

Southern pair receive regional Young Sailor of the Year Award

Joanna Freeman, aged 18, of Parkstone was presented with the prestigious RYA Southern Young Sailor of the Year Award 2010 at the Tullett Prebon London International Boat Show in January, by Skandia Team GBR's Lucy Macgregor, Women's Match Racing World Champion.

Joanna, along with crew Hannah Mitchell, also aged 18, who sails with Joanna at Parkstone Sailing Club, and comes from Manchester, won the vote following their outstanding racing achievements in the 420 dinghy class throughout the year.

Joanna and Hannah, who were in the RYA Volvo 420 National Youth Squad, won the RYA



From left: Joanna Freeman, Lucy McGregor and Hannah Mitchell

Volvo Youth Nationals in Weymouth in April and were 4th at the ISAF Youth Worlds in Turkey in July, narrowly missing out on a second place because of a protest.

Joanna has now decided to pursue a 470 Olympic classes campaign

and will train alongside Skandia Team GBR's Development Squad.

The pair were among thirteen RYA Regional Young Sailor of the Year winners who are voted for by RYA affiliated sailing clubs.



Hundreds of dinghies at the RYA Volvo Dinghy Show



Don't miss the 2011 Dinghy Show on Saturday 5th and Sunday 6th March at Alexandra Palace, London. The show offers something for everyone. There are hundreds of boats to look at, clubs, class associations and sailing schools to talk to for advice, and chandlery stores galore for the latest kit and clothing. It is an ideal event to bring groups of children to from schools, colleges, sailing schools, sailing clubs, outdoor centres and youth clubs. The RYA Volvo Dinghy Show 2011 is run in association with Yachts and Yachting and Suzuki. For more information about the show, log on to www.dinghyshow.org.uk.

Optimists for hire

The RYA's Southern Region has a fleet of six Optimist Dinghies available for hire to anyone who would like to have a go at sailing. Sailing Clubs, schools and other children's outdoor, training and community organisations are can take advantage of these one-person dinghies aimed at the 7-12 year olds. The nominal hire charge is only £30 per day for all six boats which are based in the Christian Youth Enterprise Sailing Centre, Chidham, Chichester Harbour, and the hirer would be expected to collect and return. Boats are together on a trailer. Lifejackets included. For more information, contact John Pockett on 01590 612456. The boats were donated to RYA Southern from funding raised by the John Merricks Sailing Trust.

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New Southern Region Website www.ryasr.org.uk

Princess Royal presents Awards for 'exceptional contribution' to the sport of yachting

Members of the boating community across the Southern region received a prestigious RYA Award from the Princess Royal at a ceremony in London on 18th November 2010, in recognition of their exceptional contribution to the sport.



RYA Lifetime Commitment Award
Peter Glasby (Hayling Island) for his work with the Hayling Island Sailing Club. ◀



RYA Lifetime Commitment Award
Tom Mason (Fareham) for his work with the Hill Head Sailing Club ▶



RYA Lifetime Commitment Award
Vernon Gordon Stratton (Ryde) for his contribution to Bembridge Sailing Club. ◀



RYA Lifetime Commitment Award
Ian Lallow (Cowes) for his contribution to racing at the Island Sailing Club. ▶



RYA Lifetime Commitment Award
Robin Creswell (Downton, Wiltshire) for leading the children's Optimist class beginners training at the Spinnaker SC. ◀

RYA Outstanding Contribution Award
Alison and Keith Gunn (New Milton) their tireless work for Lymington Sailability. ▶



RYA Award
Roger Palmer (Havant) for his work with the RYA Race Management Committee for more than 15 years. ◀

Silver for Lymington pair at 29er Worlds



29er Youth Squad pair Henry Lloyd Williams and Sam Batten of Lymington Town Sailing Club, who are already 29er National Champions, picked up a youth silver medal at the 29er World Championships, which finished on 8 January in Mar Del Plata, Argentina.

Lloyd Williams commented: "It's a real confidence booster and we are hopefully going to the ISAF Youth Worlds again. We had over 15 knots of wind five out of the six days but it was more the swell that gave us the most significant challenge - we had over 10 foot of swell one day and in a 29er that was pretty scary!"

The 60 strong fleet at the event was dominated by senior level competitors however the 18-year-old duo managed to finish the event in a highly respectable 13th place overall.

RYA Youth Racing Manager Duncan Truswell said: "We've started this year off with some tough competition and an ambitious programme. The RYA, the classes, and the parents have invested a lot of resources to support the teams representing GBR all over the world, and we've watched the results roll in."

RYA SCRUTINISES MARINE CONSERVATION ZONE PROJECT

The RYA is currently in the process of commenting on a number of coastal areas being explored by the regional English Marine Conservation Zone (MCZ) project teams. These comments will feed into the continuing debate about location and management of possible MCZs. The latest report to be scrutinised by the RYA is from one of the four regional English MCZ projects; Finding Sanctuary in

the south west, and we will comment on any objections we may have from a recreational boating perspective. The RYA takes the position that Studland Bay is a key anchorage on the south coast and that we could not support the establishment of an MCZ in Studland Bay if it included a blanket ban on anchoring.

A list of sites will be put forward for

designation by the Secretary of State in 2012 which will be open to public consultation.

The RYA will continue to fight to uphold the public right of navigation and to emphasise the importance of safe anchorages for recreational boaters" says Caroline Price, RYA Planning and Environment Advisor .

More information on www.rya.org.uk/go/mcz.

CLUB FOCUS

RYA DEVELOPMENT NEWS

RYA Winter Workshops

Workshops started in November with the first theme being Club Development. With 5 county events we attracted 54 clubs and well over 100 people. There are another two workshops planned for January and February with the focus on Funding, plus Membership and Volunteers. Clubs must attend these if you would like funding from the RYA in 2011, and in return we will deliver six coaching days per club.

17th Jan and Feb 15th — Hamble River SC, Hampshire
 19th Jan and 17th Feb — Parkstone YC, Poole
 20th Jan and 1st March — Sussex YC
 24th Jan and 22nd Feb – Chipstead SC, Kent
 26th Jan and 23rd Feb – Island SC, Isle of Wight

A workshop is also being held on Sunday 6th March at the Dinghy Show in London. Bookings now being taken. To book your place and for more info contact Tzaneen.mears@rya.org.uk.

RYA Regional Instructor Conference

Sunday 20th February 2011 at Hayling Island SC
 Includes on water Sessions and land based inspirational coaching session for Centre and Club Instructors that teach the small boat schemes

“The courses are very stimulating, enjoyable, with great networking opportunities, excellent turnout, polished performance, extremely well planned and the best conference I have attended!” was one comment from last year!

Adult Participation

We have run an impressive number of coaching days this year to support you in getting more adults sailing more regularly. This is a great achievement and we look forward to building on this success in 2011. A key part of the work we will do next year will focus on *Sustainable Development Plans and Progressive Pathways*, and when looking at funding applications for 2011 this sustainability will be the key deciding factor.

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Squad Training

The 2010/2011 Zone Squad training is well under way. The training is going well although the adverse weather is making it hard to run the program.

VCC Clubs / RYA Volvo Zone Championships

The total number of entries for the Southern Volvo RYA Zone Championships was down on previous years in 2010. Despite this, junior activity is generally up in the Southern region, although this increase is not reflected at the Championships since they tend to be seen as a selection event zone squad. The RYA has always tried to position this as a Regional Championships. The support and promotion from clubs and sailors would be much appreciated.

It is our intention to run a club audit of Volvo RYA Champion Clubs, to see how many sailors we have, actively training in the junior classes. We envisage that this will be completed by the end of February. Whilst Volvo RYA Champion clubs are required to report when they used Sport England funding unfortunately this remains hit and miss.

Junior Open Training

Over 70 Optimist sailors regularly train over the winter period who are not in squads. There is also a Topper group of 25 plus between three clubs. The Topper open training also reached record numbers at the end of this year.

Club Conference

The Southern Club Conferences took place on 6th December at Solent University. Over 30 people attended from 25 different clubs. The Thames Valley Club Conference attracted 60 delegates from various clubs, including from the Southern zone

KEY DATES

for Southern junior and youth sailors

5th - 6th March 2011:
 RYA Volvo Dinghy Show 2011
 Alexandra Palace, London

9th - 15th April 2011:
 RYA Youth National Championships and Trials,
 HISC

7th - 8th August 2011:
 The Eric Twiname Championships at Rutland Sailing

24th - 25th September 2011:
 The Volvo RYA Zone Championships 2011 at Weymouth and Portland National Sailing Academy



AROUND THE SOUTHERN REGION

New look Yarmouth Harbour

The £1.3 million first phase of the Yarmouth Harbour redevelopment plan should be completed by Easter. There will be more bookable berths for visitors as well as buoys for allocation on arrival. A new floating fuel pontoon with 4 berths will be closer to the harbour entrance.

A safer Ryde Pier

Ryde Pier remains closed for another six months to vehicles whilst the structural repairs are carried out. The old tramway has been converted into a temporary pedestrian and cycle walkway.

The New Lifeboat station with its Tamar Class Lifeboat at **Forelands** is now fully operational. Work on the new Inshore Boathouse is due to start before Easter.

Harbour Dues are to stay at the same levels in 2011 at **Bembridge Harbour**, despite an appeal process to have them reduced. The harbour is for sale and still on the market, and refurbishment projects are on hold. However, **Bembridge Groyne** is to be repaired to reduce the accretion of sand in the harbour.

Acting Harbour Master for Chichester

Following the sad and untimely death of Harbour Master Lt Col John Davis last August, Richard Craven has been appointed Acting Harbour Master.

Chichester Bar has shallowed to 1.3m BCD in a few spots, above the desired dredged depth of 1.5m BCD. The situation is being monitored.

Sandhead update

With the dredge of **Sandhead** complete mariners have made full use of the wider channel and the direct route kept passing traffic well away from the anchored vessels at **East Head**. However since the anchorage is smaller than desirable at busy times the positions of the East Head Spit and Snowhill buoys will be fine tuned over the winter.

Chichester Oyster Revival



A partnership comprising all the main fishing interests and authorities has been formed to revive the longstanding

oyster fishery in Chichester Harbour. The principal initiative of this group is to re-lay oysters to form high density patches within the Harbour waters to boost recruitment potential and hopefully kick-start wider repopulation of the Harbour.

East Head

The beach levels and shingle recharge are holding up well so far. The East Head Coastal Issues Advisory Group met in November and there was a large degree of consensus as to the trigger points and consequent action for the adaptive management process to manage the sea defences.

Southampton Water News

Afterbarn Mooring Buoy in **Southampton Water** is now named Hamble Cliff Buoy

A 5th cruise terminal which is to be located in the **Western Docks** at No.104 berth (Canary Islands fruit terminal) is to be constructed. Both the winter operations of the fruit trade and the summer operation of the cruise season will be accommodated. Cruise calls for 2010 year exceeded 300 and around 350 are scheduled for 2011.

During November there were at least 19 thefts from yachts on swinging moorings the **River Test**. Many of the stolen items were recovered at a house in Eastleigh. The RYA's Southern Region committee has been in discussion with the marine police to find ways of improving security for the recreational user and is now moving forward to produce an action plan for clubs to put to its members.

An action group is being formed to study concerns about the possible sale of **Marchwood Military Port** to a private operator. The concerns focus on whether the local infrastructure will cope with the increased load further use by commercial

vessels will seriously jeopardise the sailing waters used by all users of the north of Southampton Water.

ABP Southampton has reported that the number of **incidents** between shipping and yachts has reduced (14 this year).

West Wight Wrecks marked

The **New Forest National Park** has established an **Underwater Heritage Trail** comprising 4 buoys which mark historic wrecks in the Western Solent and approaches. They are marked with the name of the wreck and a telephone number to ring for historical information about the wreck. The information will especially be of interest to divers but yachtsmen should be aware that the buoys are in quite well used stretches of water. More information is available from <http://www.newforestnpa.gov.uk/underwaterheritagetrail.pdf>.

New mid-Solent Gas Pipeline

The Gas Pipeline from Lepe to Gurnard is being renewed through early 2011. The pipe will run 30m below the sea bed. Anchoring restrictions will remain due to other pipes and cables.

New Harbour Master for Portsmouth

A new QHM, Commander Nigel Hare RN, takes up his post at Portsmouth Harbour in mid January.



Big Dates

Cowes Week (above picture) will take place between 6-13 August 2011. The **Round the Island Race** is on Saturday 25 June 2011. In 2012, in addition to the **Olympics**, the Royal Southern YC will have its **175th anniversary** which will include a motor boat regatta of 350 boats.

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