
Introduction

Welcome to the September edition of RYA East Midlands eNews. This newsletter is designed to keep you up to date with the latest news and developments that may impact your Club. It is emailed to all Clubs in the East Midlands Region. Please feel free to contact me, Howard Nelson - nelsonho@globalnet.co.uk if you have any questions or queries.

Nominate your RYA East Midlands Regional Young Sailor of the Year

Ensure your RYA Regions talented young sailors and powerboaters are recognised for their efforts and achievements this year by nominating them for the RYA Regional Young Sailor of the Year Awards 2009.

<http://www.rya.org.uk/infoadvice/clubclass/Pages/RegionalYoungSailorForm.aspx>

The awards recognise the outstanding impact young people have made on the UK boating scene whether it's on the race course, around the club, by overcoming adversity or through an exceptional achievement.

Nominations are collected online and then the Regional Committees will decide on the East Midlands regional winner.

Nomination criteria

1. Nominees must have made a significant impact on youth sailing during 2009, either on the race course, around the club, by overcoming adversity or through an exceptional achievement.

2. Nominees must be aged 19 years or under as of 31 December 2009.

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Deadline is 15 October 2009

RDO Spot

A major part of my role is supporting clubs with their development. Whilst I may have ideas about how a club could move forward - it is very much up to the clubs own committee and membership what direction they move in, and how fast they do this.

To help a club decide where it wants to go and how it is going to get there it needs a plan - a club development plan. Despite sounding like an onerous task the club development plan is simply three questions – and three answers.

Where are we now?
Where do we want to go?
How are we going to get there?

The third question is normally the tricky one. This is where I may be able to help as I see lots of different clubs trying different ideas – so hopefully I can find one that will suit you. The entire document should be no more than three sides of A4 with bullet points rather than lengthy text.

I have no doubt that a club with a plan is more likely to be successful, and that those without a plan often start to struggle. So, the question is have you got a club development plan? Don't forget if you have one it should really be a fixed agenda item for the committee meetings to ensure that it is used and reviewed.

If you want to start to write a club development plan then please get in touch with me at gareth.brookes@rya.org.uk or 07876 330136. I will be able to chat through the options and send you an RYA Guide to Club Development and an example plan to get you started. Once you have started on this I can come and meet you to help you with the plan and then to review it when required.

Dates for your Diary

2009 RYA Volvo Zone/ Home Country Championships - 26th & 27th September

Burton SC for Optimist, Topper, Mirror (Fevas & Windsurfers enter West. Laser 4.7 enter South. Dragoons & Cadets enter East)

10th & 11th October - 2009 Team 15 Champions Cup, Rutland Watersports

2009 RYA Club & Coach Conferences - Midlands 6th December Bartley SC. East 6 December Grafham Water

RYA DINGHY RACING INSTRUCTOR ENDORSEMENT

24th & 25th October 2009 Swarkestone SC, Derbyshire 0900 – 1730 Cost £40. Contact gareth.brookes@rya.co.uk

31st October & 1st November 2009 Northampton SC. 0900 – 1730 Cost £40. Tel 01604 880248

RYA CATAMARAN INSTRUCTOR ENDORSEMENT

28th & 29th November 2009 Carsington Sailing Club Derbyshire 0900 – 1730 Cost £40. Contact

manager@carsingtonsc.co.uk Tel 01629 540609

RYA DINGHY SENIOR INSTRUCTOR COURSE

17th, 18th, 24th & 25th October 2009 Rutland SC + Hykeham SC. 0900 – 1730 Cost £ 125. Contact info@rutlandsailingschool.co.uk Tel 01780 721999

RYA WINDSURF END OF SEASON BLAST

4th Oct 2009- Rutland Watersports Cost 1000–1600 £5. Contact rutlandwatersports@yahoo.co.uk Tel 01780 460154

RYA WINDSURF INTERMEDIATE INSTRUCTOR

8th - 11th October 2009 Carsington Watersports Derbyshire 0930 – 1730 Cost £125. Contact enquiries@carsingtonwater.com Tel 01629 540478

RYA WINDSURF SENIOR INSTRUCTOR

8th - 11th October 2009 Carsington Watersports Derbyshire 0930 – 1730 Cost £265. Contact enquiries@carsingtonwater.com Tel 01629 540478