

## 2012: the summer of sailing!

What a summer it has been with the fantastic Olympic and Paralympic sailing performances from southern sailors. There was a fourth Gold Medal for Ben Ainslie, whose gold postbox is now proudly on display in Lymington and a Silver for Iain Percy, from Emsworth, and his Dorset-based crew Andrew Simpson sailing in the Star class.

And we shouldn't forget the many volunteers from the Southern Region along with professionals and coaches who played a huge part in the success of the sailing games in Weymouth & Portland. All the UK's sailing medallists deserve our congratulations too.



*Ben Ainslie celebrates his medal win*

## Hundreds of boats join in RYA's Push the Boat Out Day



During the Olympic summer the RYA created some seriously effective initiatives as part of their Sail for Gold programme to capitalise on the heightened interest in sailing. Most notably the 'Push the Boat Out Day', nominally on 21st July, saw dozens of clubs all over the country getting people out onto the water for a festival of sailing. Local clubs included Redclyffe in Wareham, Emsworth Slipper, Hamble River, Emsworth Yacht Harbour, Winchester Sea

Cadets, Brading Haven, Bembridge, Hill Head, Premier Swanwick and Southsea, Mercury, Tudor, Weston, Itchenor, Rockley Watersports, Yarmouth, IYWAC, and Netley. As well as getting members active, the clubs introduced dozens of new people to sailing - a great achievement for everyone involved.

*Picture: Yachts dressed overall at Redclyffe Sailing Club*

## Active Marina campaign provides fun and training for berth holders

Gosport Marina boat owners brushed up on their boating skills at an RYA inspired event in May while Hamble Point sportsboats explored new ground in a rally to the Isle of Wight. These were just two of the RYA Active Marina events, part of a programme which encourages and supports increased berth holder activity. By partnering with marinas, RYA recognised training centres, berth holder groups and yacht clubs, the aim is to establish or enhance a programme of training, cruising and social opportunities. Andy McAllister, owner of a Jeanneau 33

*Deux Points* said after an Active Marina day at Haslar Marina, "I would recommend that anyone who is unsure of their boating skills uses the Active Marina programme."

Southsea Marina had a special Ladies' Day of tuition while Lymington Yacht Haven opened its gates to the public for the first time ever, with boating and onshore activities.

For more information about the RYA Active Marina Programme visit [www.rya.org.uk/go/activemarina](http://www.rya.org.uk/go/activemarina).



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

## CLUB AND RACING NEWS

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## Workshops and Conferences

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### Winter Workshops

We have just received news that in the regions we have had just over £500,000 in Sport England grants from both the Inspired Facilities and Small Equipment Grants. All of the clubs that were awarded these funds came to the Workshops last year. The workshops are designed for all affiliated RYA clubs, big boat, small boat, power or sail, PWC or windsurf.

**To be eligible for our help over the summer, your club should attend one of these Workshops:**

#### Planning

Dorset	East Dorset SC	Mon 5 Nov
Hampshire	Southampton SC	Mon 12 Nov
IOW	Medina Valley Centre	Tue 13 Nov
Hampshire	Chichester SC	Thur 15 Nov

#### Funding

Dorset	East Dorset SC	Mon 14 Jan
IOW	Medina Valley Centre	Thur 17 Jan
Hampshire	Southampton SC	Mon 21 Jan
Hampshire	Chichester SC	Thur 24 Jan

#### Marketing

Dorset	East Dorset SC	Mon 18 Feb
IOW	Medina Valley Centre	Thur 21 Feb
Hampshire	Southampton SC	Mon 25 Feb
Hampshire	Chichester SC	Thur 28 Feb

**Book online [www.rya.org.uk/go/winterworkshop](http://www.rya.org.uk/go/winterworkshop)**

The Southern Region secretary will be sending clubs an email version of our colourful Winter Workshop poster for your club noticeboard.

### Instructor Training Day

Hayling Island SC Date: 16<sup>th</sup> and 17<sup>th</sup> March 2013

### Coaches and Trainers

There are several freelance coaches and trainers that work within the region. Please contact me if you require assistance finding them.

We are now accepting applications for Dinghy Coaches and Windsurf and Power Trainers for 2013. Application forms can be obtained from me by email.

## RYA Volvo South Zone

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### Podium success for southern 420 sailors at Junior European Championships

RYA Volvo National Youth Squad sailors Annabel Vose and Kirstie Urwin, both from the Royal Lymington Yacht Club, were crowned Ladies 420 Junior European Champions on the final day of racing in Riva, Italy (Friday 17 August).

The two girls, who claimed a bronze medal at the 2012 Four Star Pizza ISAF Youth Sailing World Championships in July, secured 10<sup>th</sup> place overall in the Open fleet (boys and girls) and the 2012 420 Ladies Junior European Championship title.

Annabel and Kirstie had a consistent regatta, posting seven top ten finishes across the 12 race series, including two second place finishes in race six and twelve to cement their position at the top of the ladies' leaderboard.

Kirstie, who goes to Bournemouth School for Girls, has only been sailing with Annabel for 12 months and can't quite believe the journey she has been on since their partnership began: "It is amazing! I have never raced at a 420 Junior Europeans, and before the ISAF Youth Sailing World Championships I had never done a Worlds, so it is a completely new experience. I have loved sailing here."

Annabel had decided not to enter the 420 class World Championships in Austria earlier this month, choosing instead to defend the world title she won with Megan Brickwood last year, and focus on her campaign for the ISAF Youth Worlds, coming home with a bronze medal, and the Junior Europeans. She said: "The Open fleet was always going to be hard and I think we just had to race as well as we could. Then approaching the end of the regatta we weren't looking at the Open results any more. The main thing was to get a medal and we were really focused on the ladies fleet. We are really happy with a top 10 overall result."

On racing in an open fleet, Annabel continued: "It is good to race with the boys occasionally to show them we are not as bad as they think we are. Especially in the windy conditions here, it is great to do so well!"

For more information and for full results from the 420 and 470 Junior European Champions please visit the event website.

For details regarding the RYA Volvo Youth Racing programme or for further details on future regattas, please visit the [www.rya.org.uk](http://www.rya.org.uk).

For the latest news and information from the British Sailing Team, visit [www.skandiateamgb.com](http://www.skandiateamgb.com) or follow us on Twitter (@SkandiaTeamGBR).



## RYA REGIONAL YOUNG SAILOR OF THE YEAR: LOOK OUT FOR THE SOUTH'S WINNING SAILOR



*Annabel Vose and  
Megan Brickwood  
- 2011 Young  
Sailor of the Year  
winners*

Do you know a young sailor or powerboater in your area who always goes the extra mile? It could be someone who has overcome adversity to carry on sailing or someone who can demonstrate an exceptional achievement. The RYA has officially begun the search for the RYA Regional Young Sailor of the Year 2012. The awards offer clubs and training centres the chance 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.

Nominations can be for someone from anywhere between Poole Harbour and Chichester and up to the north of Hampshire, and close on 20th October. The winner goes forward to the National YJA Pantaenius Young Sailor of the Year Award. They and their families will get a VIP day at the 2013 London Boat Show, where the national winner will be announced. Previous winners include Olympic gold medallist Ben Ainslie and solo yachtswoman Dame Ellen MacArthur.

The award is anyone who has not reached their 19th birthday before 31st December 2012. <http://www.rya.org.uk/go/youngsailor>.

## SOUTHAMPTON POWERBOAT TEAM SECURE SILVER AT WORLD CHAMPIONSHIPS

Southampton based Peters & May Racing Thundercat team piloted by James Tapp (29, Hedge End) and co-piloted by Murray MacGregor (27, Poole) won a Silver Medal at the UIM P750 World Champions in Norway in August. They faced fierce competition from teams from Norway, South Africa, Sweden, Russia, Germany and Latvia.

The teams were faced with three disciplines. The Peters & May Racing Team won the surf discipline, which saw the competitors pit their wits against surf conditions that would see most powerboat races cancelled. Especially designed to excel in these types of conditions, the boats, competitors and equipment were all put through their paces, and the southern pair were crowned Kings of the Surf. Tapp and Murray went on to finish 5<sup>th</sup> in the Long Haul 80km event and 3<sup>rd</sup> in the Circuit racing - several short multi lap races.



## Another double win for Parkstone powerboaters in Honda RYA Youth RIB Championship



For the second year running, it was a clean sweep for Parkstone Yacht Club and the Southern Region, as twelve year old Charlie Martin and thirteen year old Harrison Faulk blasted their way to championship glory at the Honda RYA Youth RIB Championship. The winners faced 27 other young powerboating finalists from across the country at the PSP Southampton Boat Show who all demonstrated great skill and speed at the throttle of the two Ribcraft 4.8m RIBs around a difficult course.

In the 8-12 age group, Charlie won by 17 seconds securing a winning time of 01:02:48. This was even quicker than Harrison's winning time of 01:02:77 in the 13-16 age category. Between them they won a Honwave T40 RIB with BF20 engine and a Ribcraft 4.8m RIB with BF60 engine for Parkstone Yacht Club.

"I am really chuffed about the results, and I can't believe I beat everyone, even the older age group!" said a delighted Charlie who was competing for the very first time.

The Honda RYA Youth Rib Championship, sponsored by Honda and Ribcraft, is a National Championship in which 8-16 year old RIB (Rigid Inflatable Boat) drivers can demonstrate their boat handling skills in a race against the clock in the hope of winning a 4.8m Ribcraft or Honwave T40 for their club.

Thanks to Championship sponsors Honda and Ribcraft. Honda RYA Youth RIB Championship [www.rya.org.uk/go/hondayouthrib](http://www.rya.org.uk/go/hondayouthrib).

## AROUND THE SOUTHERN REGION

### East Wight

Difficult weather conditions meant that the **Mermaid class** had to be taken back round to the shelter of **Bembridge** soon after they were launched this season to avoid a storm that sank a number of Darings in **Cowes**. For the **Round the Island Race Seaview Yacht Club** provided a massive 10ft inflatable mark loaned by **Admiral Yacht Insurance** to mark the eastern end of the Exclusion Zone. A line of smaller inflatables was laid to the north and a RIB helped police the Zone. There were no infringements! Facilities at **Bembridge Harbour** continue to improve. It has been dredged and new pontoons are in place. The new owners, Malcolm and Fiona Thorpe, have made a very positive impression on the harbour users. **Bembridge Marina** and **Fisherman's Pontoon** will be dredged before

the end of the year. **St Helens Duver Wall** has been completely repaired - after many years of effort, the local communities are delighted with the outcome and have extended their thanks to the Council (who funded it) and to the contractors, Imphouse, for a job well done. The closure of Staddlestones Garage in **Bembridge** later in the year is undoubtedly going to cause fuelling problems for local boat owners. Bembridge SC is currently looking at installing a ground mounted tank. The refurbishment of the Inshore Boat House at **RNLI Bembridge** has been delayed due to nesting birds! Work is expected to have started by 3rd September 2012.

### Southampton Water

Following the Atlanta of Chester collision at Cowes Week 2011 the **Port of Southampton**

Harbour Master has issued a new set in regulations for the precautionary area between **Calshot** and **Cowes**. Full details in Southampton Local Notice to Mariners 23 of 11th July 2012. For a number of years there has been conflict with fishermen who trawl for clams dragging up yacht moorings in **Southampton**. Prosecution of offending boats has been difficult to impossible under local bye laws. To get over this difficulty it is proposed to create a General Direction and use this to prosecute offending vessels. There will be licensed mooring areas in **Southampton Water** and all vessels will have to observe them. The full details will be found in Southampton Local Notice to Mariners 25 of 26.8.12 with details of the consultation period in Southampton Local Notice to Mariners 26 of 27.8.12.

## Your RYA - Working for you in the South

### Marine Conservation Zones appraisals continue

The Recommendations to Government for Marine Conservation Zones (MCZs) was published in July 2012. In the Southern Region the sites include Bembridge and Norris to Ryde in the UK sites most at risk and Poole Rocks, Studland Bay, Yarmouth and Cowes and the Needles. The government may not proceed with all of the recommended MCZs but the final proposals will be released for consultation at the end of 2012 or early 2013.

### West Wight Wind Farm - Navitus Bay

The environmental team at RYA House are still in regular contact with Eneco, the company which is developing the proposed wind farm at the western end of the Isle of Wight, as well as with three other developers. The RYA has opposed this specific site, a very busy area for yachting. The Southern Region held a meeting attended by 39 representatives of southern clubs on 24th September, at the start of the public consultation process, and will be issuing a report to all the clubs about this shortly.

There will be further opportunities to coordinate opinions on this project as the planning phase continues. Clubs can individually voice their opposition, specifically if they feel that the wind farm will impose on their own boating activities, or cause any other environmental issues. To add your views, visit [www.navitusbaywindpark.co.uk](http://www.navitusbaywindpark.co.uk) to register.



### RYA CHALLENGES CLAIMED ANCHORING BAN IN OSBORNE BAY

The RYA is advising boaters wishing to anchor in Osborne Bay on the Isle of Wight that, despite claims made to the contrary by local English Heritage representatives, there are currently no anchoring restrictions in Osborne Bay.

The bay area of the Osborne House Estate was opened to visitors for the 2012 summer season and English Heritage has obtained a marine licence from the Marine Management Organisation (MMO) to lay buoys to mark a swimming area for visitors to the beach. Following an objection by the RYA to the original application, however, this licence does not permit English Heritage to prohibit anchoring or navigation in the waters adjacent to its beach (including in the swimming area).

The RYA has received a number of reports from boaters that they have been instructed by a representative of English Heritage from the beach in Osborne Bay that they are not allowed to anchor in or close to the marked swimming area. Clearly, if there is an area marked out for swimming then boaters will need to take particular care. However, English Heritage has no authority to prohibit anchoring anywhere in Osborne Bay and its staff have no power to require anchored boats to move."

The RYA would like to hear from any boaters who have been challenged by English Heritage for anchoring in Osborne Bay or navigating within the marked swimming area.

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