



Southern Region News

Autumn 2011

Clean sweep for Parkstone YC as 2011 Honda RYA Youth RIB champs are crowned



It was a clean sweep for Parkstone Yacht Club and the Southern Region as 12 year old Harrison Fauld and 16 year old Ben Edwards blasted their way

to championship glory at the Honda RYA Youth RIB Championship at the PSP Southampton Boat Show on 18 September. Twenty eight young powerboating finalists from across the country demonstrated great skill and speed at the throttle of the two Ribcraft 4.8m RIBs.

Harrison clinched the winner's title in the 8-12 age group whilst Ben won in the 13-16 age group. Both boys skilfully manoeuvred around the tricky and testing course which included a slalom run, 360° reverse around a buoy and a stop exercise.

Harrison won a fantastic Honwave T40 RIB with BF20 engine and Ben won a Ribcraft 4.8m RIB with BF60

engine, both for lucky Parkstone Yacht Club. All the competitors picked up a certificate for taking part and the top three in each class also collected medals and chandlery vouchers courtesy of Ribcraft.

Harrison, who took part despite a sprained ankle from playing football just a few days beforehand, said: "This is the first year competing in the championship so I can't believe I came first. I found the slalom the most challenging part of the course and I will be back next year, for sure."

In his last year of competing, Ben said: "Today was awesome and I'm so happy I've won. I've been driving RIBs since I was eight. This is my

fourth time here in Southampton and I have finally won. It's brilliant to go out with a bang!"

Special thanks go to Championship sponsors Honda and Ribcraft. For more information about the Honda RYA Youth RIB Championship, details on how to get involved and a list of results visit www.rya.org.uk and click on the youth section.



Pool winners Harrison Fauld and Ben Edwards

Apply for 'Sportivate' funding for your club or centre

The RYA is encouraging clubs and centres to take part in 'Sportivate'. The Sport England initiative aims to capture the excitement of London 2012 by providing attractive sporting opportunities for teenagers and young adults.

'Sportivate' will encourage thousands of 14-25 year olds to learn a new sport by providing them with six weeks of coaching in an activity of their choice.

From Summer 2011, until March 2015 Sport England will invest £32 million of National Lottery funding into the programme, which is part of the *Places People Play* mass participation legacy programme.

The funding is distributed via the 49 County Sports Partnerships (CSPs), which will work with local providers and sports clubs to develop courses based on feedback from teenagers and young adults on the types of sports they are interested in playing.

"This really is a fantastic opportunity for clubs, not only to invite young people from the local community who could potentially become members, but to gain valuable funding to run the courses to accommodate them." Graham Manchester, Strategic Lead for the RYA Adult Participation Programme explains.

"You may have been oversubscribed for a similar course where the cost has proved a barrier, or have run an open day where a number of 14-25 year olds have expressed an interest in a dinghy or windsurfing course that you cannot afford to deliver. The funding from 'Sportivate' will enable your club to welcome more teenagers and young adults into the

sport who will hopefully continue participating for the long term."

To find out whether you are eligible for funding, contact your local CSP for details http://www.sportengland.org/about_us/places_people_play/sportivate.aspx

The RYA has developed a guide for clubs who wish to apply for funding with a case study which can be found at www.rya.org.uk/go/kyc (bottom right of page).



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SINGLE POINT DECIDES T15 WINDSURFING SERIES WINNER



It was a nail biting finish for the six teams of windsurfing youngsters, 62 competitors in all, who braved gusty winds in Poole Harbour on 10 September to take part in the Team15 South Zone Interclub Regatta.

One point separated the eventual winning team, the Oxford Zoomers, from the runners up, the Axbridge Animals, in this, the last in the 2011 southern series. The Zoomers, sponsored by Tushingham, go through to the Champions' Cup National Final which will be held on 8-9 October 2011 at Northampton SC.

Local Poole team, the Academy All Stars, were the hosts, also welcoming the Queen Mary Skimmers, the Manic Monkeys from Bray, and the Calshot Flyers. The youngsters, who were all between the ages of 8 and 15, raced in the 3.5m 4.5m, 5.8m, 6.8m classes.

Poole's Ben Tweedle, aged 9, made his mark in the 4.5m fleet against his fellow competitors, many of whom are a good deal older than him.

Supported by industry leaders Tushingham/Starboard, Boards magazine and Neil Pryde, T15 was set up by the RYA to help make windsurfing more accessible and appealing to youngsters at a grass roots level. www.team15.org.uk or contact the RYA 0845 345 0400.

SOUTHERN RYA REGIONAL YOUNG SAILOR OF THE YEAR:

LOOK OUT FOR A WINNING SAILOR!

Do you know a young sailor in your area who always goes the extra mile? It could be someone who has overcome adversity and carried on sailing or someone who can demonstrate an exceptional achievement. Nominate them for the RYA Regional Young Sailor of the Year award 2011! The awards are a fantastic opportunity for clubs and training centres across the region to recognise the outstanding impact young people have made to UK boating, whether it's on the race course, or at their club, overcoming adversity or through an exceptional achievement.

Each RYA Regional Young Sailor of the Year winner is then automatically put forward for the National YJA Pantaenius Young Sailor of the Year Award, with three finalists shortlisted by the Yachting Journalists' Association (YJA) from all of the nominees.

The RYA southern winner (or winners if it is a crew or team) and their families will be treated to a VIP day at the 2012 London Boat Show, where the national YJA Pantaenius Young Sailor of the Year winner will be announced. The award is open to young sailors and powerboaters who will not have attained their 19th birthday before 31st December 2011.

To find out more information and to nominate your winning sailor visit <http://www.rya.org.uk/aboutus/awards/regionalyoungsailor/Pages/RYARegionalYoungSailoroftheYear.aspx>

"Best Hampshire OnBoard Festival Ever!"



Thirty six kids came to the Spinnaker Sailing Club, near Ringwood from schools around Hampshire, to take part in the Hampshire OnBoard Festival on 3

September. The Festival was held as a celebration of 'Learning to Sail' in Hampshire this season, since most of the children taking part had only just started to sail earlier this year, through OnBoard partnerships at their schools and clubs, which encourage youngsters to get involved in boating. The kids, whose ages ranged from 8 to 11 came from Portchester SC, Hill Head SC, Southampton Water Activities Centre (SWAC), Spinnaker SC, and Hamble River SC. Some were funded through Sportivate, Flagstaff Trust and Sport Unlimited.

The Hampshire OnBoard Festival is an annual event. 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.

Visit the RYA's website www.rya.org.uk or the OnBoard website www.ruob.co.uk

VIP visitor for IOW OnBoard festival

Thirty-five young sailors from across the Isle of Wight had a very special guest watching them for their morning sail on The Shrape, East Cowes, on August 10 when HRH The Princess Royal came along to see them take part in the Isle of Wight OnBoard Festival. The youngsters came from Brading Haven Yacht Club, Yarmouth Sailing Club, Royal Victoria Yacht Club, Sea View Sailing Club and Island Youth Water Activity Centre (IWYAC). They competed in fun team races, including a relay race from the shore.

HRH The Princess Royal, President of the RYA, joined the competitors out on the water aboard a launch from the THV Galatea. Once back on shore, the Princess was introduced to all the teams and she presented the winning team, the Royal Victoria YC their trophy.



ROCKLEY ONBOARD FESTIVAL ATTRACTS OVER 500 SCHOOL KIDS



An amazing 757 local school children took to the water for the Rockley OnBoard Festival held at Rockley Watersports at Poole Park in June. The event was part of the RYA's OnBoard initiative to give kids from schools around the area the chance to have a go at sailing. Each child enjoyed a half day of organised sailing activities on the water in a selection of dinghies.

Supported by the Poole Schools Sport Partnership the kids, aged 8 to 13, came from schools all around the

area, including Talbot, Hamworthy and Hillbourne to learn about sailing and to have some good plain fun!

Hosted by Poole-based sailing centre Rockley Watersports, the event aimed to get as many children from as many different schools as possible onto the water. 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. www.rya.org.uk or www.ruob.co.uk.

CLUB AND RACING NEWS

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For information on **Adult Participation, Volunteer Grants and Clubs** and Coaches information.

Don't forget that **Sport England** has **Small Grants of up to £10,000** for equipment to increase Adult Participation. Clubs have received £620,896 through the Sport England Small Grants Scheme in the past two years for equipment helping with our aim to get adults back on the water, raising confidence and competence amongst your club members. 58 Clubs have taken up Adult Participation funding this year.

RYA Winter Workshops

Club Development Plans and Olympic Activation

Parkstone YC 15th November

Portchester SC 17th November

Funding

Parkstone YC 16th January

Portchester SC 25th January

Volunteer Management

Parkstone YC 20th February

Portchester SC 29th February

We need your vote for the RYA Club of the Year 2012

The RYA officially opened nominations for the 2012 RYA Club of the Year Award at the PSP Southampton Boat Show in September, and until 21st November clubs can be nominated, by downloading a form from volunteering@rya.org.uk. Current title holders are South Staffordshire Sailing Club. Five clubs will be selected to receive awards and an overall winner will be announced at the RYA Dinghy Show in March 2012.

RYA Volvo South Zone Championship

More than 800 of Britain's rising young stars competed across nine venues in the UK in the prestigious RYA Volvo Zone and Home Country Championships which came to an exciting finish on Sunday 25 September. Competitors in the South Zone, whose championship took place at the Weymouth and Portland Academy came from current RYA National Junior and Zone Squads, and there were many new club level racers, too.

Racing took place in the nine RYA-supported Junior dinghy and windsurfing classes including the Mirror, Optimist, Topper, RS Feva, and Cadet. Windsurfing competitors used the Bic Techno using the open 4.5, and 5.8 rigs, and the Techno 6.8 and Techno 7.8.

All nine Zone and Home Country Championship events were sponsored by Volvo Cars UK.

Olympian Lucy Macgregor dropped in on the action too (pictured). Lucy, who sails the Elliot 6m along with her sister Kate Macgregor and Annie Lush, has recently been selected to represent Team GB at the 2012 Olympic Games. She chatted to the stars of the future about her sailing career and how she progressed from club level to her first regional event and then onto elite level.

The South Zone Championship boasted the largest entry of the nine RYA Zones with over 260 sailors taking part. Wind ranged from 10-18 knots during the event and during the stronger gusts there were a number of breakages to sailors' masts as well as some early retirements. All classes, apart from the Toppers who only managed two races out of the scheduled three, enjoyed another full day of racing before coming ashore to be presented their medals by Lucy Macgregor.

Matt Whitfield, 2011 Laser 4.7 Championship winner from Penarth, Vale of Glamorgan

commented: "It's been a really tough weekend of racing with some tricky weather conditions down here in Weymouth. I have had a really good weekend winning the majority of my races and have enjoyed racing against the other sailors from the South Zone. It is really exciting to be racing on the circuit where the 2012 Olympics will be held."



Toppers:

1st: Ross McFarlane (Castle Cove SC)
2nd: Niall Houston (Hayling & Mengham)
3rd: Geoffrey Sherwood (HISC)

Optimists:

1st: Milo Gill Taylor (Spinnaker SC) 2nd: Vita Heathcote (Royal Lymington) 3rd: Joseph Burns (Spinnaker SC)

Mirrors:

1st: Joanna Kalderon/Ottilie Sprut (Itchenor SC) 2nd: Rosie Watkins/Helena Watkins (Poole YC)
3rd: Isabel Davis/Millie Moss (Itchenor SC)

Cadets:

1st: Esme Jones/Eliza Jones (Royal Torbay YC) 2nd: Kirsten Glen/Rosie Gorringe (Parkstone YC)
3rd: Aliya Jannaty/Aqil Jannaty (South Cerney SC)

Laser 4.7s:

1st: Matthew Whitfield (Penarth YC)
2nd: Alistair Goodwin (Haversham SC)
3rd: Hannah Muskett (Royal Lymington YC)

Fevas:

1st: Elliot Wells/ Jake Todd (HISC)
2nd: Jamie Smith/ David Brend (HISC)
3rd: James Eales/ Jess Eales (Royal Lymington YC)

Windsurfers:

4.5 Open Class:
1st: Chay Tudberry (Oxford SC)
2nd: Ben Tweedle (Emsworth SC)
3rd: Emma Ashman (Oxford Zoomers)

5.8 Open Class:

1st: Joshua Croft (Roseland Waveriders) 2nd: Georgia Savage (Bristol Corinthian YC) 3rd: Jack Bassett (Bristol Corinthian YC)

Techno 6.8:

1st: James Hatcher (Bristol Corinthian YC) 2nd: Isabelle Savage (Bristol Corinthian YC) 3rd: Ross Warren (Roseland Waveriders)

Techno 7.8:

1st: Emma Wilson (Christchurch Windsurfing Club) 2nd: Daniel Wilson (Christchurch Windsurfing Club) 3rd: Rachel Horton (Academy Allstars Poole)

Southern GBR Junior sailors on top of the world with Gold, Silver and Bronze medals

RYA National Junior Squad sailors from the south led the charge at the Allen & Magic Marine RS Feva Worlds in mid-July with the event victory and RS Feva World Title going to RYA National Junior Optimist Squad sailors Matthew Whitfield (Penarth YC) and Scott Wallis of Ringwood's Spinnaker SC.

A close second was RYA National Junior Feva Squad members and last year's 2010 World Champions Owen Bowerman and Charlie Darling, from Hayling Island.

The double handed dinghy event was held at the Royal Maas Yacht Club, Bruinisse, in Holland. 158 boats came from 13 countries, including teams from Australia and Hong Kong.

Rounding off the GBR medal haul was Robert Baddeley, also from Hayling Island and James Taylor (Burghfield SC) with a hard fought bronze medal. Anna Prescott and Jess Eales, both from Lymington Sailing Club, finished just outside the medals in the girls fleet in fourth.

RYA Racing Programme www.rya.org.uk.

AROUND THE SOUTHERN REGION

Seaview was successfully protected during the Round The Island Race when the Island Sailing Club provided a patrol boat this year and Seaview YC provided a massive 10ft inflatable mark loaned by Admiral Insurance to mark the Eastern end of the Exclusion Zone and a RIB to help police the Zone. Only one boat was disqualified and one given a penalty. The Zone was certainly better marked but the wind direction also meant that there was little benefit to be gained from taking a leg inshore.

Ryde Pier is now open to vehicles, but with a £1 charge to drive up the pier and average speed cameras introduced to enforce the 10mph limit. Car parking is also being extended.

Bembridge Harbour is shortly to be put on the market by its administrator and meanwhile continues to operate normally. A number of new lightweight Channel buoys are now in position and the Fisherman's Pontoon should be replaced by Spring 2012.

RYA consults with Yarmouth Harbour Revision Order Following the Public Inquiry in January 2010 and subsequent Inspector's Report, the Harbour Revision Order (HRO) 2011 became law on 30 June 2011. The main part of the HRO confers powers to make General and Special Directions.

The Commissioners have now published a series of General Directions for public

consultation. Copies are available from Yarmouth Harbour Office or may be downloaded from www.yarmouth-harbour.co.uk. The consultation period is 5 August – 11 November 2011. The RYA is one of the consultees included in the consultation process.

Southampton Water has a new Harbour Master, Capt. Martin Phipps. Capt Phipps is no stranger to the port as he has been a pilot for the last twenty years.

The proposed dredge on 201/2 berths and associated works that include widening the swinging ground are due to start this year and will take two years to complete. This improvement to the **Southampton Docks** will enable ABP to handle the new larger container ships that are to soon enter regular service.

After two years resurveying the Port of Southampton, the Admiralty is now in a position to publish a new edition of the chart of Southampton Water. This chart is now available and leisure areas will be shown.

Thefts along the banks of the **Hamble River** have been on the increase. 29 masts and spars were stolen from the Hamble Parish boat pound and other areas of the upper Hamble, most probably for recycling.

Water quality is being examined by the Water Quality Working Group and Natural England in **Chichester Harbour** to ensure that the

area is protected from the problems of storm discharges and the retention of excess nitrogen in the harbour waters, along with the effects of discharges of human coliforms on the shellfish waters.

Poole Harbour Commissioners have launched their draft Poole Harbour Master Plan, which was requested by government for all major ports, and gives the vision by PHC for the harbour over the next 25 years. The plan covers future infrastructure, transport planning and maintenance and enhancement of the unique environmental aspects of Poole Harbour, amongst other considerations. The draft plan is open for public consultation over the next 20 weeks until spring 2012, and there will be many detailed working/consultation groups for different stakeholders. The plan is available at www.phc.co.uk.

The RYA Southern Region is concerned that the **Dorset Marine Police** is considering options to make cuts to services in a review of their Marine Section. A petition is circulating at the moment to express the RYA's concern and asking the Chief Constable of Dorset Police to ensure that the Dorset Marine Police Section be retained as a vital part of policing in Dorset. "We believe that at least a part of this vital section be based and operate within Poole Harbour", says Jacqueline Hardy of Poole Yachting Association.

RYA local representatives continue to represent yachtsmen in MCZ debate



The Balanced Seas Project Team published their final Marine Conservation Zone and Reference Area recommendations on 7th September. The RYA has commented where it is felt that local concerns have not been taken fully into account.

Natural England and the Joint Nature Conservation Committee (JNCC), will advise Government later this year on their national recommendations for MCZ and RAs and prepare Impact Assessments for each potential site.

The consultation process has worked well for areas such as Bembridge, where Mike Samuelson and the anglers' rep, Tony Williams have provided the project team with extensive guidance on local activities and issues. Other RYA Southern Region area representatives have provided help in answering local activity questions and in lobbying for changes. Two mail-outs to RYA Southern Region clubs and associations have been sent, reporting progress and an update has been posted on the RYA website. The RYA "Balanced Seas" web site page has been updated and details of the Final Recommendations can be found on the Balanced Seas website

The Government recommendations will be published in 2012, followed by a three month public consultation process.

One of the MCZs is Studland Bay, where it has been recognised that anchoring impacts upon seagrass and seahorses. It was proposed that the existing Studland Bay stakeholder group consider eco-moorings, extend existing research and provide a code of conduct. Meanwhile, a number of organisations in Yarmouth are resisting the inclusion of Yarmouth Harbour coastline in the scheme, including the Town Council and the Royal Solent YC.

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