

# News Release

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## JUNIOR WINDSURFING FLEETS DO BATTLE ON HUMBERSIDE



Teams of young windsurfers from across the north east of England collected at Barton on Humber last weekend to do battle in round two of the RYA North Zone Team15 Junior Windsurfing Championships 2011.

2010 UK Champions, North Lincs Invaders, welcomed rival teams from Durham, Wakefield and Sheffield to their home waters at North Lincs and Humberside Sailing Club.

Light winds and overcast weather could not dampen the spirits of the competitors and racing in all the classes was keen with the results tight.

Jacob Collett from Pugneys Pirates and Eleanor Moir from North Lincs Invaders shared most of the honours in the 3.5m class until the final race when Gustavo Takiguchi scored his first win of the competition. Overall in the 3.5m class Jacob Collett came out on top with 7 wins out of 9 races.

Cameron May (Invaders) and James Battye (Pugneys) had a similar battle in the 4.5m class sharing first or second place throughout most of the day, with Cameron claiming overall first place by the end of the afternoon.

11 year old Josh Carey from Pugneys won the overall spot in the 5.8m class. A great achievement as Josh was competing against youngsters two or three years his senior.

It was a North Lincs Invaders 1 and 2 in the 6.8m class, with Sarah Labourne and Jack Lennon consistently posting 1<sup>st</sup>'s and 2<sup>nd</sup>'s throughout the day, with Sarah eventually winning by 2 points.

“Twelve year old Sarah is doing really well and is following in her elder sister Emma’s footsteps,” said David Dobson, RYA Team15 Co-ordinator. “Emma is already in the RYA National Junior Windsurfing Squad.”

Three merit awards were given out at the end of the competition to Matthew & Ian Williamson (3.5m & 4.5m class) and Peter Bass (5.8m class), all competing in Team15 for the first time as part of the new Rother Valley Team.

When all the scores were added up, the top team result was very close, with the North Lincs Invaders just clinching it with Pugneys Pirates coming close behind them in second place.

The next time the teams meet will be in round three at Derwent Reservoir on the Northumberland/Durham border on Sunday 24<sup>th</sup> July.

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.

The young windsurfers, all of whom are 15 years of age or under, will be sailing for their local team and the team with the best score 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 from Amble, Northumberland
- Derwent Devils (Durham)
- Ellerton Scouts (Richmond, Yorkshire)
- North Lincs Invaders (Barton on Humber)
- Pugney's Pirates (Wakefield)
- Rother Valley Country Park (Sheffield)

The team to beat in 2011 is the 2009 and 2010 national champions, North Lincs Invaders and round two of the Championship takes place on the Invaders' home waters.

Supported by industry leaders Tushingam/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](http://www.team15.org.uk) or contact the RYA 0845 345 0400.

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Attached photographs:

Sarah Labourne receiving her prize from Keith Lowne, Vice Commodore of the North Lincs and Humberside Sailing Club

North Lincs 1 & 2 – Action on the water

North Lincs 4 – The winning North Lincs team with Mark Butler, coach of the North Lincs Invaders

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### **Notes to Editors:**

#### **About Team15**

- Supported by industry leaders Tushingham/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](http://www.rya.org.uk)
- You can find the RYA at RYA House, Ensign Way, Hamble, Southampton, SO31 4YA