
Introduction



Welcome to the first edition of RYA East Midlands *eNews*. This newsletter is designed to keep you up to date with the latest developments,

news and opportunities that may impact your Club. It is being emailed to all Clubs in the East Midlands Region.

Please feel free to contact me at nelsonho@globalnet.co.uk if you have any questions or queries.

Howard Nelson
Regional Chair

Changes to the Regional Committee / Francis Elkin Award

Following many years of dedicated service Rod Little has stepped



down as Chairman and has been succeeded by Howard Nelson. Rod was awarded an RYA Regional Award at the RYA AGM – well done

Rod! Happily we are not losing Rod as he is now Hon Secretary.

This year's Francis Elkin award, which recognises an individual who has made a significant contribution, in time, effort and personal endeavor in enabling people with disabilities to become involved in sailing, was awarded to Rutland Salability's John Morley.

Regional Boats

The regional fleet of Optimists is being replaced in early 2009. The old fleet has seen good service but it's now time to replace them. We will be selling the old fleet and would welcome any bids from anyone who is interested. We will sell the hulls, spars and foils. There are no trolleys/ trailers. If you are interested please contact Howard Nelson.

The sale will be decided by the Committee from bids received by March 15 2009. Bids to nelsonho@globalnet.co.uk

Bookings for both fleets can be made via Stuart Poole at stu@hopyardfarm.freeseve.co.uk

RDO Spot

My role as the Regional Development Officer for the



Midlands is to support and develop sailing and windsurfing clubs and to look after all

the RYA Training Centre's. It is a challenging and varied role that I am greatly enjoying.

One of my tasks is to increase the number of people sailing on a regular basis. A Sport England recent survey reported that 145,000 people want to try sailing, or want to sail more often. The challenge for us is how we convert this interest into memberships; and how do we get more members sailing on a regular basis.

There is no right answer as every club is different. What is essential is to have a club development plan which looks at your club and how it is going to move forward.

So get in touch with me write a club development plan together to map out where you are now, where you want to be and how you are going to get there. From this we can break down the tasks and allocate responsibilities - and if appropriate look at helping you find some funding.

Now is the time to act. Never been a better time!

Please feel free to call or email me.
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Outdoor Show at NEC

This is at the NEC Birmingham 27-29 March 2009 and East / West Midlands have a stand. If you can help man the stand please contact me at nelsonho@globalnet.co.uk

Regional Committee

We are looking for new members for the regional committee – if you are interested contact me at nelsonho@globalnet.co.uk

Regional Directory

I am planning to issue a new regional directory in 2009.

If you wish your club to be included, please fill in the attached form & email back to nelsonho@globalnet.co.uk by March 15th 2009

Regional Directory Entry

Club Name:

Water:

Address:

Contact:

Tel No:

Email:

Youth/Junior:

Courses offered:

Classes sailed

Facilities:

Opening times:

Visitors allowed:

Other Information:

Return of the information will mean that you give permission for your details to be published in the directory.