
Honda Rib Challenge 2009

Currently in its 8th year the Honda RYA Youth RIB Championship 2009 Regional Final will be taking place at Whitwell Watersports on Saturday 18th July 2009.



The championship involves youngsters from 2 age groups (8-12 and 13-16 years) competing against the clock over a set course. At all times there is a qualified powerboat instructor/competent adult (attached to a kill cord) in the boat and they will abort the run if they feel the competitor is no longer safe to complete the challenge.



The course is designed to challenge the handling skills of the competitor rather than their ability to drive a RIB in a straight line between marker posts. The course involves manoeuvring the boat through a slalom course with penalties for touching a marker buoy. The next test is to perform a stop test whereby the competitor has to stop alongside a marker buoy and remove and

replace a safety ring located on the post. Once this is completed then it is off to the next test, a reverse 360 degree turn around a buoy without touching it and not swamping the stern of the boat. This all sounds easy, yes? In February around 16 instructors took the challenge at the Regional Instructors Conference. The best time achieved was 1min 26 seconds. At last years National Final in Southampton the winning time for the 13-16 age group was 1min 3 seconds. The challenge is exactly that, a challenge.

If you would like a member of your club or organisation to take part in the challenge or for further details please contact

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