



Southern Region News

Autumn 2011

Clean sweep for Parkstone YC as 2011 Honda RYA Youth RIB Champs are crowned



It was a clean sweep for Parkstone Yacht Club and the Southern Region as 12 year old Harrison Fauld and 16 year old

Ben Edwards blasted their way to championship glory at the Honda RYA Youth RIB Championship at the PSP Southampton Boat Show on 18 September. Twenty eight young powerboating finalists from across the country demonstrated great skill and speed at the throttle of the two Ribcraft 4.8m RIBs.

Harrison clinched the winner's title in the 8-12 age group whilst Ben won in the 13-16 age group. Both boys skilfully manoeuvred around the tricky and testing course which included a slalom run, 360° reverse around a buoy and a stop exercise.

Harrison wins a fantastic Honwave T40 RIB with BF20 engine and Ben wins a Ribcraft 4.8m RIB with BF60

engine both for Parkstone Yacht Club. All the competitors picked up a certificate for taking part and the top three in each class also collected medals and chandlery vouchers courtesy of Ribcraft.

Harrison, who took part despite a sprained ankle from playing football just a few days beforehand, said: "This is the first year competing in the championship so I can't believe I came first. I found the slalom the most challenging part of the course and I will definitely be back next year, for sure."

In his last year of competing, Ben said: "Today was awesome and I'm so happy I've won. I've been driving RIBs since I was eight. This is my

fourth time here in Southampton and I have finally won. It's brilliant to go out with a bang!"

Special thanks go 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 results visit www.rya.org.uk and click on the youth section.



Pool winners Ben Edwards and Harrison Fauld

Apply for 'Sportivate' funding for your club or centre

The RYA is encouraging clubs and centres to take part in 'Sportivate'. The Sport England initiative aims to capture the excitement of London 2012 by providing attractive sporting opportunities for teenagers and young adults.

'Sportivate' will encourage thousands of 14-25 year olds to learn a new sport by providing them with six weeks of coaching in an activity of their choice.

From Summer 2011, until March 2015 Sport England will invest £32 Million of National Lottery funding into the programme, which is part of the *Places People Play* mass participation legacy programme.

The funding is distributed via the 49 County Sports Partnerships (CSPs), which will work with local providers and sports clubs to develop courses based on feedback from teenagers and young adults on the types of sports they are interested in playing.

"This really is a fantastic opportunity for clubs, not only to invite young people from the local community who could potentially become members, but to gain valuable funding to run the courses to accommodate them." Graham Manchester, Strategic Lead for the RYA Adult Participation Programme explains.

"You may have been oversubscribed for a similar course where the cost has proved a barrier, or have run an open day where a number of 14-25 year olds have expressed an interest in a dinghy or windsurfing course that you cannot afford to deliver. The funding from 'Sportivate' will enable your club to welcome more teenagers and young adults into the

sport who will hopefully continue participating for the long term."

To find out whether you are eligible for funding, contact your local CSP for details http://www.sportengland.org/about_us/places_people_play/sportivate.aspx

The RYA have developed a guide for clubs who wish to apply for funding with a case study which can be found at www.rya.org.uk/go/kyc (bottom right of page).



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SINGLE POINT DECIDES T15 WINDSURFING SERIES WINNER



It was a nail biting finish for the six teams of windsurfing youngsters, 62 competitors in all, who braved gusty winds in Poole Harbour on 10 September to take part in the Team15 South Zone Interclub Regatta.

One point separated the eventual winner, the Oxford Zoomers, from the runners up, the

Axbridge Animals, in this, the last in the 2011 southern series. The Zoomers, sponsored by Tushingham, go through to the Champions' Cup National Final which will be held at 08 - 09 October 2011 at Northampton SC.

Local Poole team, the Academy All Stars, also played host to the Queen Mary Skimmers, the Manic Monkeys from Bray, and the Calshot Flyers. The youngsters, who were all between the ages of 8 and 15, raced in the 3.5m 4.5m, 5.8m, 6.8m classes.

Poole's Ben Tweedle, aged 9, made his mark in the 4.5m fleet against his fellow competitors, many of whom are a good deal older than him.

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

www.team15.org.uk or contact the RYA 0845 345 0400.

SOUTHERN RYA REGIONAL YOUNG SAILOR OF THE YEAR:

LOOK OUT FOR A WINNING SAILOR

Do you know a young sailor in your area who always goes the extra mile? It could be someone who has overcome adversity and carried on sailing or someone who can demonstrate an exceptional achievement. Nominate them for the RYA Regional Young Sailor of the Year award 2011! The awards are a fantastic opportunity for clubs and training centres across the region to recognise the outstanding impact young people have made to UK boating, whether it's on the race course, or at their club, overcoming adversity or through an exceptional achievement.

Each RYA Regional Young Sailor of the Year winner is then automatically put forward for the National YJA Pantaenius Young Sailor of the Year Award, with three finalists shortlisted by the Yachting Journalists' Association (YJA) from all of the nominees.

The RYA southern winner (or winners if it is a crew or team) and their families will be treated to a VIP day at the 2012 London Boat Show, where the national YJA Pantaenius Young Sailor of the Year winner will be announced. The award is open to young sailors and powerboaters who will not have attained their 19th birthday before 31st December 2011.

To find out more information and to nominate your winning sailor visit <http://www.rya.org.uk/aboutus/awards/regionalyoungsailor/Pages/RYARegionalYoungSailoroftheYear.aspx>

"Best Hampshire OnBoard Festival Ever!"



Thirty six kids came to the Spinnaker Sailing Club, near Ringwood from schools around Hampshire, to take part in the Hampshire OnBoard Festival on 3

September. The Festival was held as a celebration of 'Learning to Sail' in Hampshire this season, since most of the children taking part had only just started to sail earlier this year, through OnBoard partnerships at their schools and clubs, which encourage youngsters to get involved in boating. The kids, whose ages ranged from 8 to 11 came from Portchester SC, Hill Head SC, Southampton Water Activities Centre (SWAC), Spinnaker SC, and Hamble River SC. Some were funded through Sportivate, Flagstaff Trust and Sport Unlimited.

The Hampshire OnBoard Festival is an annual event. 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.

Visit the RYA's website www.rya.org.uk or the OnBoard website www.ruob.co.uk

VIP visitor for IOW Onboard festival

Thirty-five young sailors from across the Isle of Wight had a very special guest watching them for their morning sail on The Shrape, East Cowes, on August 10 when HRH The Princess Royal came along to see them take part in the Isle of Wight OnBoard Festival. The youngsters came from Brading Haven Yacht Club, Yarmouth Sailing Club, Royal Victoria Yacht Club, Sea View Sailing Club and Island Youth Water Activity Centre (IWYAC). They competed in fun team races, including a relay race from the shore.

HRH The Princess Royal, President of the RYA, joined the competitors out on the water aboard a launch from the THV Galatea. Once back on shore, the Princess was introduced to all the teams and she presented the winning team, the Royal Victoria YC their trophy.



ROCKLEY ONBOARD FESTIVAL ATTRACTS OVER 500 SCHOOL KIDS



An amazing 757 local school children took to the water for the Rockley OnBoard Festival held at Rockley Watersports at Poole Park in June. The event was part of the RYA's OnBoard initiative to give kids from schools around the area the chance to have a go at sailing. Each child enjoyed a half day of organised sailing activities on the water in a selection of dinghies.

Supported by the Poole Schools Sport Partnership the kids, aged 8 to 13, came from schools all around the

area, including Talbot, Hamworthy and Hillbourne to learn about sailing and to have some good plain fun!

Hosted by Poole-based sailing centre Rockley Watersports, the event aimed to get as many children from as many different schools as possible onto the water. 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. www.rya.org.uk or www.ruob.co.uk.

CLUB FOCUS

RYA DEVELOPMENT NEWS

Winter workshops

For Networking, Ideas, Advice, Support contact

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We will be holding a winter workshop on xxxxxx

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.

Vote for the RYA Club of the Year 2012

The RYA officially opened nominations for the 2012 RYA Club of the Year Award at the PSP Southampton Boat Show in September, and until 21st November clubs can be nominated, by downloading a form from volunteering@rya.org.uk.

Current title holders are South Staffordshire Sailing Club. Five clubs will be selected to receive awards and an overall winner will be announced at the RYA Dinghy Show in March 2012.

High Performance Update

from Chris Atherton, RYA High Performance Manager
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RYA VOLVO ZONE CHAMPIONSHIPS

24/25 September 2011

Applications are coming in fast and furious for this at the moment. We are particularly keen to attract those who 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 South Zone Championships at Weymouth and Portland National Sailing Academy. Classes are: Optimists, Toppers, Windsurfers, Mirrors, Laser 4.7s, Fevas and Cadets.

Entry has been open since July and will be via www.ryaracingevents.org.uk

RYA CLUB AND COACH CONFERENCES 3 or 4 December 2011

South Conference 4th December at RYA House
Thames Valley Conference 4th December at Burghfield SC
South East Conference on 4th December at Bewl

As ever, these will be aimed at all those with an interest in, or who are involved in delivering, planning or coordinating club training, racing and coaching for both juniors and adults. It should inspire committees, active volunteers and coaches with new ideas to 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 follow the link to RYA Coaching Courses to the online form.

RYA E.T. YOUTH AND JUNIOR TEAM RACING CHAMPIONSHIPS

Oxford SC
15/16 October 2011

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 out and about:

420 Nationals
2st boys Craig Dibb and Charlie Cox
Warsash SC /Royal Lymington YC
1st girls Jessica Lavery /Georgie Morthersele

Optimist Nationals
Seniors
7th overall Jack Parkin HISC
Juniors
1st overall Milo Gill-Taylor/ Spinnaker
2nd overall Max Clapp/ Warsash SC

Feva
2nd Worlds Owen Bowerman & Charlie Darling
1st National Owen Bowerman & Charlie Darling

Southern GBR Junior sailors on top of the world with Gold, Silver and Bronze medals

RYA National Junior Squad sailors from the south led the charge at the Allen & Magic Marine RS Feva Worlds in mid-July with the event victory and RS Feva World Title going to RYA National Junior Optimist Squad sailors Matthew Whitfield (Penarth YC) and Scott Wallis of Ringwood's Spinnaker SC.

A close second was RYA National Junior Feva Squad members and last year's 2010 World Champions Owen Bowerman and Charlie Darling, from Hayling Island.

The double handed dinghy event was held at

the Royal Maas Yacht Club, Bruinisse, in Holland. 158 boats came from 13 countries, including teams from Australia and Hong Kong.

Rounding off the GBR medal haul was Robert Baddeley, also from Hayling Island and James Taylor (Burghfield SC) with a hard fought bronze medal. Anna Prescott and Jess Eales, both from Lymington Sailing Club, finished just outside the medals in the girls fleet in fourth.

RYA Racing Programme www.rya.org.uk.

AROUND THE SOUTHERN REGION

Seaview was successfully protected during the Round The Island Race when the Island Sailing Club provided a patrol boat this year and Seaview YC provided a massive 10ft inflatable mark loaned by Admiral Insurance to mark the Eastern end of the Exclusion Zone and a RIB to help police the Zone. Only one boat was disqualified and one given a penalty. The Zone was certainly better marked but the wind direction also meant that there was little benefit to be gained from taking a leg inshore.

Ryde Pier is now open to vehicles, but with a £1 charge to drive up the pier and average speed cameras introduced to enforce the 10mph limit. Car parking is also being extended.

Bembridge Harbour is shortly to be put on the market by its administrator and meanwhile continues to operate normally. A number of new lightweight Channel buoys are now in position and the Fisherman's Pontoon should be replaced by Spring 2012.

RYA consults with Yarmouth Harbour Revision Order Following the Public Inquiry in January 2010 and subsequent Inspector's Report, the Harbour Revision Order (HRO) 2011 became law on 30 June 2011. The main part of the HRO confers powers to make General and Special Directions.

The Commissioners have now published a series of General Directions for public consultation. Copies are available from

Yarmouth Harbour Office or may be downloaded from www.yarmouth-harbour.co.uk. The consultation period is 5 August – 11 November 2011. The RYA is one of the consultees included in the consultation process.

Southampton Water has a new Harbour Master, Capt. Martin Phipps. Capt Phipps is no stranger to the port as he has been a pilot for the last twenty years.

The proposed dredge on 201/2 berths and associated works that include widening the swinging ground are due to start this year and will take two years to complete. This improvement to the **Southampton Docks** will enable ABP to handle the new larger container ships that are to soon enter regular service.

After two years resurveying the Port of Southampton, the Admiralty are now in a position to publish a new edition of the **chart** of Southampton Water. This chart is now available and leisure areas will be shown.

Thefts along the banks of the **Hamble River** have been on the increase. 29 masts and spars were stolen from the Hamble Parish boat pound and other areas of the upper Hamble, most probably for recycling.

Water quality is being examined by the Water Quality Working Group and Natural England in **Chichester Harbour** to ensure that the area is protected from the

problems of storm discharges and the retention of excess nitrogen in the harbour waters, along with the effects of discharges of human coliforms on the shellfish waters.

Poole Harbour Commissioners have launched their draft Poole Harbour Master Plan, which was requested by government for all major ports, and gives the vision by PHC for the harbour over the next 25 years. The plan covers future infrastructure, transport planning and maintenance and enhancement of the unique environmental aspects of Poole Harbour, amongst other considerations. The draft plan is open for public consultation over the next 20 weeks until spring 2012, and there will be many detailed working/consultation groups for different stakeholders. The plan is available at www.phc.co.uk.

The RYA Southern Region is concerned that the **Dorset Marine Police** is considering options to make cuts to services in a review of their Marine Section. A petition is circulating at the moment to express the RYA's concern and asking the Chief Constable of Dorset Police to ensure that the Dorset Marine Police Section be retained as a vital part of policing in Dorset. "We believe that at least a part of this vital section be based and operate within Poole Harbour", says Jacqueline Hardy of Poole Yachting Association. More information **from ???**

RYA local representatives continue to represent yachtsmen in MCZ debate



Draft Marine Conservation Zones (dMCZs) and Reference Areas (dRAs) have now been defined. Representatives of leisure boaters and anglers wait to see if their recommendations have been implemented when the Balanced Seas Project Team publishes their final recommendations.

The consultation process has worked well for areas such as Bembridge, where Mike

Samuelson and the anglers' rep, Tony Williams have provided the project team with extensive guidance on local activities and issues. Other RYA Southern Region area representatives have provided help in answering local activity questions and in lobbying for changes. Two mail-outs to RYA Southern Region clubs and associations have been sent, reporting progress and an update has been posted on the RYA website. A further mail-out and website update will be produced when the Project Team's recommendations are published.

During 2012 there will be an impact assessment followed by a three month public consultation.

One of the MCZs, named Finding Sanctuary, is Studland Bay, where it has been recognised that anchoring impacts upon seagrass and seahorses. It was proposed that the existing Studland Bay stakeholder group consider eco-moorings, extend existing research and provide a code of conduct. Meanwhile, a number of organisations in Yarmouth are resisting the inclusion of Yarmouth Harbour coastline in the scheme, including the Town Council and the Royal Solent YC.

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