



Southern Region News

January 2012

Southern pair are Young Sailors of the Year

Annabel Vose (17) and Megan Brickwood (16) from Southampton were presented with the prestigious YJA Pantaenius Young Sailor of the Year Award for 2011 at the Tullett Prebon London International Boat Show in January. The award was presented by Iain Percy, OBE.

Annabel and Megan started 2011 by winning the Ladies' World Title in Buenos Aires, Argentina in the 420 World Championships at just 16 years of age, despite having suffered a broken mast in one race. They then went on to win Silver and were 1st female crew at the Flanders Youth Regatta and won the Bronze medal at the 2011 Open 420 Junior European Championships.

Annabel and Megan were amongst the 13 RYA Regional Young Sailor of the Year winners who are voted for by



Young Sailors Annabel Vose and Megan Brickwood in action and below with Olympic Medallist Iain Percy OBE

the RYA affiliated sailing clubs. All the nominated young sailors have made a significant impact on youth sailing, whether through Gold Medal achievements and overcoming adversity, or putting in hard work and effort giving back to their clubs.



Reigning champion defends RYA National Match Racing crown



Nick Cherry defended his RYA National Match Racing title at the end of November as the

Southampton based skipper claimed the coveted trophy for the fourth time at Queen Mary Sailing Club. Despite frustrating sailing conditions across the

course of the three day regatta Nick and his crew won six out of the seven races while Mark Campbell-James won seven but lost two therefore finishing in second place with a lower percentage of wins than Nick. Skandia Team GBR's Lucy Macgregor finished the weekend in third after winning three out of her four races. Nick's crew were Matty Adams, Connor Myant and Sam Richmond.



The RYA Volvo Dinghy Show will once again be held at Alexandra Palace, London, this year from 5th-6th March. 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.

Olympic Torch comes to the South



The Olympic torch route is in the South during 11th - 17th July. The Relay will pass through Southampton via Mayflower Park on 15th, moving on to Southsea and Portsmouth on July 16th. It will also go through most

southern towns. For full details see www.london2012.com/olympic-torch-relay-map.

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Four Southern sailors were presented with a prestigious RYA Award by HRH the Princess Royal, President of the RYA, at the organisation's annual awards ceremony held at London's One Great George Street in November. The four were amongst 48 winners to whom the volunteer awards were presented, hailing from across the UK.

Pam Marrs from Hayling Island was presented with an RYA Lifetime Commitment Award. Pam was nominated by the Hayling Island SC which she has been involved in since she joined in the 1960s. Since the early 1980s Pam has had a major influence on the operational organisation of HISC. She has been an active club racer and spends many hours in committee meetings.



Richard Thisby from Emsworth was presented with an RYA Outstanding Contribution Award. Richard was nominated by the Royal Artillery Yacht Club for his commitment to training and developing young soldiers into professional and responsible sailors. He is an offshore and dinghy sailor. He was appointed Principal and Centre Manager of Thorney Island Watersports Centre in 2005, turning it from a regimental sailing centre running around 45 courses a year to an army wide facility where around 1500 service men and women have been put through RYA courses, taster sessions and development camps since his appointment.



Stan Evans from Christchurch was presented with an RYA Lifetime Commitment Award. Stan was nominated for his award by Christchurch SC. Since the mid 1980s Stan has acted as winter bosun, maintaining and repairing the club's boats and equipment. He has immense energy and passes on his inspiration. In 2000 Stan published a history of the club, formed in 1874, which he had painstakingly compiled over the years. He also maintains the club's archives, and runs an art club for members, which exhibits on a regular basis.



Peggy Dorothy from Netley Abbey, Southampton was presented with an RYA Lifetime Commitment Award. Peggy was nominated for her award by Hamble River SC where, as a young girl, she was Cadet class dinghy club champion and 15 years ago set up a Cadet Section for youngsters. She was club Commodore for four years which were packed with events and activities, together with new, improved club facilities. She organises club open days and events, as well as sailing groups for people of all ages, charity events, children's activities, training courses and more.



RYA works closely with MCZ project

In the ongoing process to draw up Marine Conservation Zones (MCZ), the Balanced Seas project team working on the scheme in the South sent MCZ proposals to Natural England in September. Natural England has recently sought comments from the RYA on the potential impact of these environmental proposals on leisure boating.

John Pockett of the RYA commented "We have received excellent support from the Bembridge SC, Royal Solent YC and Royal Victoria YC in ensuring that leisure boating activities are recognised. We have already had considerable success in changing the Solent proposals to make them more acceptable to leisure boaters, while retaining the environmental aims. We still have specific concerns about proposals for Yarmouth and Norris-Ryde, but hopefully these will be overcome with continuing club and local association support. Contact john.pockett@pockettbook.com for further information.

A public exhibition and your chance to have a say on the West Wight Wind Farm Proposals, now named Navitus Bay (check your venue for times)

Swanage: Mowlem Theatre – Tues 21st Feb
 Poole: RNLI Lifeboat College – Wed 22nd Feb
 Christchurch: Christchurch Borough Council Chambers – Thurs 23rd Feb
 Bournemouth: Pavilion Theatre – Sat 25th Feb
 West Moors: West Moors Memorial Hall – Tues 28th Feb
 New Milton: New Milton Memorial Centre – Wed 29th Feb
 Lymington: Lymington Community Centre – Fri 2nd March
 Newport, Isle of Wight: Riverside Centre – Sat 3rd March

Regional Race Management Update



Robert Lamb, Regional Race Management Coordinator for the RYA Southern Region, reminds all clubs that the **Regional Race Officials Conference** is to take place on Saturday 11th February 2012 at the Royal Southampton Yacht Club. In addition **Regional Seminars** are to be

held at the Royal Southern YC on 18th - 19th Feb and Hayling Island Sailing Club on 10th-11th Nov. Around 28 people attended Race Management Seminars in 2011 and 8 attended Regional Mark Laying Seminars.

If you or representatives from your club wish to attend any of this year's courses, contact Robert Lamb, Regional Race Management Coordinator (South Region) robert.lamb@rscs.org.uk, 07850 714142.

CLUB AND RACING NEWS

RYA DEVELOPMENT NEWS

Workshops and Conferences

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For information on **Adult Participation, Volunteer Grants and Clubs** and Coaches information. **Club Development Winter Workshops:** share ideas, gain funding put plans in place and support the needs of your members, both cruising and racing. Ask me for details of dates.

Six days coaching for your club!

When you come along to the Winter Workshop you can now apply for up to 6 days adult coaching for your club dependent on your needs and development plans. There's a chance to win £50 RYA vouchers to buy publications or a course at a commercial school. The sessions are for clubs involved in windsurfing, yachting powerboating, PWC and inland waterways as well as dinghies.

75 clubs and 130 people attended the last series of Winter Workshops and we hope you will show an interest this year.

RYA Winter Workshops Dates 2012

RYA Instructor Training Day Hayling Island SC 24/25 March

Volunteer Management and Social Media

Parkstone YC 20th February
Portchester SC 29th February
Herne Bay SC 23rd February
Sussex YC 27th February
Medina Valley 28th February

RYA Volvo South Zone Championship

from Chris Atherton RYA High Performance Manager
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Squad Training

The 2011/2012 Zone Squad training is well under way. The training is going well and to date the weather has been better than last year.

The Southern Zone Squads are generally growing in size to reflect the high number of applicants who are of the relevant standard.

Sport England/Funding

The RYA will be submitting a comprehensive sport plan to UK Sport and Sport England early in 2012. This is for the next funding cycle that will run from the end of 2012 until 2016.

VCC Clubs/RYA Volvo Zone Championships

The total number of entries for the Southern Volvo RYA Zone Championships was up on the previous year.

We believe that activity is generally up in the region within clubs and also in class association regional training but that this is not reflected in the numbers attending the championships. A survey of clubs active in junior and youth race training and racing confirmed this at the beginning of this year.

The RYA has always tried to position the Southern Volvo RYA Zone Championships as a multiclass regional championship. Your club's support in promoting the Zone Championships by encouraging sailors to attend would be much appreciated. This year when we host the event at Weymouth on 29th and 30th September we are hoping to introduce a

Novice Regatta Fleet as a stepping stone for sailors from clubs or from the OnBoard Programme who will be competing for the first time. This is likely to be in Optimists and Toppers.

Junior Open Training

We have currently over 70 Optimist sailors regularly training over the winter period that are not in squads.

We have a Topper group of 25 plus training between three clubs. The Topper open training also reached a record number of 50 at the end of 2011.

Club Conference

The Southern Club Conferences took place on 5th December at RYA House. This was successful with around 33 people attending, representing approximately 29 different clubs. However, numbers were up compared to last year.

KEY DATES 2012

Events for Southern Junior and Youth Sailors

3-4 March RYA Volvo Dinghy Show —Alexandra Palace, London

31 March-6 April RYA Youth National Championships and Trials, Pwheli SC

12-13 May Eric Twiname Championships at Rutland SC

29-30 September Volvo RYA Zone Championships at Weymouth and Portland National Sailing Academy

2 December Club and Coaches Conference.

Southampton OB Officer wins RYA Performance Award



The outstanding dedication of Samantha Jones, a Royal Yachting Association OnBoard Development Officer (ODO) from Southampton who works to introduce youngsters to sailing and

windsurfing, was acknowledged in November at the Annual OnBoard Conference dinner held at the Rose Bowl, Southampton.

RYA CEO Sarah Treseder joined Riki Hooker from RS Sailing to present the 2011 RS Sailing RYA OnBoard Awards (picture). Sam received the Performance Award for her efforts in going the extra mile working for the RYA OnBoard grassroots sailing programme.

Sam oversees the extremely active area of Hampshire and was awarded for her work involving and encouraging schools to take part, motivating volunteers, and organising fun filled festivals for young people and their parents. Her calm yet determined nature has enabled her to inspire 18% of her OnBoard sailors to continue to enjoy sailing regularly.

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.

For more information about how to get involved in sailing visit the RYA's website www.rya.org.uk or the OnBoard website www.ruob.co.uk.

AROUND THE SOUTHERN REGION

Southampton In Southampton Water 201/2 berth is to be enlarged for a new large Magellan class container ship at 365m and 51m beam. The vessels will call every 8 weeks.

• Bramblemet (viewable on www.scra.org.uk) is in the process of being repaired, and wind and weather readings from there should be available again before the end of January. •

The number of cruise liner visits in Southampton are expected to be 440 in 2012, up from 370 in 2011. • On 3rd July, 7 cruise liners will be in port during the day, an exciting spectacle.

Cowes The SCRA and the RYA Southern Region has set up a Solent Safety Seminar to be held in March to address the significant number of incidents and close quarters



collisions in the Solent.

Yarmouth After last year's alterations to the harbour which have been very successful, a second phase will go ahead in the spring of 2012, providing new walk ashore pontoons for visiting RIBs and extra berths for overnight visitors. Extending north from the RNLI berth some of the pontoons will be heavy duty concrete to protect from north easterly wind and seas.

Lymington Work has started on rebuilding the Wightlink (left) terminal which, once completed will return it to a smoother

timetable. • Mud from the dredging of Lymington Yacht Haven is being moved to Boldre Lake in an effort to shore up the natural marshes there. **Hamble** Don't

miss the River Hamble Games, Hamble's answer to the Olympics! Get more information from

www.riverhamblegames.com, part of the RYA's Sail for Gold initiative to get people on

to the water. **Poole** The Twin Sails Bridge will be fully operational in the spring of 2012. Call VHF Channel 14 'Poole Bridge' if you want to use it, to check. • Proposals to disband the Dorset Maritime Police, particularly in view of the continuing thefts from boats on the water, are being strongly resisted and a petition has been handed to the Dorset Chief Police Constable. The RYA Southern Region will be strongly supporting plans to continue to protect Poole Harbour from crime. **Bembridge Harbour** has been sold. The new owner, a long time Isle of Wight resident, expects to get dredging and pontoon works under way by Easter.

RYA PASSAGE TO PORTLAND: get a taste of Olympic Sailing

South Coast yachts are invited to join the RYA's passage to Portland, which is part of the RYA's Sail for Gold programme celebrating the Olympics. The event takes place from 2-5 June 2012 and will be a weekend of celebrations, open to both sail and motor cruisers.

Tour the Olympic and Paralympic sailing venue ahead of the 2012 Games; get a behind-the-scenes look at the Skandia Sail for Gold regatta, as well as the chance to join in with celebrations for the Queen's Diamond Jubilee.

Participants will join at Portland, where the RYA has pre-booked berths for three nights at Portland Marina. Watch the Thames Diamond Jubilee Pageant on Sunday 3rd on big screen TVs and enjoy a Queen's Diamond Jubilee dinner and party on the same evening, hosted by popular, sailor, author and speaker Tom Cunliffe. The evening will have a red, white and blue, 'British Street Party' theme.

As well as touring the Olympic and Paralympic sailing venue, Stephen Park OBE, RYA Olympic Manager, will be giving guests an insight into the team's preparations for the Games.

On Monday spectator boats will be available to go and watch all the racing on the first day of the Skandia Sail for Gold Regatta with racing commentary from double Olympic gold medallist Sarah Ayton. To find out more visit www.rya.org.uk/sailforgold.

Young RIB drivers receive awards at Parkstone Yacht Club



Not one but two of Parkstone's young members each won their class in the National Final of the Royal Yachting

Association's Honda Youth RIB championships in October. So it was a proud moment when the RYA's Andrew Norton presented 12 year old Harrison Faull and 16 year old Ben Edwards (pictured) each with an RYA jacket in a ceremony at the clubhouse.

The pair won the Final at the PSP Southampton Boat Show on 18 September, in their respective age groups, each winning a new RIB for the club. Harrison won a fantastic Honwave T40 RIB with BF20 engine and Ben won a Ribcraft 4.8m RIB with BF60 engine.

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/go/hondayouthrib.

Club Forum for the Southern Region

The RYA Southern Region will be holding its Southern Region 2012 Club Forum to which representatives from all clubs are invited. It is on 18th February at the Royal Naval Club & Royal Albert Yacht Club in Portsmouth.

Presentations will be made and topics to be discussed will include club legal issues, Best practices on Security, Wind Farms, networking and communication and more. For more information contact Richard Brown, RYA Southern Secretary ryasrmail@googlemail.com

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