

The rewards of success



Chairman Stuart Ede - in action
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The huge haul of medals our Olympians brought home from China grabbed the national headlines, but that is far from being the full story. The RYA schemes that attract people to sailing, and then recognise and develop their potential, are a success at all levels. That success has now been recognised by Sport England in the best way possible – with money! The RYA has received a

40% uplift in its Sport England grant for the next four years. At grassroots level the money will be used to fund such things as the training and support of instructors and coaches. The chances of your club benefiting from this increased support will be much better if it takes an active role in supporting the RYA schemes by becoming a Volvo Champion Club, an OnBoard partner (working with local schools) or a Team15 youth windsurfing host. If you would like to find out more about joining these schemes, then you should talk to our High Performance Manager, Chris Blackburn (07909 994637, chris.blackburn@rya.org.uk), or our Regional Development Officer, Suzie Blair (07771 642933, suzie.blair@rya.org.uk).

While the Sport England funding is directed specifically at sailing, the RYA is about all forms of boating, whether wind or power assisted. And this is reflected in our very first edition of 'Boating & Windsurfing Opportunities in Yorkshire and Humberside' put together through the hard work of our new Regional Communications Officer, Liz King. You can find out more about this excellent publication on page 2. So no excuses - get on the water and enjoy the new season!

Stuart Ede - Chairman
RYA Yorkshire & Humberside

National and World Jet Ski Champions - Matt and Joe Edwards

Champions from the world of powerboat racing converged on Bournemouth last month for the RYA National Champions gala dinner, to celebrate the national and international successes of the 2008 powerboating season. Among the Jet Ski award winners were the Edwards brothers from Doncaster; National Junior 4-stroke Champion Matt (13 years) and World 10 – 12 yrs 2-stroke Champion Joe (11 years). Fantastic achievements already, with more to follow.

Coached and guided by their father Ian, Jet Sport Racing Association (JSRA) Committee Safety Officer, both boys practice hard every week.

14 years old in March, the 2009 season will be Matt's first full season in the adults 800cc 4-stroke class, reaching speeds up to 64 mph on the water. Last year, although still technically a junior, Matt regularly competed in this "Open" class beating riders twice his age. Meanwhile, 11 year old Joe, already World Junior 2-stroke Champion and now in his third full season of racing, will be going all out to hold on to his British and World Championship titles.

"Although they have natural talent, the boys work very hard to improve their technical skills," said their father Ian. "I'm sure the boys have great futures ahead of them and the Ski community has been really supportive right from the start," continued Ian. "This is a social sport where people can enjoy themselves knowing that the races are run on strict safety grounds. We run some club racing and training sessions around the country where anyone can turn up with a personal watercraft and take part. We will have one at Rother Valley later this summer. It's a great way to start. Also the JSRA website (www.jsra.co.uk) has a downloadable "Induction to Racing" booklet which is vital reading for anyone beginning to race."

With a number of youngsters picking up awards in both the junior and adult classes it was evident that there is strong force of youth talent coming through the ranks of the sport. The RYA's John Puddifoot said: "The future is looking very promising in the world of power boat racing with the strength of UK youngsters on the circuit.

To find out more about any of the power racing disciplines visit the RYA website at www.rya.org.uk or call the RYA Powerboat Racing team on 0845 345 0378

Stop Press!

New Sport England funding guidelines are now available on the RYA Yorkshire & humberside website - and also on the Sport England website at

www.sportengland.org

Go to 'Get Funding' and then to 'How funding works.' Also contact your local **County Sports Partnership** for information on local funding and advice:

www.sportengland.org/index/get_resources/county_sports_partnerships.htm



Brothers Matt (R) & Joe (L) Edwards in full flight

The RYA and Volvo Car UK – driving British sailing



RYA Performance Director John Derbyshire announced last month that Volvo Car UK have agreed to extend their support for Youth & Junior racing in 2009.

Volvo have long been supporters of RYA Junior racing, sponsoring the Volvo RYA Champion Club initiative since its launch in 1997 and last year backed three of the RYA's Zone Championships for the first time. In 2009 Volvo will be extending their sponsorship across the RYA's Junior and Youth racing programmes. As title sponsors of the RYA Youth Squad, Volvo will be supporting Britain's top under-19 racing talent in the six RYA Youth classes; Laser Standard, Laser Radial, 29er, 420, Hobie 16 and RS:X windsurfers - and with 10 of those Youth Squad sailors set to fly the flag for Britain at the Volvo Youth Sailing ISAF World Championships in Buzios, Brazil this July, they will now compete under the banner of RYA Volvo Team GBR. As well as this, Volvo will also be title sponsors of all nine of the RYA Volvo Zone and Home Country Championships which take place at nine venues across the UK on the weekend of 26 – 27 September.

John Derbyshire said: "The long running support of Volvo Car UK makes a significant difference to our sport and extending this support into the Youth programme will provide a great boost to so many of our sailors. We are thrilled that Volvo is keen to support the sport in this comprehensive manner and look forward to working closely with them in the future."

Lesley Milne, Head of Events and Sponsorship, Volvo Car UK, said: "Volvo are pleased to be continuing their strong association and support of British Sailing and the RYA. The sponsorship portfolio has been developed to provide a pathway from the grassroots right through to the pinnacle of the sport."

For more details about the RYA's Youth and Junior programmes, including learning more about what being part of a Volvo RYA Champion Club could do for you, visit www.rya.org.uk

2009 Dates for your diary North Zone racing dates



12th -17th April 2009 - RYA Youth National Championships and Trials
9th/10th May 2009 - Eric Twiname Championships
(open to zone squad sailors only)
5th/6th June 2009 - National Junior Windsurf Championships
14th -19th Sept 2009 - Skandia Sail for Gold Regatta
26th/27th Sept 2009 - Volvo RYA Zone Championships
16th/17th October 2009 - Junior & Youth Team Racing Champs
31st Oct/1st Nov 2009 - National Youth Windsurf Champs

RYA YH Young Sailor of the Year 2008



Dean Crangle, winner of the RYA Raymarine Yorkshire and Humberside Young Sailor of the Year 2008, was presented with his prestigious award at a ceremony at the London Boat Show in January. A fantastic achievement for the 16 year old who received his award for his hard work at Thornton Stewart Sailing Club.

Nominations for the Yorkshire and Humberside Young Sailor of the Year 2009 will open in September - don't forget to support our young sailors by sending in your nominations to the RYA YH Committee. A nomination form will be available on the website later this summer.



Boating & Windsurfing Opportunities in Yorkshire & Humberside 2009

The brand new RYA Yorkshire and Humberside Regional Yearbook is now in production and copies will be available at the beginning of April.

2,000 copies of this free booklet will be distributed throughout the Yorkshire

and Humberside Region in

2009. Sailing has proved to be one of the UK's most successful Olympic sports and leading up to the 2012 Olympics we can expect boating and windsurfing to be high profile for the next few years. The Olympics and the increasingly popular RYA Team15 and OnBoard initiatives show that this is a great time to promote your business and boating in general. Financing this publication depends entirely on the generosity of advertisers and the 2009 booklet will be distributed free of charge throughout Yorkshire and Humberside via chandlers, marinas, sailing schools, libraries and tourist information centres.

NSSA National Youth Regatta 2009

Blyth Park, Bridlington
Sunday 26 to Friday 31 July 2009



This year's NSSA National Youth Regatta will be hosted by the Royal Yorkshire YC at its Blyth Park site and the Yorkshire and Humberside Youth Sailing Association extends a warm welcome to all sailors who will be under the age of 19yrs on 31 Aug 2009 to come along and enjoy the fun. Further information about the regatta is available by calling 0114 2693674 or email john.dowd@blueyonder.co.uk

Yorkshire & Humberside Youth Travellers Series

The dates for this year's Yorkshire and Humberside Youth Sailing Association Travellers Series have now been set. The Series helps to promote dinghy racing for young people up to the age of 19 and taking part in the series produces new friendships around the region which are often maintained for many years.

Spring Training at Pennine Sailing Club on the 18th and 19th April

Travellers Series' Dates:

25th April Huddersfield SC; 2nd May Scammonden SC; 9th May Pennine SC; 16th May North Lincs SC; 30th May Otley SC; 6th June Yorkshire Dales SC; 13th June Welton SC; 20th June Rotherham SC; 27th June Beaver SC; 4th July West Riding SC; 11th July Ripon SC

Contact: Secretary, Pauline Moran 07971 997371
Email: paulinemoran@btinternet.com

Honda RYA Youth RIB Championship 2009



The Yorkshire and Humberside regional final of this year's Honda RYA Youth RIB Championship returns to Welton Sailing Club in August. This event is a fantastic opportunity for the YH Region's young boating enthusiasts to gain valuable experience and RIB handling skills - and possibly win a new RIB for their club.

NORTH EAST

Saturday 20th June - Sunderland Yacht Club
Old North Pier, Roker, Sunderland SR6 0PN
Contact: Eammon Rooney Tel: 0191 536 4538
Mobile: 07944 103041 E-mail: rooneys.end@virgin.net

YORKS & HUMBERSIDE

Saturday 8th August - Welton Sailing Club
Welton, Brough, N. Humberside HU15 1PT
Contact: Steve Abbot Tel: 01482 654153
E-mail: a13sda@yahoo.co.uk

Free training taster sessions with the RYA at RIBEX 2009

The RYA is offering free training taster sessions at this year's RIBEX show held at Cowes Yacht Haven, 8th/10th May. Hosted by Mendez Marine and sponsored by Ribcraft, the RYA will have two Ribcrafts available throughout the show. Each session will last approx 30 minutes, are completely free and under expert RYA instructor tuition. Lifejackets are provided and children under 16 need to be accompanied by an adult. It's easy to sign up; just register at the RYA events trailer in the Exhibition show arena. Bookings are on a first come first served basis.

RYA Publications - expert help and guidance

There are some fantastic new handbooks currently available from the RYA and many more in the pipeline for 2009 - including new books on basic and astro navigation, advanced dinghy sailing, a boat buyer's handbook, new collision regulations, sea fishing handbooks and many more. For a full list and more details visit www.rya.org.uk/shop email publications@rya.org.uk or call 02380 604207.



Spring into action with your RDO!

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Instructor Training courses

The region is buzzing with activity and already this year we have seen: two Powerboat and Dinghy Instructor courses, a Start Windsurf and an Intermediate Windsurfing Instructor course, and Advanced Dinghy and Senior Instructor course, and there are lots more planned throughout the season.

I urge you to keep a regular eye on the regional website for the next Instructor courses we have planned. We are also going to run three weekends of the RYA Performance Module for Instructors, so watch this space for dates, venues and more details.

Windsurf Senior Instructor Course 22nd - 25th May

Pugneys Country Park

Contact: pugneyscp@wakefield.gov.uk or 01924 302360

As always we can run courses on demand at any RYA Recognised Training Centre, all you need to do is get in touch.

York's & Humber Regional Website: www.rya-yorkshire.org

Meet your County Sports partnership

Don't miss this great opportunity to find out how your local CSP can help support your club this season. All Clubs and Centres are invited to attend the meetings, refreshments and a light buffet will be available, please arrive at 18:45 for a prompt 19:00 start. A maximum of 2 delegates per club are invited, please confirm your attendance to the organisers below at least 3 days prior to the event.

Agenda

- Who is your CSP and how can they help you
- Local funding advice
- Support in promoting your club
- Sport England's Active People and Market Segment data
- Coach CPD courses
- Future working relationships

CSP body	Date	Venue and Contact
South Yorkshire Sport	21st May	The English Institute of Sport, Sheffield, S9 5DA Tara Smith tara.smith@sysport.co.uk Tel: 0114 2235683
West Yorkshire Sport	20th May	Pugneys Country Park, Wakefield, WF2 7EQ Lucy Birkenshaw lucy.birkenshaw@wysport.co.uk Tel: 01484 234087
Humber Sports Partnership	27th May	The Octagon, Kingston upon Hull Rachel Sullivan rsullivan@goodwin-centre.org Tel: 01482 387491
North Yorkshire Sport	28th May	Venue TBC Paul Downes paul.downes@harrogate.gov.uk Tel: 01423 545187

Team15 2009

Four Team15 2009 dates are scheduled for North Zone:

Sun 19 April
Pugneys Country Park
Sun 31 May
North Lincs SC
Sun 28 June
Derwent Reservoir SC
Sun 12 July
Covenham SC

Come along and support your team and who knows, you might get involved.

With classes to accommodate all age groups up to the age of 15yrs, Team15 competitions are a great way for young windsurfers to enjoy their sport, develop their skills and have fun. Last year's North Zone Champions were the North Lincs Invaders - they will be out to defend their title in 2009. Bring on the competition!!



New alcohol regulations - the RYA awaits your comments

The RYA expressed its disappointment last month at the DfT's (Department for Transport) consultation paper regarding draft regulations for alcohol limits for non-professional mariners and inland boaters.

The new proposals - which the RYA generously describes as "misguided" - suggest that alcohol limits should not apply to vessels with an overall length of less than 7 metres and a "maximum design speed" not exceeding 7 knots.

Gus Lewis, Government and Legal Affairs manager for the RYA commented:

"First and foremost, the RYA does not condone being drunk in charge of a boat. The RYA also supports the DfT's proposals to exempt certain craft from the application of the legislation. However, the RYA believes that the DfT's proposals are badly drafted in that few, if any, boaters are likely to be aware of the theoretical "maximum design speed" of their craft. We want to make sure that any new rules are clear, sensible and readily understandable. Given the uncertainty as to who on board a vessel is likely to be subject to the prescribed alcohol limits, in our view it is all the more important that the exemption is clearly defined."

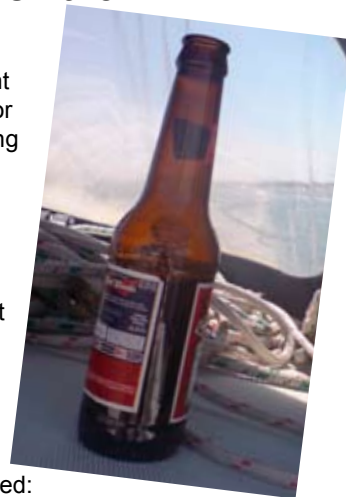
The RYA maintains the view it took in 2004 that alcohol limits for recreational boaters are unnecessary because there is still no evidence of the existence of an extensive problem relating to alcohol and boating. The RYA has now until the start of May to review and respond on the consultation document to the DfT.

To view the consultation paper visit:

www.dft.gov.uk/consultations/open/exceptionfromalcohol/

For more background on this issue go to:

www.rya.org.uk/AboutRYA/lobbyact/Pages/alcoholimits.aspx



RYA Community Awards 2009

The RYA Community Awards recognise the exceptional voluntary contribution given by individuals who make a real impact on our sport. Individuals can be nominated in one of three Award Categories. These categories in 2009 are:

Lifetime Commitment - someone who has shown exceptional commitment and dedication over a period of 15 years or more

Outstanding Contribution - someone who has volunteered for less than 15 years but who has none the less made a significant contribution. This could be a single or 'one-off' contribution

Youth - someone under the age of 25 on the 1st October 2009 who has demonstrated a regular commitment and/or inspirational contribution to the sport.

Nomination criteria and forms are downloadable from the RYA website and all nominations should reach the RYA by **Monday 11th May 2009**. The Awards Panel decision will be approved by RYA Council on 17th June 2009 and the RYA will endeavour to inform successful nominators and nominees by August 1st 2009. Successful nominees and their guest will be invited to receive their Awards at a special luncheon and presentation ceremony in November 2009 in London.



UK Borders Agency - threat to leisure boating?

As the e-Borders programme is rolled out in the commercial travel sectors the RYA continues to voice concerns on behalf of the recreational boating sector.

The RYA Government and Legal Affairs manager Gus Lewis explained the RYA's widely held view, "The RYA does not support the Agency's proposals to extend the application of the e-Borders programme to recreational boaters and considers that any sea

border security programme should be intelligence-led rather than involving blanket monitoring of all cross-order movement".

The RYA believes that any proposal to secure the UK sea border in relation to recreational boating will only work if it does not:

1. Impose unfair or unreasonable restrictions on boaters
2. Criminalise law-abiding citizens when they take action in the face of adverse conditions
3. Impact on the safety of navigation.

The RYA has been actively engaged with the UK Borders Agency from the outset. There are few people that would object to the principle that the Government should seek to secure the UK sea border against terrorist and organised criminal activity. However, there are serious concerns over the mechanism that the Government appears to intend to adopt.

For more information visit -

www.rya.org.uk/AboutRYA/lobbyact

New website for the 21st century - www.ryasailability.tv

RYA Sailability, the RYA charity which provides disabled people with access to sailing has launched a brand new website www.ryasailability.tv

The new site will provide a one stop shop of information from events, clubs and boats to volunteering, training and promotions for disabled sailors and volunteers alike. Sailability TV is a new innovation for RYA Sailability making it far easier for sailors, clubs and volunteers to see what Sailability can do for them. It covers all levels from grassroots to Paralympian level.

RYA Disability Awareness Training

Otley SC will soon be running the RYA Disability Awareness Training Course (date to be confirmed). This is FREE and open to anyone involved in training anyone with a disability at their club or Centre, a great way to get up to date advice and support.

