



# Southern Region News

June 2012

## Southern sailors dominate Youth Nationals

**Craig Dibb (Warsash SC) and Charlie Cox (Royal Lympington Yacht Club)**, last year's champions, showcased their skills on the final day of the RYA Volvo Youth Nationals as they successfully defended their RYA Volvo Youth National crown at Clwb Hwyllo Pwllheli Sailing Club in the first week of April.

The regatta provided world class sailing across six RYA Youth classes. Their experience of winning the event last year and representing RYA Volvo Team GBR at the ISAF Youth Sailing World Championships last year paid dividends.

Cox said: "We are over the moon to have won as it's been a week of extremely tight racing."

"We are now just looking forward to the ISAF Youth Worlds where our main aim will be to win a medal. It is one of the biggest events you can ever compete in as a Youth sailor," concluded Dibb.

Also from the south were the victorious 420 class girls **Annabel Vose and Kirstie Irwin** from the **Royal Southern Yacht Club**. The pair, who have sailed together for six months, faced stiff competition.



*Young Sailors Craig Dibb and Charlie Cox in action*

Annabel, current 420 World Champion and now 2012 RYA Volvo Youth National Champion, commented: "I'm really happy to have won as it's been my goal for a long time. By winning this time around we finally qualify for the ISAF Youth Worlds."

**Ben Batton (Lympington Town SC) and Tim Gratton (Hayling Island SC)** are the new Champions in the 29er fleet proving themselves effective in all conditions. Ben commented "We have

been training together throughout the winter period so it's great to finally compete."

**Vikki Payne/Stephanie Orton** were awarded the female 2011 Championship title as the pair from **Chichester SC** finished 9th overall. From **Lympington Tom Britz**, crewing for Rupert White, scored second place in the Spitfire catamaran.

## Sail for Gold in the South: a huge festival of sailing!



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The London 2012 Olympic and Paralympic Games provides us all with a unique opportunity to really promote our sport nationally and your club or training centre locally and for us all to have some fun! People will naturally be much more sport oriented as we move closer to the Games and so it's a great chance to really inspire them to have a go at sailing and hopefully engage them on an on-going basis, perhaps as a member of your club, or

learning to sail at your training centre. The Sail for Gold programme, launched in March 2011, provides clubs and training centres with a framework of activities and events, both on and off the water that they can tailor to suit their needs. Of particular interest is "Push the Boat Out Day" nominally on 21st July, although some clubs are doing this on other dates. Participating clubs include

Redclyffe Yacht Club, Wareham, Winchester Sea Cadets, Hamble River Sailing Club (as part of the Hamble Games) Bembridge SC and Hill Head SC. Brading Haven YC will be holding Sail for Gold 'have a go' sessions on 28th May and others through the summer. For more information go to [www.rya.org.uk/sailforgold](http://www.rya.org.uk/sailforgold).

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Southern Region Website [www.ryasr.org.uk](http://www.ryasr.org.uk)

## VOLUNTEER RECOGNISED AT RYA SAILABILITY CONFERENCE



Eric Blyth (centre) pictured with Debbie Blachford and Pat Dodd, of Sailability

Eric Blyth, Chairman of New Forest and District Sailability (NFDS) has received an RYA Sailability Volunteer Award for his exceptional contribution as a volunteer. For the past 11 years Eric has been committed to introducing disabled people to sailing and has seen the organisation develop from having just three boats in the early days, to the 80 volunteers and 17 boats that the club boasts today.

The RYA Sailability Volunteer Awards presented by RYA Sailability Chairman Pat Dodd recognise the priceless voluntary contribution by Sailability volunteers. They are awarded in three categories Significant Contribution, Outstanding Contribution and Exceptional Contribution.

Diagnosed with Multiple Sclerosis, Eric is dependent on a wheel chair but this does not stop him skippering boats to allow other disabled people to experience being out on the water.

"I feel like a bit of a fraud being given this award, all I have been doing is sailing and taking people out on the water! I am absolutely delighted and will accept this award on behalf on everyone involved in NFDS".

Some 90 delegates from Sailability groups across the country as far afield as Scotland to the New Forest attended the 5th annual Sailability conference and dinner (Wyboston Lakes, Bedfordshire, 25 February) where the winners were announced.

The number of people who now sail regularly as a result of Sailability has increased by a fantastic 76%. More information: [www.rya.org.uk](http://www.rya.org.uk), click on Sailability at bottom of home page.

## RYA South Zone scoops Eric Twiname Shield



The RYA South Zone were crowned 2012 RYA Eric Twiname champions on 13 May at Rutland Water after dominant performances across all fleets. Some 325 sailors in 285 boats representing the nine RYA Zone and Home Counties raced to take the coveted Eric Twiname Shield from the 2011 event winners the RYA West Zone.

The RYA South Zone also won the Eric Twiname Dinghy Trophy, awarded to the Zone performing best from the top two dinghy classes out of the five.

South Zone sailors **Nick Robins (Hayling Island SC)/Alicia Campbell-Bottoms (Hayling Island SC)** took victory in the RS Feva class, while fellow South Zone Squad members **Ben Shorrocks (Frensham Pond SC)/Tom Bridge (Frensham Pond SC)** won the Cadet fleet.

In the Mirror fleet, South Zone Squad sailors **Jo Kalderon Itchenor SC/Sally Lorimer (Warsash SC)**, claimed event honours. South was also the top Zone in both the RS Feva and Mirror fleets.

**Ben Tweedle (Emsworth SC)** claimed victory in the Bic Techno 4.5m class, putting the South Zone once again top, in the 4.5m class.

For more information about the event and the support of the Eric Twiname Memorial Trust visit [www.ryaracingevents.org.uk](http://www.ryaracingevents.org.uk).

## Start looking out for the 2012 Young Sailor



In August the RYA will be once again calling for nominations for Young Sailor of the Year. Nominations can come from both clubs and individuals. So start thinking about a high achiever in your club or that you know of, whether it's top racing results, community work, or going that extra

mile to encourage others with their sailing. Watch this space for more information on how to submit your nomination or visit [www.rya.org.uk](http://www.rya.org.uk).

Picture: 2011 Young Sailors of the Year winners Annabel Vose and Megan Brickwood pictured with Olympic Medallist Ian Percy.

## CLUB AND RACING NEWS

### RYA DEVELOPMENT NEWS

## Workshops and Conferences

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#### Winter Workshops

Over the winter 2011/2012 200 people from 100 clubs attended the Winter Workshops, gaining valuable input specifically into Sustainable Development Plans, Funding, Volunteer Management and Social Media.

All clubs that attended were offered 6 coaching days and 52 have taken this up. We also offered County based Instructor courses and we trained 50 new DIs and 24 new SIs.

We will develop the workshops further for next year and make them more appealing to all affiliated clubs. We want to encourage cruising, motor and sail, personal watercraft, T15, VCC, OB and power boat racing clubs. We also plan to increase the number of locations next year, adding another in the Chichester Harbour area, taking the total to 6 and moving some of the others to different locations in the regions.

#### Training Centres/Instructors:

##### Instructor Training Day

The RYA Instructor Training Day had 213 people (increase of 50 on last year) attend this year including the many coaches and trainers that volunteered their time to help on the water and deliver sessions. The format was extended to accommodate everyone and 2013 will be even bigger and better!

##### Coaches and Trainers

There are several freelance coaches and trainers that work within the regions. Please contact me to find them.

We are now accepting applications for Dinghy Coaches, Windsurf and Power Trainers for 2012, application forms can be obtained from me by email.

##### OnBoard

OnBoard is a nation-wide programme that aims to introduce 500,000 young people to sailing in the next 10 years and retain more than 10% as regular sailors. The South is currently leading all the other regions in terms of regular participation, something the ODOs have worked very hard to do. We have introduced 50,369 new sailors to first experiences and kept 4796, which is 9.5%, an increase of 4.1% on last year. The team has been given the aim of making 12% by the end of this year.

##### OnBoard Development Officers (ODOs)

ODOs develop a school to club (and centre) link programme to increase the number of young people sailing. They are :

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## RYA Volvo South Zone Championship

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#### Zone Squads

A very successful Zone squad season has come to an end, with light weather dominating the weekends. Good progress has been made by all sailors We are as ever extremely grateful to the clubs across the region that have hosted zone training. We look forward to the competition during the summer to allow the sailors to develop their skills even further. For more info see : <http://www.rya.org.uk/racing/youthjunior/squads/zone/Pages!default.aspx>.

#### Volvo Champion Club (VCC)

Hawley Lake Sailing Training Centre was presented their VCC awards at the RYA Dinghy Show in March. Their main aim is now to continue to encourage young sailors into racing and coaching. We have a few more clubs in development so hopefully they will gain the status in due course. (Upper Thames Sailing Club)

#### VCC Funding

Funding will continue for 2012-2013 and will take the form of small volunteer grants and coach time dedicated to junior training and mentoring club coaches. Those who may be interested please contact me for further information.

#### Future Information

The RYA Volvo South Zone Champs will be hosted by the Weymouth & Portland Sailing Academy over the weekend 29th - 30th September 2012. There will be a 'novice' regatta fleets in Toppers and Optimists at both venues, where novice racers who perhaps have been club racing can join in and experience the racing under the supervision of a coach at a larger event. This is an event for sailors to set themselves as an end of year goal after training and racing over the year this summer. It will give the young sailors a good learning experience to help start them along the pathway to success.

#### Sport England Funding.

The RYA has to submit a "whole 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.

#### Level 2 Coaching Courses

These are still extremely popular and courses are filling up very quickly once they are announced. Any club wishing to hold a course needs to get it in their programme as soon as possible (it would even be worth booking autumn dates as the tutors are getting booked up well in advance)

#### Notable HPM Dates

**29th - 30th September** RYA Volvo Zone Championships

**20th - 21st October** ET Team Racing Champs

**1st & 2nd December** Club & Coach Conferences

RYA Southern Zone RYA House Hamble

## **AROUND THE SOUTHERN REGION**

**Southampton** Monday mornings will see the arrival of a 'Christophe Columb' class container ship 367m 220,000 tons displacement. There may sometimes be a second one on a Tuesday morning. Since it is the ABP's policy to educate not prosecute, skippers involved in close quarter situations with commercial shipping have been subjected to a trip on the bridge of a Red Funnel, or a piloted vessel to see the problems for themselves. New safety measures are to be put in place for Aberdeen Asset Management Cowes Week 2012 following the collision between Hanne Knutsen and the yacht Atalanta last year. There will be more patrol boats, and increased participation by Pilots who will remain until racing finishes each day. To have a look at the video go to [www.tinyurl.com/cb3tvvgx](http://www.tinyurl.com/cb3tvvgx).

### **East Wight - Bembridge**

Repairs and improvements to existing visitor facilities at Bembridge Harbour are (pictured right) in hand and the Harbour now has a new website [www.bembridgeharbour.co.uk](http://www.bembridgeharbour.co.uk). The harbour



will be dredged in late spring and then again in the autumn. The Duver Visitors pontoon is to extend by about 69m in early June and the Fisherman's Pontoon is to be replaced.

A 'Push the Boat Out' day in honour of the 2012 Games in the form of a "Fort Raid" for Bembridge based dinghies around St Helens Fort will be held on 21st July. Yaverland B&YC are organising a beach BBQ.

**Yarmouth** Last year's development of the harbour proved to be very successful, with 80% of visiting boats opting for the more convenient walk ashore pontoon berths with power /water, and an increase in visitor numbers. The Annual Accounts show a very good performance despite the development

work in progress in the first quarter, the economic climate and periods of poor weather.

The recent development phase 4a was

completed before Easter, giving extra day berths for RIBs and overnight for yachts. The estuary will be the setting for a River Pageant on 3rd June as part of Yarmouth's celebrations of the Queen's Diamond Jubilee.

**Lymington** The Wightlink Terminal at Lymington is now completed and can now properly accommodate the new ferries. With walkways restored, the timetable is expected to return to normal, following the disruption in the interim, since the new ships came into service.

**Hayling Island** Havant Borough Council has held public exhibitions to explain their proposals for coastal defence works on the south-eastern tip of Hayling Island. The Conservancy has drawn attention to the problems caused by the continuing build-up of sediment immediately north of the Hayling Island Sailing Club (HISC) building. If accretion continues this could cause severe problems for maritime organisations in the area, including HISC, Mengeham Rythe Sailing Club, Wilsons Boatyard and Sparkes Marina. As a result, removal of the build up will be included in the future beach management plan for Hayling seafront.

## **Your RYA - Working for you in the South**

### **Marine Conservation Zones (Balanced Seas)**

The debate about whether the Marine Conservation Zones will be located and what impact they have on yachtsmen continues. The RYA's Southern Region Committee continues to represent the RYA's interests on behalf of sailors in the South. Those local RYA and other responses have been provided for the three stages of the Impact Assessment consultation which have now taken place.

Representatives from the Lymington and surrounding clubs visited Newtown Creek in February to meet the National Trust Harbourmaster to assess whether the Reference Area proposals had taken their activities into account fully. They appeared satisfied that the proposals made to date would not impinge on their activities, although it is recognised that the final boundaries of the Reference Area have not been confirmed. Details of their estimated number of boats visiting the creek each year were provided to Natural England as part of the Impact Assessment.

### **West Wight Wind Farm**

The environmental team at RYA House are in regular contact with Eneco and the other Round 3 developers. It is largely due to their input into development of wind farms around the country that a number of design factors have been agreed which will make them a little easier to live with. These include a minimum rotor clearance of 22m (above sea level), 1km spacing and no restrictions of navigation through them once in operation. This contrasts with, for instance, Holland and Denmark where they are strict no-go zones.

The RYA has opposed this specific site because of the potential impact upon recreational boating. There is a lot of local opposition and two local authorities have opposed the siting of a met mast in the bay to gather data for the final application.

The Southern Region Committee has had a lot of contact from boaters who are very concerned about the impact of this scheme and we need to consider the best approach to canvassing views and presenting our objections, if that represents the broad regional opinion. To add your views, contact Malcolm Palmer on 01202 770511 [Malcolm.palmer1@ntlworld.com](mailto:Malcolm.palmer1@ntlworld.com).

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