



# Southern Region News

February 2014

## Southern Clubs are re-affirmed as RYA Champion Clubs 2013-2014

Twenty three southern region sailing clubs have had their junior and youth racing credentials rubber-stamped after being confirmed as RYA Champion Clubs for 2013-2014, following a revalidation process of Champion Clubs throughout the UK.

The Clubs have all been considered 'centres of excellence' for young sailors in pursuit of future international success.

The programme recognises, promotes and invests in clubs that have continually introduced young people into sail racing and encouraged them to progress via good quality race training in a safe and fun environment.

The clubs have been RYA Champion Clubs since the programme's inception in the late 1990s, and are among no fewer than 173 sailing clubs nationwide benefitting from investment, support and resources as part of the programme.

Success stories graduating through the clubs' programmes include Hayling Island SC's five young sailors who are now part of the RYA National Youth Squad, James Taylor and Gemma Bird in the 420 class, Owen and Alice Masterman in the 29er class and Anthony Parker who sails a Laser Radial. Royal Lyngington YC boasts Spitfire



Hayling Island SC - Champion Club

sailors Tom Britz and James Dodd, 420 sailor Josh Voller and Laser Radial sailor Nicholas Froud. 29er sailor Christopher Brewer comes from Parkstone YC and 420 sailors Rosie and Anna Watkins and Amy Sparks come from Poole YC.

Duncan Truswell, RYA Youth Racing Manager, says: "These RYA Champion Clubs are the foundations of our World Class performance programmes, providing great coaching, advice and support and great places for young people to have fun while learning to sail, race and developing their enthusiasm for competitive sailing. They continue to be instrumental in consistently developing the next generation of Olympic and Paralympic sailors." More information at [www.rya.org.uk/programmes/ryachampionclub](http://www.rya.org.uk/programmes/ryachampionclub).

## Prize package for grabs in RS Tera Design a Sail Competition

Entry forms are now available for the 'RS Tera Design a Sail' competition to win an RS Tera Dinghy worth £1,735 at the RYA Suzuki Dinghy Show 2014.

Meanwhile RS Sailing will also loan a further two dinghies to the winner's sailing club for the 2014 season (April – November) and if the winner isn't a member of a sailing club will help arrange membership at their local club and loan the dinghies to that club for the period.

The competition is open to anyone up to the age of 16. Download your entry form here <http://www.rya.org.uk/programmes/>

[dinghyshow/whatson/Pages/Competitions.aspx](http://dinghyshow/whatson/Pages/Competitions.aspx) and get designing!

Simply colour in the RS Tera, giving it a snazzy sail design and send your completed form back to the RYA by 24 February 2014, to RYA Dinghy Show, RS Competition, RYA House, Ensign Way, Hamble, Southampton, Hampshire SO31 4YA or scan and email your entry to [dinghyshow@rya.org.uk](mailto:dinghyshow@rya.org.uk). Five finalists will be invited with their families to the RYA Suzuki Dinghy Show 2014, where the overall winner will be revealed on the Suzuki Main Stage on Saturday 01 March.



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Southern Region Website [www.rya.org.uk/regions/southern](http://www.rya.org.uk/regions/southern)

## LOCAL SAILORS RECEIVE PRESTIGIOUS AWARD FROM HRH PRINCESS ROYAL

Four local sailors were presented with Awards on Thursday 21 November by HRH the Princess Royal, President of the RYA at the organisation's annual Volunteer Awards ceremony held at London's One Great George Street.

**David Franks from Cowes** received an RYA Outstanding Contribution Award. He was nominated by the Etchells UK Class Association whose Committee he joined in 2008 when the UK fleet was at the point of cancelling events, due to a lack of numbers, David stepped in, instigating a campaign to drive the fleet back to full strength. Today, he has transformed the Etchells racing fleet, not only re-energising the traditional sailors but introducing a complete new generation of young sailors to the class.



**John Walker from Cadnam** in the New Forest received an RYA Community Award for Lifetime Commitment. He was nominated by the Royal Southern Yacht Club in Hamble in recognition of 30 years commitment to the Club. He has represented the club on a number of committees and was responsible for the Club's Centenary celebration of motorboat racing, and planned motor cruising rallies to destinations on both sides of the English Channel. He also managed many of the events for the Club's 175th Anniversary and numerous other events.



**Mike Cemm from Corfe Castle** was presented with an RYA Outstanding Contribution Award. He was nominated by Swanage Sailing Club for his work regularly volunteering up to 30 hours a week to promote sailing. He has set up youth and adult training programmes as well as partnerships with schools to make the sport accessible to local children and families on low incomes. Thanks to Mike's efforts, the club has been to a vibrant active club with very popular training programmes and active members.



**Patrick de Peyer from Cowes** was presented with an RYA Outstanding Contribution Award. He was nominated for his award by the Cowes Sailability Club (CSC) previously Fishbourne Sailability Club. Since 2001 he has worked unstintingly as the club's Honorary Secretary, fundraising, recruiting volunteers and editing the club newsletter. Under his financial guidance the club has grown steadily, moving to bigger and more functional premises in Cowes. The club has won a Queen's Award for Voluntary Services and took part in the Queen's Diamond Jubilee visit to the Island in 2012.



The winners enjoyed a celebratory lunch in the presence of HRH the Princess Royal, and were presented with a commemorative medallion and certificate. A total of 43 voluntary awards were presented to winners from across the UK from as far afield as Cornwall and Argyll.

### Award for aspiring local sailor Kieran Jordan

1st November 2013: Aspiring young sailor, 12 year old Kieran Jordan from Lee-on-Solent has been awarded his very own boat, donated by the John Merricks Sailing Trust, in the inaugural year of an exciting new scheme.

Kieran who learnt to sail through the RYA OnBoard programme at Lee on Solent was selected from almost a hundred applications after competing in the RYA South Zone Championships at Poole Yacht Club in September.

Kieran, who first sailed during a 'Try a Boat' day at Lee-on-Solent Sailing Club, has been sailing for two years, first in Optimists and then Toppers. "The more I sail, the more I enjoy it," he says. "I hope to keep getting better so that one day I may be in the Olympics."

Niki Jordan said "After the Try-a-Boat day Kieran informed me that sailing was going to be his sport. We joined the club and he hasn't

looked back."

RYA OnBoard Operations Officer Cat Ferguson said: "We were overwhelmed with the number of applications we received and selecting just a small number of sailors was an extremely difficult task. We're really excited to award Kieran with a Topper as he has shown real enthusiasm, talent and commitment to the sport."



JMST seeks to help young sailors and youth sailing organisations to achieve their goals and was set up in the memory of leading Olympic sailor and 1996 Olympic silver medallist John Merricks.

## CLUB AND RACING NEWS

### RYA Volvo South Zone

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#### PLANNING YOUR CLUB TRAINING

There are still some winter training dates left. Club training throughout the winter often makes a big difference to how well our sailors develop their racing skills.

A winter training programme gives all the club sailors the opportunity to get together for some fun. Planned well it should complement the Class and RYA Squad systems. A programme keeps the group together socially and increases retention for the following season

Please check on the RYA Website under Zone pages for more information.

ZONE SQUAD	Optimist	Topper	Windsurfers	RS Feva XL
ZS3			8/9 Feb	18/19 Jan
ZS4	25/26 Jan	1/2 Feb	8/9 Mar	8/9 Feb
ZS5	15/16 Feb	8/9 Mar	29/30 Mar	22/23 Feb
ZS6	15/16 Mar	29/30 Mar	Easter Camp 19-21 April	22/23 Mar

### Race Management Training Update

From Stephen Parry RYA SRRMC

The Club Race Officer (CRO) Course for club members is a useful vehicle to help Clubs to improve their race management. Some clubs already have their own Regional Race Officer (RRO) or National Race Officer (NRO) who can carry out the CRO training but for those that don't we can provide a course. Please contact [stephen.parry19@btinternet.com](mailto:stephen.parry19@btinternet.com) for details.

Learning to be a Race Officer is not a dark art, nor is it difficult or limited to a few "in the know". Each CRO course is tailored to a particular club's needs.

Since taking on the role 10 months ago Stephen Parry has been attempting to find out just what clubs need to help the get their members more actively involved in their race management.

Whilst some people may aspire to the dizzy heights of Regional or even National Race officer status the majority of club sailors just need to have their club racing run as effectively as possible taking in to account all the local factors. The CRO course is ideal for this.

Every club has its own profile of sailors, its own sailing waters with its peculiarities and a vast range of abilities and experience when it comes to running racing. There is no "one size fits all" solution.



Town Quay Marina, Southampton

### Nominations open for new RYA Regional Youth Champion Awards

The RYA is launching the new RYA Regional Youth Champion Awards to recognise 2013's most promising young sailors, windsurfers and powerboaters. Nominations are now open and close at the end of January so be quick to get yours in! Winners must have shown success on the racecourse whether at local, national or international level. Nominees must be under 19 years of age at 31<sup>st</sup> December 2013.

The Southern Region Committee will select a regional winner who will go through to the finals when they are invited to the RYA Suzuki Dinghy Show for the official award ceremony where the trophies will be presented. To make your nomination visit [www.rya.org.uk/go/youthchampion](http://www.rya.org.uk/go/youthchampion).

### RYA South Instructor Training Days 15<sup>th</sup> & 16<sup>th</sup> March 2014, Hayling Island SC Contact Andy Hooper [andy.hooper@rya.org.uk](mailto:andy.hooper@rya.org.uk)

Saturday 15 and Sunday 16th March at Hayling Island Sailing Club

Saturday 15th March

10am - 5pm. £12 includes lunch. On water coaching and presentations from a leading coach

Sunday 16th March

9.30am - 3pm £7 includes lunch. Discussion workshops, RYA update and funding 2014 - 2017.

Contact: [Sebastian.pape@rya.org.uk](mailto:Sebastian.pape@rya.org.uk) to book.

### Southampton boat owners improve skills at Active Marina Workshop

5th October 2013: Berth holders and their crews at Town Quay Marina in Southampton brushed up on their boating skills when they attended an RYA Active Marina workshop and the launch of an Active Marina programme of forthcoming events, all aimed at encouraging boat owners to get more out of life with their boats.

Future events will include cruises to East Cowes, Osborne Bay and Beaulieu and further shore-based workshops on heavy weather, boat safety and choosing an anchorage.

The 45 minute shore-based workshop focused on 'marina manoeuvring', with owners attending a classroom training session given by local RYA recognised training centre Simply Yachts. Over thirty people took part in the workshop.

A programme of Active Marina events is taking place in marinas across the south, and indeed the whole UK, to get boat owners and crews fired up about their boating. For more information about the RYA Active Marina Programme visit [www.rya.org.uk/go/activemarina](http://www.rya.org.uk/go/activemarina).

## AROUND THE SOUTHERN REGION

**East Wight Seaview Yacht Club** are to replace their decaying slipway with a new one that will be nearly double in length and allow Club Members and visitors to come ashore dry at all states of the tide. Visitors to **Bembridge Harbour** increased by 148% in 2013. Plans are afoot for a Celebration Weekend on 26-27 July.

Jonno Brand has been appointed as Harbour Master.

**Southampton Water** Southampton has been voted the most productive container Port in Europe. Three of the world's largest container ships, in the Marco Polo class, call there every month. May 9th will see three Queen Liners in dock, running up to 2015, Cunard's 175th anniversary.

**Cowes Outer Breakwater Project.** A contractor has been selected and the Exclusion Zone will now be defined for the Construction Zone that will be required.

Cowes Clubs will work with Cowes Harbour Commission to ensure that sailing events will not be unduly disrupted during the construction period. A clear route will be defined for traffic to and from the site, and the small craft event moorings will be newly re-configured. Five clusters of inflatable yellow buoys have been laid to mark the position of the breakwater which is now readily identifiable to passing vessels.

**Poole Poole Harbour Stakeholders** have now formed a group to coordinate, protect

and further the interests of all stakeholders, by ensuring that Poole Harbour is managed and run fairly and equitably within legal and statutory guidelines.



**West of Wight Wind Farm – Navitus Bay** The fourth and final phase of consultation on this project has been completed. The developers will submit a planning application at the beginning of 2014 and also intend to run another series of 'drop-in' sessions from Lymington to Swanage, and Newport I.O.W., at the end of January. This is to advise

the public about the next stage of the project. Full details on <http://www.navitusbaywindpark.co.uk/>.

## Your RYA : Working for you in the South



**The skipper of a racing yacht has been made to pay over £100,000 in fines and costs after colliding with a 120,000 ton tanker in the Solent.**

Roland Wilson, whose yacht 'Atalanta of Chester' was taking part in the first day of racing at Cowes, was found guilty on three counts of breaching international maritime law at West Hampshire Magistrates' Court when the yacht sailed into a moving exclusion Zone protecting the tanker *Hanne Knutsen*

### Atalanta of Chester: The RYA Southern Region highlights the judges comments

before they collided with the front of the tanker. The yacht's rigging then got caught up on the tanker's anchor causing the mast to collapse onto to the head of one of the crew. He later was taken to hospital but wasn't seriously injured.

The RYA Southern Region are keen to highlight the judge's comments: *"The ultimate key to collision avoidance is not to be found in the reorganisation of the regatta (Cowes Week); it is to be in the understanding and application of the existing rules, the responsibility for which rests with the skipper of each competing yacht."*

Capt. Martin Phipps, Harbour Master Port of Southampton said *"From the Judge's summary we would strongly advise all mariners who sail in the Central Solent to thoroughly familiarise themselves with the rules and regulations particularly whilst in the Precautionary Area. Mariners should be extra vigilant, have good situational awareness of what is going on around them especially when large deep draught vessels that are constrained in their manoeuvrability are navigating in the area. All mariners are strongly advised to make use of our website for more information at [southamptonvts@abports.co.uk](mailto:southamptonvts@abports.co.uk) . The full judgement can be read at [www.ryasr.org.uk/atlanta.pdf](http://www.ryasr.org.uk/atlanta.pdf) .*

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