

News Release

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JUNIOR WINDSURFING COMPETITION HOTS UP IN THE NORTH



Junior windsurfing teams including the Coquet Crushers, North Lincs Invaders and Pugneys Pirates joined the Derwent Devils at Derwent Reservoir Sailing Club last weekend when the RYA Team15 fleet surfed into action.

The teams collected for round three of the RYA Team15 North Zone Championship and this year's competition is tighter than ever. Pugneys Pirates from Wakefield are giving last year's winners, the North Lincs Invaders, a tough time with everything to play for in the final round of the North Zone competition which takes place at Pugneys Country Park, Wakefield on Sunday 18th September.

The eventual winning team at the end of the summer wins the RYA North Zone Team15 Inter-Club Championship and gets to compete against all the other RYA Zone winners for the National Final; the Team15 Champions Cup.

North Zone teams taking part this year include:

- Coquet Crushers (Amble, Northumberland)
- Derwent Devils (Durham)

- Ellerton Scouts (Richmond, Yorkshire)
- North Lincs Invaders (Barton on Humber)
- Pugney's Pirates (Wakefield)
- Rother Valley Country Park (Sheffield)

2011 is the tenth anniversary of the RYA Team15 initiative which was set up by the RYA to help make windsurfing more accessible and appealing to youngsters at a grass roots level.

RYA Team15 North Zone Round 3 results (to 4th place):

3.5m

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| 1. Gustavo Takiguchi | Coquet Crushers |
| 2. Ian Williamson | Rother Valley |
| 3. Matthew Brack | Derwent Devils |
| 4. Alyce Tose | Derwent Devils |

4.5m

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| 1. Eleanor Moir | North Lincs Invaders |
| 2. Mark Jefferson | Derwent Devils |
| 3. Joseph Thompson | Pugneys Pirates |
| 4. James Battye | Pugneys Pirates |

5.8m

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| 1. Jack Bramley | North Lincs Invaders |
| 2. Josh Carey | Pugneys Pirates |
| 3. Fiona Anderson | Pugneys Pirates |

6.8m

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| 1. Sarah Labourne | North Lincs Invaders |
| 2. Jack Lennon | North Lincs Invaders |
| 3. Oliver Anderson | Pugneys Pirates |
| 4. Matthew Carey | Pugneys Pirates |

David Dobson, RYA North Zone Team15 Co-ordinator, was very impressed by the standard of racing throughout the fleet:

“It was very close, especially in the 5.8m class with Jack Bramley and Josh Carey tying at the top until the final race when Jack managed to just squeeze through in first place.”

“The swirling wind made things difficult for the competitors and they had to be very aware of the conditions. It was a great test.”

“Some of the youngsters put in some great performances with 13 year old Gustavo Takiguchi from the Coquet Crushers winning 6 firsts out of 9 races in the 3.5m class and 13 year old Eleanor Moir from the Invaders winning 4 firsts and 3 seconds out of 9 races in the 4.5m class. Sarah Labourne and Jack Lennon from the North Lincs Invaders also put in good performances.”

“It was good to see so many North Zone teams represented at round three, stretching from Amble in Northumberland down to Sheffield in South Yorkshire.”

Supported by industry leaders Tushingham/Starboard, Boards magazine and Neil Pryde, fun and informal training sessions take place at T15 clubs all over the country for kids up to the age of 15. Kit can be borrowed from the clubs and the cost of sessions is kept low. To get involved with Team15 and locate your nearest local club visit www.team15.org.uk or contact the RYA 0845 345 0400.

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Attached photographs:

All the Teams

Pugneys Pirates

North Lincs Invaders (L to R): Jack Bramley, Jack Lennon, Sarah Labourne, Frances Moir

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Notes to Editors:

About Team15

- Supported by industry leaders Tushingam/Starboard, Boards magazine and Neil Pryde.
- Team15 (T15) involves a network of over 80 T15 windsurfing clubs, which meet on a weekly basis to practice and learn more about windsurfing. Youngsters are taught and coached on how to windsurf both competitively and for fun.
- Up to 15 of the best windsurfers from each club represent their club at 4 inter-club regional heat events over the summer, followed by the Team15 Champions Cup, the national final in October.

About the RYA

- The RYA is the national body for all forms of recreational, competitive and professional boating. It represents dinghy and yacht racing, motor and sail cruising, RIBs and sportsboats, powerboat racing, windsurfing, inland cruising and personal watercraft.
- The RYA is recognised by all government offices as being the negotiating body for the activities it represents. It continually fights for the rights and freedoms of its 102,000 personal members, the majority of whom choose to go afloat for purely recreational non-competitive pleasure on coastal and inland waters. There are an estimated further 500,000 boat owners nationally who are members of RYA affiliated clubs and class associations.
- The RYA also sets and maintains a recognised standard for recreational boat training through a network of 2,340 RYA Recognised Training Centres in over 43 countries. On average 155,000 people per year complete RYA training courses.
- The RYA is committed to promoting all forms of boating and making them accessible to everyone. For more information please refer to our web site www.rya.org.uk
- You can find the RYA at RYA House, Ensign Way, Hamble, Southampton, SO31 4YA