



Southern Region News

Early Summer 2011

Victory for Southern Sailors at Eric Twiname Championship

9th May 2011: The South Zone Optimist fleet ruled the waves at Rutland at the final of the Eric Twiname Championship when Emilia Boyle (Royal Lymington YC), aged 10, secured her Championship glory with consistent performance. Her fellow South Zone team member, Vita Heathcote, aged 9, also of the RLym YC, followed closely behind in second place. The victory gained the South Zone runner up position at the prestigious event.

The 327 sailors competed in exhilarating conditions. Duncan Truswell, RYA Youth Racing Manager, commented: "I have been extremely impressed by the standard of sailing displayed by the Juniors this year. They have obviously worked hard with their coaches over the winter as part of the RYA Zone and Home



Millie Boyle in her Oppi

Country Squad programmes. We hope this will have equipped them for the forthcoming regattas over the summer period as well as providing them with the experience necessary to enable them to challenge for a place in the RYA National Junior Squad."

Thanks to the long-standing and on-going support of the Eric Twiname Memorial Trust, the event is free to enter with all costs of running of the regatta met by the RYA and the Trust. For further visit the RYA Racing Events website www.ryaracingevents.org.uk

Sport England Small Grants Programme: Apply for a Grant for your Club



Are you a sailing club or centre who could do with some extra funding? The RYA is encouraging clubs and centres to take part in the Sport England Small Grants programme which has been set up to support local community projects to increase participation and develop opportunities in their chosen sport.

Since April 2009, some £620,900 has been distributed to 75 sailing and windsurfing clubs through the Sport England Small Grants Programme. What's more, there is £7 Million of National Lottery funding available each year, and they want more applications from our sport.

Graham Manchester, Programme Lead for Adult Participation explains: "We believe the Sport England Small Grant Scheme

is an unmissable opportunity for RYA clubs and centres to gain some valuable extra funding.

"Sport England prioritises projects which will support regular sailing activity amongst adults so this ties in perfectly with our work on club development to increase the number of adults out on the water and sailing more often. There have already been a number of sailing projects who have been successful with funding so we are urging clubs and centres to submit their applications and to take advantage of this scheme."

Open to any non-profit organisation or club, applying for a grant is very easy. Simply visit the Sport England website and complete the online application process which will ask you a range of questions including what you are looking for funding for, how much you need and how many people will benefit from the project.

You can apply for any sum from £300 to £10,000 but the total project cost cannot exceed £50,000.

For more information and to apply for a Sport England Small Grant visit http://www.sportengland.org/funding/small_grants.aspx

Did you know? **T**

The RYA has 101,040 members

35% go cruising on yachts

14% go motor boating

8% go dinghy racing

8% go windsurfing

7% go yacht racing

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New Southern Region Website www.ryasr.org.uk

Wind Farm development site announced

In February, Eneco, the project developers behind the proposed offshore wind park off the Dorset and Hampshire coasts and to the west of the Isle of Wight, announced their preferred location for the wind park to be positioned.

Following a year-long investigation of a 279 square mile of seabed awarded to Eneco by The Crown Estate to identify the most suitable place to locate the wind park, an area of 76 square miles approximately 8.2 miles from Pevensey Point in Swanage, 10.2 miles from Bournemouth and 8.4 miles south west of The Needles and the Isle of Wight coast has been chosen.

Eneco has not produced any detailed plans as to how many turbines are proposed or how they might be laid out within this area", commented Caroline Price, RYA Planning and Environmental Advisor.

The RYA met with Eneco last May to discuss concerns about the West of Wight zone, and explained the importance of the area for recreational boating and emphasised how busy this area is for both recreational and commercial vessel traffic.

"Navigation through operational wind farms should not create significant additional risks for recreational boaters, however we are concerned that the preferred development area as confirmed by Eneco is poorly located from a wider navigational perspective" commented Caroline Price, RYA Planning and Environmental Advisor.

Eneco has conducted a number of open days around the region in March have engaged with clubs and training centres on the issue.

Contact the Eneco press office on 0845 050 3700, email: eneco@mistral-pr.co.uk or visit www.enecowindoffshore.co.uk.



MCZs now 'identified'

The location and boundaries of possible Marine Conservation Zones, set up to protect nationally important marine wildlife, habitats, geology and geomorphology have now been largely defined. How the zones will be protected and the impact it will have on marine leisure users have been discussed by members of the RYA Southern region Committee who look to protect boaters' interests. There are still a number of details under discussion such as the exact sizes of the Zones. Yachtsmen may in particular be affected in Studland Bay and Osborne Bay, in the Southern Region sailing area. Visit www.naturalengland.org.uk for more information. Submissions will be finalised on 31st August.

Make your own sailing video and help the RYA promote sailing



Send a two minute sailing video on why you love sailing to www.ilovesailing.co.uk, post it on Facebook and share it with your friends. You could win the monthly prize of a GO PRO HD HELMET HERO with 8GB Scandisk Memory card, or the overall prize of a MacBook Pro.

The competition is open to individuals, clubs and companies; anyone whether you're a sailor, windsurfer, seasoned pro or just getting started.

Each month the 10 most popular films will be shortlisted for 'video of the month' and the winner will receive automatic entry to the grand final where the overall winner will be decided. The films should be fun, imaginative and encourage people to give sailing a go for themselves.

RYA aims to increase adult participation

The RYA has developed a series of information sheets for boating organisations and clubs to help them develop and increase levels of adult participation in boating activities including sailing, motorboating and windsurfing.

Graham Manchester, RYA Regional Development Officer Manager explains: "We have been working with clubs and centres across the UK to put the fact sheets together in order to share ideas on ways to invigorate and improve activity for their members and customers.

"There are many varied ways in which clubs and organisations can go about increasing activity and we hope we have found a selection of ideas that will prove useful, from making members feel confident about engaging with club activities to helping people make the best use of their boat whatever the weather and develop their sailing abilities."



Each of the fact sheets cover the basics for the different activities from the aim of the activity, who would run it, examples and requirements to the benefits, long term actions, resource requirements as well as a more detailed case study from a club or organisation that has already put that activity in place, what they did and how it worked.

To view the latest fact sheets visit <http://www.rya.org.uk/go/clubactivity> or contact Andy Hooper, Regional Development Office, 07748 806733.

CLUB FOCUS

RYA DEVELOPMENT NEWS

High Performance Update

from Chris Atherton RYA High Performance Manager,
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Winter workshops

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We will be holding a winter workshop in late Oct/early Nov on sustainable development. Date to be advised.

Contact me for information on **Adult Participation, Volunteer Grants and Clubs** and Coaches information.

Don't forget that **Sport England** has **Small Grants of up to £10,000** for equipment to increase Adult Participation. Clubs have received £620,896 through the Sport England Small Grants Scheme in the past two years for equipment helping with our aim to get adults back on the water, raising confidence and competence amongst your club members. 58 Clubs have taken up Adult Participation funding this year.

Our **Spring Instructor Conference** was a massive success. 205 people attended Hayling Island Sailing Club for the day including helpers and delegates. Our Winter Workshops also went very well. 180 people attended from 70 clubs. We will give details of the of 2011/2012 dates for the next conference and workshop sessions soon.

Regional Race Management Coordinator's Report

From Robert Lamb

In the past 12 months 15 Club Race Officer courses have been held, with 244 people attending, and three Race Management Seminars with 34 attendees.

Race Management Seminars have now been separated into Regional and National. The first two National Seminars were run at the Royal Southampton YC and Rutland. 12 and 16 students attended respectively. **A Regional Mark Laying Seminar** was held at the Royal Corinthian in Cowes on 17th April with 8 students. The **National Race Officials' Conference** took place in Wyboston on 19th/20th February and was very successful.

RYA Zone Squads 2010/2011

The training over the winter period has gone well, with very few days lost to bad weather or frozen lakes. The training has just come to an end and now all the major classes are starting their summer programmes.

We are currently trying to agree the RYA National Junior and Zone squad dates for the coming winter. Once these have been agreed we are hoping to publish these are widely so that clubs can plan their winter programmes. In the national junior squad dates we are trying to utilise half terms so that we can reduce the number of weekends and thus the travelling for parents and sailors alike.

RYA Zone Squad Selection

All the selection events for Zone Squads have been confirmed and these are available on the RYA website. We are currently booking venues for next winter's zone squad programme.

Youth Nationals HISC

The Youth Nationals took place at Hayling Island SC from 9th to 15th April 2011. This year we had 247 entries, 5 nations and 336 athletes. 420 Men Craig Dibb (Warsash SC) & Charlie Cox (RLYC) were selected from the Southern Region for the GBR ISAF Youth Worlds. Southern sailors also finished in 2nd, 3rd and 4th. Meanwhile 420 Women Jess Lavery and Georgie Mothersole (Emsworth SC) were selected for GBR ISAF Youth Worlds. 29er Henry Lloyd Williams and Sam Batten of Lymington Town SC were selected for GBR ISAF Youth Worlds

RYA Volvo Zone Championships - South Zone

will run on 24 & 25 September at **Weymouth & Portland and National Sailing Academy**. Classes will be Laser 4.7, Topper, Optimist, Cadet, Feva, Mirror and Windsurfer.

This is an RYA Zone Championship that we would like the junior club sailors in the appropriate classes to attend. We have coaches on hand to help explain the

courses and explain what is happening. Volvo, as the principal sponsor, normally provide Team Volvo for Life sailors, to attend three of these events. These Olympic sailors are on hand to chat to the young sailors and give a talk about how they started out in sailing and their journey to the Olympics. Please help us by promoting this event.

Level 2 Coaching Courses

These are still extremely popular and courses are filling up very quickly once they are announced. Any club wishing to hold a course needs to get it in their programme as soon as possible (it would even be worth booking autumn dates as the tutors are getting booked up well in advance)

Volvo RYA Champion Club / Club and Coach

This activity continues to be one of the main focuses of work. Funding is available to clubs and they need to make contact with myself or Viv Nanopoulou (Champion Club Liaison Officer) to ensure they continue to receive their funding.

We have just completed a survey of all the junior racing clubs which shows which classes and how many people are active within each region. We will be distributing this to RYA regional committees and class associations. The RYA HPMs are also using the data as part of their regional plans to support and develop junior and youth racing.

We employ a number of regional race coaches, within each region to work with the active junior and youth sailing clubs. In the course of the next month we will be recruiting more regional coaches. We will be looking for people who have extensive knowledge of race coaching, training and club development.

AROUND THE SOUTHERN REGION

The **Southampton Harbour Master**, Capt Philip Holliday leaves ABP at the end of April, to become Harbour Master in Sydney, reports *John Selby, Vice Chairman of the RYA Southern Region*. His successor is Captain Martin Phipps, who was previously the Pilotage Manager at Southampton. Southampton City Council now have an approved developer for the **Royal Pier** site. The intention is to demolish the existing structure ASAP. Work on a **5th cruise terminal** is proceeding, the number of cruise line port calls for this year has already risen to an estimated 360.

The new controlled anchorage beacons off **Weston Shore** are now complete apart from top marks which are imminent. A new berth alongside Red Funnel has been created for the **Hythe Ferry**.

There will once again be an Exclusion Zone off **Seaview**, for the **Round The Island Race** and boats which go deep into the zone will be disqualified, writes *David Quekett, Southern Region Committee member for East Wight Clubs*. The ISC will be sending a member of the Race team down to help patrol the zone and report the offenders over the radio to Race HQ. Seaview will supply a RIB to help patrol the zone.

The planned dredge at **Ryde Marina** has taken place and the Marina is open for business. **Bembridge Harbour** is currently in administration but the administrators recognise the need to keep the harbour in a saleable condition. Some work to be put in hand includes refurbishing the Fisherman's pontoon for Health and Safety concerns, and new buoyage of the outside channel.

In **Hamble** a new section of pontoon to the Harbour Master's Jetty at

Warsash will house a new storage and workshop facility, writes *Peggy Dorothy, Southern region Committee Member for the Association of Hamble River Yacht Clubs*.

In response to proposals by ABP for a major capital dredge in Southampton Water and the Solent, the Harbour Authority, working on behalf of all river users, has continued to work closely with ABP to ensure that sufficient monitoring and mitigation is provided to protect the interests of the River Hamble and all its users. It is anticipated that a formal agreement will be signed shortly.

At **Chichester Harbour** keen sailor Siun Cranny has been appointed to head Chichester Harbour Conservancy, writes *Derek Russell*, leading the team at the Harbour Office. Her new position of Director would formally recognise the responsibility of working with partner organisations and planning the way forward to manage the balance between the harbour and the Area of Outstanding Natural Beauty. The position of **Harbour Master** will be taken on by **Richard Craven** who has been deputy for over 10 years.

A new racing mark has been laid near **Stocker Bank** and named in memory of **John Davis**.

The racing marks in Hayling Bay have been changed and improved at the initiative of Chichester Harbour Federation. Four of the buoys have been replaced by new larger buoys which are lit. An extra mark has been laid in the middle of **Hayling Bay** to allow more variation of courses, and a new mark has been laid in **Bracklesham Bay**.

Chichester Harbour Conservancy will be celebrating its **40th Anniversary** with an exhibition and the planting of 40 oaks around the harbour.

Hampshire 470 sailors win at Olympic Classes Spring Series

Local sailors Skandia Team GBR Development and Transitional Squad sailors took event honours when the 2011 RYA Olympic Classes Spring Series came to an exciting finish at Hayling Island Sailing Club (14-15 May).

The 470 Spring Series crown went to Philip Sparks/Richard Mason, from Christchurch and Lymington respectively, after the combination of their first place at the first Spring Series event and a second at this event.

Sophie Weguelin/Sophie Ainsworth, also of Lymington finished top of the 470 female fleet, fourth overall, and were crowned Spring Series Winners.

The weekend provided testing conditions for sailors and race teams alike with a gusty and shifty breeze out in Hayling Bay and all six Olympic classes on one course. More information at www.ryaracingevents.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. £30 per day for all six boats which are based in the Christian Youth Enterprise Sailing Centre, Chidham, Chichester Harbour. Boats are together on one trailer. Lifejackets included. Contact Richard Brown on 023 8066 7508. The boats were donated to RYA Southern from funding raised by the John Merricks Sailing Trust. Optimist dinghies are perfect for learning to sail and easy to control!



Southern Teams selected to run Olympic test events

Four race officers have been selected from the Southern Region to run courses at the Olympic Test Events in Weymouth this year. Robert Lamb will run the RS:X course, and Tim Hancock the Finn and Star courses. The second team will run the IFDS Worlds. They are Jamie Wilkinson, for the Skud and Sonar courses and Roger Wilson for the 2.4 metres. The teams will be observed and assessed by the RYA and LOCOG (London 2012 Organising Committee) at these events as part of the selection process for 2012.

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