

Locks Sailing Club

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20th November 2000

Thank you for your interest in the Volvo Champion Club scheme that is being considered for LOCKS.

Enclosed is an outline of what we would need to be such a club! Most of it is straight forward, the key is willing volunteers.

Please could you take a few moments to read through the brief and feedback your thoughts, and more detail about how you could help. In particular, we need to know when you could help, what with (relevant skills/qualifications (inc date of qualification)).

For completeness, please provide full details, rather than relying on us 'knowing' or guessing. Hopefully, we can meet the criteria, develop a great plan for the club, and get lots of members involved.

Things on our wish list:-

Sometimes the 'beginners' are put off because the 'have to race'. We would like to split the Juniors into two groups (Advanced & Improvers). The Improvers can learn through having fun on the water, and gradually building up confidence and skills. The Advanced Juniors, can have fun and learn more advanced skills, with One to One coaching - for as many as possible. **THIS WILL TAKE MORE VOLUNTEERS**, and preferably another safety boat.

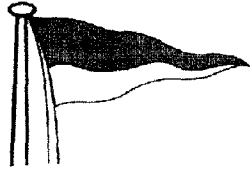
Juniors as Crew

Apart from learning to sail the Oppi's, Toppers, and Lasers, it would be great for Juniors to gain experience crewing on larger boats, such as Wayfarers. We understand that 'serious racing' comes first but it would be great to have a special event/race, and also keep a list of helms/boats that are willing to take out a Junior crew from time to time.

We could go so far as a cruiser event, if we had a number of cruisers available for an evening race.

2001 DRAFT JUNIOR SERIES

APRIL	27 Thursday 1800 Junior Evening	No.1
MAY	11 Thursday 1800 Junior Evening	No.2
	26 Friday 1800 Junior Evening	No.3
JUNE	9 Friday 1800 Junior Evening	No.4
	26 Monday 1800 Junior Evening	No.5
JULY	2 Sunday TBA Tudor SC Junior Regatta	
	10 Monday 1800 Junior Evening	No.6
	25 Tuesday 1800 Junior Evening	No.7
AUGUST	8 Tuesday 1800 Junior Evening	No.8
	12 Sat TBA LOCKS SC JUNIOR REGATTA	
	23 Wednesday 1800 Junior Evening	No.9
SEPTEMBER	7 Thursday 1800 Junior Evening	No. 10
Junior FED Week	-13 to 17th August 2001	
Fed Week	20 th - 24 th August 2001	



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December 6th 2000

Thank you for your interest in the Volvo Champion Club scheme that is being considered for LOCKS.

You may wonder what its all about. Simply put, it's an excellent ready made program, designed to

- i. Attract Young People into Sailing
- ii. Train young people to sailing and race (if they want)
- iii. Identify talent
- iv. Prepare youngsters for competing outside the club, & get them on 'National Youth' track

At Locks we are lucky to have many excellent sailors and racers, and some of our best represent the club around the country, including Luke and Emma, Bonnie and Simon.

Plus we have an enthusiastic group of Juniors as demonstrated at the Junior Regatta, and events throughout the year.

Put these together with a group of willing volunteers and we believe we have all the ingredients for a Champion Club, and should be recognised as such.

The Volvo Champion Club scheme, helps us to achieve the highest standards, ensure that we do it safely, and reminds us to have fun along the way!

For 2001 we want to ensure that we maintain the enthusiasm of our youngsters, and attract more juniors if possible. We want to ensure that Beginners and Improvers can learn through having fun on the water, building up confidence and skills. Those that want to race, can race, have fun and learn more advanced skills.

THIS WILL TAKE MORE VOLUNTEERS, and possibly another safety boat (depending upon the numbers).

If you would like to help, in any way, please let us know (jj@printware.co.uk or via the club). We need volunteers to help with:-

Rigging, launching and retrieving dinghies, Safety boat (and a second boat if possible), Training.

In particular, we need to know when you could help, what with (relevant skills/qualifications (inc date of qualification), and any special interest (ie prefer to teach racing or teach beginners, want to drive the safety boat or cook Pizza).

Please could you take a few moments to consider how you could help? And put the dates in your diary now! For completeness, please provide full details, rather than relying on us 'knowing' or guessing.

In addition we would like to run a Juniors Wayfarer and a cruiser race Race (with the Juniors crewing), and as many evening beach BBQs and the weather and tide allow.

Enclosed is an outline of what we need to qualify as a *Champion club*! Most of it is straight forward. Hopefully, we can meet the criteria, develop a great plan for the club, and get lots of members involved.

If you have any queries please let me know. It should be a great year. With thanks,

Volvo Champion Club Program

Objectives

- i. Attract Young People into Sailing
 - ii. Train for sailing and racing
 - iii. Identify Talent and get on 'National Youth' track (competing outside the club)
- ** Best System for delivering Youth training ****

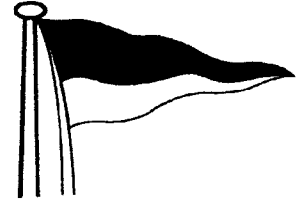
Key Elements

- i. Training Programme (Sailing & Racing)
At least two fleets (Toppers & Laser Radials)
At least one course for Red Racing Badge and White Racing Badge Qualifications
Access to Blue Racing Badge training via scheme
Consider becoming Recognised Training Establishment
- ii. Personnel
 - i. Racing Experience – National Championship level, experience of fleet
 - ii. Teaching Experience – not necessarily sailing or racing
 - iii. Youth Co-ordinator
- iii. Recruitment into Racing
Activities to expand the Youth membership of the club
ie. Open Boating, Links with Schools, Community Open Days, Links with RTE
- iv. Social Program
BBQ's, Mountain Biking, trips to Boat Show etc

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18th February 2002

Volvo RYA Champion Club – Its official!

Lock Sailing Club has joined the elite group of 77 clubs in the UK that is recognised as a Volvo Champion Club, out of over 1300 UK Clubs. LOCKS achieved the status in December 2001 and we were formally recognised at the RYA Presentation at the 2002 Boat Show. The Volvo RYA Champion Club scheme is a gold standard for sailing clubs, recognising those with a commitment to youth sailing and race coaching.

The Scheme is a key part of the RYA Youth Initiative that has received £1 million per annum support from Sport England for four years, with the aim of identifying and nurturing young sailing talent for future Olympic and international success.

You are invited to join us at 10:00 AM on Saturday 9th March to find out more!

What does it mean to be a Volvo Champion Club, what did we achieve in 2001, our goals for 2002, training schedule, how to volunteer, and what next! It would be great to see as many members as possible, and we look forward to sharing our plans and hearing your ideas for the forthcoming season.

We are also pleased to confirm that as a Volvo RYA Champion Club we will benefit from
Musto Bonus – 40% discount on selected items for Coaches and volunteers and
TWO DAYS coaching free of charge – one day for Toppers and one day for Lasers.

Please put these dates in your diary now! Join us for the meeting and take advantage of these great promotions. We look forward to seeing you at the Club on 9th March.

Best wishes

Julie Jones
Youth Co-ordinator



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14th December 2001

Dear Julie,

Award of Volvo RYA Champion Club Full Status

Many thanks for the recent updates on the progress you have been making at Locks Sailing Club. I have had some time to go through your plans in detail and as a result I am delighted to award Volvo RYA Champion Club Full Status to Locks Sailing Club. Well done!

I have forwarded this information to Volvo Sailing Services. They will liaise with the Volvo dealer, who will in turn contact you to discuss your new partnership. I have also made arrangements for your Volvo Champion Club presentation at the London Boat Show on January 6th 2002. Iain Percy, our Olympic Gold Medallist in the Finn Class from Sydney, will make the presentation.

Clearly you and your team have put a great deal of effort into meeting the criteria for a Full Status Volvo RYA Champion Club. This work provides a very sound basis upon which the Junior and Youth section can develop and the young sailors involved can fully benefit from the programmes.

I have been impressed with the work you have been doing to develop your coaching base at Locks SC. I am also pleased with the number of sailors completing Racing Red and Racing White courses, and am aware that this will develop further by running the programmes at Locks. These courses ensure the sailors receive a balanced all round sailing education and avoid any gaps as they progress their sailing. You have also put in some detailed work on risk assessments and have followed this up with some excellent operating and safety procedures. I particularly like the goal driven focus of your junior and youth programme and see this as key to helping you and your sailors be successful in the coming seasons.

I have seen myself the energy and enthusiasm you have developed at Locks Sailing Club, both at the club and through your sailors coming out to join us at events from Zone Championships and Zone Squad Qualifiers to Transition Squad Selectors and Catamaran Programmes. This is a significant achievement and bodes very well for the future.

We have discussed some of the developments underway at your club and have identified a few areas that are worth incorporating into your plans. These include:

- Sharing your goals, plans, risk assessments and procedures with all those involved with your junior and youth programmes;
- Developing a structured race training and coaching programme to meet the goals you have set yourself;
- Keeping this work alive through making it accessible to all at the club, regularly using it as a reference, and through developing involvement at the club in your junior programmes. This will be vital as numbers grow!

ROD CARR, DIRECTOR Rod Carr

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Locks Sailing Club - Volvo Champion
Requirements

Volvo Champion Club	<p>To encourage young people to participate in the sport of sailing</p> <p>To provide a system and standards of coaching, competition, social activities, and environmental awareness</p> <p>Promote excellence in sport</p> <p>Identify and nurture talent, help it flow into national training systems</p>
Key Elements	
RYA Affiliated Club	
Facilities & Operating Procedures	<p>First Aid, Accident Book, Emergency Phone</p> <p>Safety Boat and equipment, plus documented risk assessment for operating area, with guidelines for risk management</p> <p>(Fog, changing conditions (esp tide), emergency)</p> <p>Changing rooms/showers</p> <p>Training Facilities, materials equipment</p> <p>Adequacy of sailing equipment (dinghies, buoyancy, clothing)</p> <p>Contact details for Juniors, assessment of skills</p> <p>Feedback forms</p> <p>Insurance</p>
Personnel	<p>References required for all those working with Children</p> <p>Clear Roles and Responsibilities, with appropriate experience and qualifications</p>
Training	<p>Deliver the recognised RYA syllabus to acceptable standard</p> <p>Link with or qualify as Recognised Training Establishment</p>
Social Programme	<p>Maintain contact with club, especially out of season</p>

Locks Sailing Club - Volvo Champion Club Action Plan

Locks	To promote the sport of sailing Attract and retain new members			
Key Elements				
RYA Affiliated Club	Current			
Facilities	Changing rooms/showers, Emergency Phone Training Facilities, materials equipment Club house provides changing rooms, phones and environment for training Additional flip charts/white boards available as required	In place		Dec 2000
Operating Procedures	To be reviewed, documented and kept in club house First Aid Accident Book Safety Boat and equipment, Documented risk assessment for operating area, with guidelines for risk management (Fog, changing conditions (esp tide), emergency) Adequacy of sailing equipment (dinghies, buoyancy, clothing) Environmental Policy – Hazard identification and management			Q1 2001
Contact Details	Registration form to be completed for all Junior attending training Contact numbers for EACH session to be put onto signing on form Assessment of skills required for new Juniors Feedback forms available for each event and planning social events Insurance - in place, level of cover to be confirmed References required for all those working with Children Clear Roles and Responsibilities, with appropriate experience and qualifications Jack, Kevin, JJ Safety Boat and First Aid Bonnie Club racing coach, Dec 2000 Other (to be documented)			Q12001
Personnel				
Training	Deliver the recognised RYA syllabus to acceptable standard Club Coaches Link with or qualify as Recognised Training Establishment	Consider		Q1 2001 Q1 2001
Social Programme	Events, support, Input for planning and feedback Maintain contact with club, especially out of season BBQ's, Mountain Biking, Pop Quiz, Boat Show, etc			Q12001