on the water before, to try boating for the very first time." Susie confirmed that they expect to run the event again in 2011. She also thanked RS Sailing for providing the RS Tera dinghies.

For more information go to the OnBoard website [www.ruob.co.uk](http://www.ruob.co.uk).



### High Performance Update

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#### RYA VOLVO ZONE CHAMPIONSHIPS 25/26 September 2010

Applicants are coming in fast and furious for this at the moment. We are particularly keen to attract those that have not attended before and therefore we would ask everyone to help promote this Championship. It is perfect for those just starting to think about racing at open meetings.

We would expect sailors from the South to enter the following championships South Zone Championships at Weymouth and Portland National Sailing Academy: Optimists, Toppers, Windsurfers, Mirros, Laser 4.7s. **Fevas** can enter the SW Championships at Plymouth Youth Sailing, Mountbatten Centre

Entry will open in July and will be via [www.ryaracingevents.org.uk](http://www.ryaracingevents.org.uk).

#### RYA CLUB AND COACH CONFERENCES

4<sup>th</sup> December Thames Valley Conference at Burghfield SC  
4<sup>th</sup> December SE Conference at Bewl  
5<sup>th</sup> December South Conference at Solent University

As ever these will be aimed at all those with an interest or involved in delivering, planning or coordinating club training, racing and coaching for both juniors and adults. It should inspire committees to actively start planning the next season's programmes. It

will also be an opportunity for coaches to revalidate their Level 2 Racing Coach Certificates. To apply for a place go to [www.ryaracingevents.org.uk](http://www.ryaracingevents.org.uk) follow the link to RYA Coaching Courses and then fill in the online form

#### RYA ET YOUTH AND JUNIOR TEAM RACING CHAMPIONSHIPS

**16/17 October 2010**, Oxford Sailing Club.

We welcome teams from the junior and youth class associations, zones, clubs, schools and individual teams to race in the two separate events, both hosted by Oxford Sailing Club. There are a number of teams entered from the South but as there are still spaces we are hoping for more entries from the South. The junior fleet will use Fevas and the youth fleet Fireflys for teams of three boats. (All boats are supplied.)

Southern sailors results

#### 420 Nationals

1<sup>st</sup> boys Phil Sparks and Ben Gratton HISC  
1<sup>st</sup> girls Amy Seabright and Rosie Sibthorp Oxford/ Itchenor SC

#### Optimist Nationals

Seniors  
4<sup>th</sup> Brit/8<sup>th</sup> overall Fraser Woodley Burghfield  
5<sup>th</sup> Brit/9<sup>th</sup> overall Scott Wallis Spinnaker Juniors  
2<sup>nd</sup> overall Jack Parkin HISC

## AROUND THE SOUTHERN REGION

100 Round the Island Racers ignore exclusion zone  
Although no moorings were damaged and the northerly wind kept reaching yachts from coming too far inshore 100 skippers did not read the Round the Island Race sailing instructions correctly and sailed inside the exclusion zone around Seaview. Sail numbers of all but four boats were taken from patrol boats and passed to the Island Sailing Club. Racing yachts are urged to pay closer attention to this Zone in future years.

Yacht Thefts on the increase  
The RYA Southern Region Committee is concerned that thefts from yachts have increased and have had discussions with the Marine Police unit in Southampton. Day to day investigation is undertaken by the normal uniform police. In addition Project Kracken is now underway, an initiative aimed at getting members of the sailing fraternity to help, through the provision of a central phone number, to report unusual activity or behaviour within the maritime environment including suspected planned acts of crime or terrorism. More information [www.hampshire.police.uk/kracken](http://www.hampshire.police.uk/kracken).

New Bembridge Lifeboat  
The New Bembridge Lifeboat station at Forelands has been completed and was handed over formally on 1<sup>st</sup> September. The new Tamar Class Lifeboat will replace the current Mersey Class beach launched boat currently stationed by the Harbour Entrance in mid/late October.  
Southampton Water

Dredging of 206 & 207 berths is going ahead in order to accommodate the possible arrival of container ships 22 containers wide. A successful trial run was made in July with the berthing of the partially loaded *Christoph Colomb*, one of the world's largest container ships, at 365m long, 51.2m wide, 15.5m draft. The swinging of the ship was achieved by a special clearance of moored ships in the vicinity of the swinging ground.

RYA Safety First with new Yarmouth Harbour layout  
The RYA has responded to the revised planned re-configuration of Yarmouth Harbour by saying that it has no objection in principle provided that a navigational mark is installed to demarcate the shallow water to the north of the northernmost east-west pontoon. This will be essential to prevent vessels attempting to pass to the north of this pontoon (as they are presently able to) and running into difficulties. The RYA also wants assurance that the proposed management approach for vessels using the new fuel berth will be adequate and effective.

Cowes Outer Harbour project  
An outer harbour is to be built at Cowes, dependent upon final approvals. The project consists of a system of wave protection including a new fixed Outer Breakwater and a short extension to the Shrape Breakwater, a new eastern channel for leisure craft (to improve navigational safety and minimise risks) and a new marina (to support the

regeneration of East Cowes).

The project could start in spring 2011 and complete in spring 2012. The project is being funded by SEEDA and a prime marina operator, to be selected from interested parties. Cowes Harbour Commission has already raised a substantial share of the required investment. Further information will be available following the IOW Council planning decision at the end of September 2010.

West Wight Wind Farm takes shape  
Working with the Crown Estate which owns the seabed off Britain's coast, the wind farm project referred to as the Eneco Wind Park is in its early stages. The wind park will be located off the Dorset and Hampshire coasts to the West of the Isle of Wight and will be known as 'Zone 7'. The RYA Southern



Region will be working to keep the boating community informed about navigational issues, but it is understood that there will be no restrictions on sailing between the wind turbines, which should be adequately marked. More information will be available well before the project gets underway which is not until 2016, with scheduled completion in 2018.

### Balanced Seas: 21 possible southern areas

Twenty-one possible areas have been identified by the local Solent Group working to identify possible Marine Conservation Zones in the RYA's southern region. The Marine and Coastal Access Act allows for the creation of a new type of Marine Protected Area called a Marine Conservation Zone to protect important marine wildlife, habitats, geology and geomorphology.

RYA Southern Region has been asked to

provide data on the boundaries of the anchoring areas between Cowes and Bembridge) and the Needles to Totland and across the Solent to Keyhaven entrance. Balanced Seas Project Team members will be obtaining this data from Solent sailing clubs and associations. Initial data has already been provided on all the major anchoring sites throughout the Solent.

For information on all these projects contact Malcolm Palmer, Tel: 01202 770511 e.mail: [malcolm.palmer1@ntlworld.com](mailto:malcolm.palmer1@ntlworld.com)

### Regional Race Management Seminar Dates

Race Management seminar dates:	
December 11/12	Regional Seminar, Itchenor SC
January 22/23	National Seminar, Rutland SC
February 5/6	Regional Seminar, Royal Corinthian YC, Cowes

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