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The SE Region has 3 hire fleets Find out availability and costs, and let us know what new boats you would like >> [Here](#)



Honda RIB South East Finals: July 25th at Bewl

£20,000 of kit up for grabs!
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Spring 2009 Issue

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RYA-SE Hire Fleets

Regional Oppy and Topper Hire Fleet

The SE Region has 3 hire fleets, 2 X 6 Optimists and 1 X 6 Toppers, all on trailers, which are available to Clubs in the region to support regattas, training and summer Youth weeks. The usage of the fleets is diminishing (perhaps as Clubs become more self sufficient with their own boats) and the fleets themselves are aging and are getting to the end of their useful life.

We are reviewing options for the future which could mean replacing some of the fleets with new or different boats. We are considering whether we should stimulate 2 handed sailing and racing amongst our Juniors and youths by acquiring some Fevas. If anyone has any views, please send them to Tony Rowe at tony.rowe1@tiscali.co.uk or 07738 754613

RYA-SE Hire Fleets - Existing bookings and Hire Rates

Rates: High Season = June- Sept; Low season = other months

Bookings made: (Each fleet = 6 boats + 1 trailer)

Fleet:	Topper1	Optimist2	Optimist2	Rates	
				High	Low
May			9-10	Optimists	
			16-17	2 Days	£100 £70
	22-26			5 Days	£200 £170
June				7 Days	£280 £250
				7 Days	£280 £250
July	11-12			Toppers	
	25-31	25-31	25-31	2 Days	£150 £120
August			3-7	5 Days	£300 £270
	10-14	10-14	10-14	7 Days	£420 £390
	17-22		17-22		
			29-31		
September					

To book a fleet, contact Julian Irons on 07980 435281 or at julian.ironson@btinternet.com

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Honda RIB South East Finals: July 25th at Bewl

Your club could win one of the two 4.8m Ribcraft with a Honda BF50 outboard on an Indespension trailer, worth up to £20,000!



This year, the South East Region final is being run by Dave Radford at Bewl Valley SC on Saturday July 25th. To enter, contact him on 01892 890930 E-mail: dave.radford@bowlvalleysc.co.uk

Kent Area Training will be held at Medway. Contact Tom Sims at tom@simfsbusiness.co.uk

There are two classes: 8-12 years old and 13-16 years old. This is the age of the entrant at the time of the national final i.e. for the 8-12 year olds the competitor should not have had their 13th Birthday before 13th September 2009 and in the 13-16 year old section they should not have had their 13th birthday before 19th September 2009.

Michael Devonshire retires as RYA-SE Treasurer

Michael Devonshire will be retiring as RYA South East Treasurer on April 1 2009, handing over the reins (or rather books and ledgers) to Jan Gillon. Jan is currently RYA-SE secretary, and will now be in double harness.

Michael is also retiring from the RYA-SE Committee. During his 34 years on this committee, Michael has held the post of Treasurer for 28 of these years, and was instrumental in setting up the charity which purchases boats and equipment for the area, saving substantial VAT. This has enabled the region to provide one of the best regional hire fleets for clubs in the UK.

Besides being chairman of RYA-SE for 5 years, he has also been a member of RYA council and on several RYA committees, notably General Purposes, International Affairs, Cruising and the Seamanship Foundation (predecessor of RYA Sailability)

Internationally, Michael has represented UK on ISAF, the European Boating Federation Committee, the Pleasure Navigation International Commission, the Recreational Boating Committee of Union Internationale and the International Maritime Organisation.

As a former circuit judge, Michael has used his expert legal knowledge to guide the RYA on planning and environment and cut through red tape.

Michael has Honorary Life Membership of RYA, and has cruised extensively in North Europe and the Western Mediterranean. Now he will have more leisure for that, and we wish him all the best for his future

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RYA-SE Club Conference: January 31st 2009

The theme of this conference was very topical – “Don’t Let the Credit Crunch become the Club Crunch”

With families cutting back on discretionary spending, clubs faced with falling membership and rising bills need to find ways of surviving this recession. So nearly 50 club officers from the south east and other regions attended a very instructive day at Chipstead Sailing Club to hear from experts like Jon White, RYA Development Manager, Andy Hooper, South & South East Regional Development Officer, and Chris Edwards, Chairman of RYA Planning & Environmental Committee. They showed how to manage and grow clubs and how to secure funding and grants in a very tight and highly competitive environment.

There were case histories from south east clubs and boating organisations which had done just that, with detailed instructions on how they went about it. View presentations [>>Here](#) or at <http://www.rya.org.uk/Regions/southeast/Pages/SouthEastRegionClubConference.aspx>

Many of the delegates have already let RYA South East know how valuable this day was, with typical comments such as *"What an excellent Club Conference on Saturday! I left encouraged & brimming with borrowed ideas. Usually I'm happy if I get just one half-decent idea out of a conference, but each of the talks gave me something new"*.

RYA-SE AGM: January 31st 2009

This was held at the Club Conference. Tony Rowe (RYA-SE Chairman) report can be read [>>Click Here](#) or at <http://www.rya.org.uk/Regions/southeast/Pages/RYA-SEChairman'sReport.aspx>

RYA Support for Clubs not always understood

It became clear at the Club Conference that many clubs were not aware of the extensive support and advice available from RYA. Get advice by a phone call to Hamble on 02380 604100, or read the 'Club' web pages on the RYA web site. [>>Click to Read](#) or go to <http://www.rya.org.uk/WorkingWithUs/clubs/Pages/clubs.aspx>

The extensive RYA Planning Handbook is at http://www.rya.org.uk/WorkingWithUs/clubs/premises/Pages/PE_Handbook.aspx

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2009 RYA Community Awards in the South East

Information and application forms for the annual Community Awards that recognise contributions made by volunteers to the sport of sailing and boating in several categories have been mailed to all RYA Affiliated Clubs and submissions have to be in by **early May**.

If you haven't got a copy you can find details by clicking [>>THIS](#) or going to <http://www.rya.org.uk/WorkingWithUs/volunteers/Pages/RYAC.aspx>



Thelma Dutton wins award in 2008



Cruising News

The **Cruising News** e-newsletter is now successful and well-established, and back issues are on the RYA website at <http://www.rya.org.uk/Activities/yachtcruising/yachtcruisingnews/Pages/yachtcruisingnews.aspx> or click [>>HERE](#)

It will be followed during 2009 with **Club News** (now issued), **Sportsboats and RIBs and Racing (sail)** e-newsletters.

GET MOTOR CRUISING WITH THE RYA

Whether you're a channel crossing novice making the trip for the first time or an experienced skipper who likes to cruise in company and wants to extend your cruising ground then the RYA's annual RYA Sealine Southern Motor Cruise could be just for you.

Taking place from 25th July to 1st August; the annual cruise brings together motor cruisers of all ages and abilities from across the country to cruise together with the added benefit of a qualified Yachtmaster Instructor on hand to offer support and guidance to those who want it.

All the planning – routes, berthing and social activities are arranged for you by the RYA, allowing cruisers to get on with enjoying their trip.

If you are interested in taking part in this year's cruise register your interest by emailing the Motor Cruise team at cruising.events@rya.org.uk, including your name and address or for more information visit www.rya.org.uk/newsandevents/events

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a) Potential Boost for VAT registered clubs

A recent decision of the European Court of Justice has indicated that there may now be an opportunity for VAT registered clubs and associations set up to operate on a non-profit making basis to reclaim VAT paid to HM Revenue & Customs ("HMRC") on fees charged to non-members, although the English Courts have yet formally to adopt this ruling.

VAT registered clubs may be eligible to submit claims for VAT paid on such fees in the past three years. For details, click [>>THIS](#) or go to <http://www.rya.org.uk/NewsAndEvents/newsroom/news/Pages/potentialbo.aspx>

b) Club Affiliation Fees 2010

In order to reduce the complications and work of club affiliation and registration and also to reduce errors, RYA plans to change and simplify process. This will put clubs into 'payment bands', which will be more equitable for Clubs as well as easier to administer. RYA will be contacting clubs on this shortly.

Any clubs who have still not returned their affiliation forms and cheques for 2009 should do so ASAP and give as much information on the form as they can, and as accurately as possible. This will help in making a fair and accurate assessment of the bandings for 2010.

The exercise is overall 'revenue neutral'.

C) RYA Challenges E-Borders Proposals

This affects South East sailors particularly, as we are the nearest to the continent. RYA has serious reservations – not against the *principle* that the Government should seek to secure the UK sea border against terrorist and organised criminal activity – but against the proposed *mechanism*.

RYA believes that it must not

- impose unfair or unreasonable restrictions on boaters
- criminalise law-abiding citizens when they take action in the face of adverse conditions
- impact on the safety of navigation.

RYA has been in consultation with the Border, Policy and Visa Division for the past 18 months – currently there is no clear

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... continued policy for small ports, marinas and recreational vessels. Who is going to check, how and when has as yet not been formulated. The present proposals do not do that. Read more at <http://www.rya.org.uk/AboutRYA/lobbyact> or [>>Click](#)

d) Free Training Taster Sessions with RYA at RIBEX 2009 May 8-10

If you've ever fancied learning how to drive a RIB, then the RYA's free training taster sessions at this years' RIBEX show held at Cowes Yacht Haven, 8 - 10 May will be just what you need!

Hosted by Mendez Marine and sponsored by Ribcraft, the RYA will have two Ribcrafts available throughout the show, including its new state of the art event Honda powered Ribcraft, to give visitors the

opportunity to hear all about the courses available, see just what's involved and get a free mini training session. It's easy to sign up; just register at the RYA events trailer in the Exhibition show arena. Bookings are on a first come first served basis.

Click [>>This](#) to see more or go to <http://www.rya.org.uk/NewsAndEvents/newsroom/news/Pages/FreetrainingtasterssessionswithRYAatRIBEX2009.aspx>

e) 2009-2012 Racing Rules of Sailing

These Racing Rules are compulsory and enforced worldwide, making this title essential to all racing sailors. So has your club defined its own mark rounding overlap requirements for racing? This is just one of the changes in the new Racing Rules, and is available from RYA publications [>>HERE](#) or see <http://www.rya.org.uk/shop/Pages/Shop.aspx?&keyword=racing%20rules>

Dave Battye, SE Region Rules Advisor is running talks to clubs on the new rules. Contact him at 01892 862347 or david@battye.prestel.co.uk

An excellent presentation is also available from download from the RYA Website [>>NOW](#) or <http://www.rya.org.uk/KnowledgeBase/racingrules/Pages/Guidetothenewracingrules20092012.aspx>.

f) Concerns over mandatory introduction of ATIS in Europe

ATIS (Automatic Traffic Information System) is a system used on all inland waterways of Europe to identify vessels when they use their VHF radio. It produces the characteristic squawk at the end of each TX. The system requires modification to the radio and the Ship's Radio Licence.

The RYA has learned that Ofcom are proposing to accede to the Basel Arrange-

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... continued ment which covers ATIS, and that the Regional Arrangement concerning the Radiotelephone Service on Inland Waterways (RAINWAT) are now mandating the use of ATIS on all visitors to RAINWAT waters. More on this Click >>[HERE](#) or go to <http://www.rya.org.uk/KnowledgeBase/boatingabroad/Pages/atis.aspx>

g) 2009 Portsmouth Numbers now published

The Portsmouth Numbers (PN), which designate a performance indication of boats for the season have now been published. You can download them from the RYA website at <http://www.rya.org.uk/KnowledgeBase/technical/Pages/pys.aspx> Or click >>[PY](#)

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New 'racing secrets' website

SailJuice.com is a brand new membership website launched by professional sailing journalist Andy Rice (Yachts & Yachting columnist, Seahorse, Yachting World etc).

Andy has been badgering the world's best sailors for their best sailing tips and secrets, which he has bundled up into SailJuice.com, a subscription website full of useful advice for sailors of any ability who want to improve their racing skills and score better results in regattas.

Radio Kent Inshore Waters Forecasts – New Times

Mon-Fri	Sat	Sun	* New time
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Club Race Officer Courses

Club Race officer courses are available to clubs who wish to improve the standard of their race management. Normally the club would arrange a suitable date and venue. A one day course can also be split into two evenings, assuming the instructor does not have too far to travel.

Regional Race Officer courses are usually held in the winter. Two days at a venue need to be notified, but over the last couple of years there has been insufficient support to hold these. If we can get enough support before the end of the year then we can organise one.

Mark laying Courses have just been introduced and are run at on a similar basis to Race management, with the levels of Club, Regional and National. The entry level is Club, and normally a club would organize a date and instructor would be booked for training.



Andy Hooper
RYA-SE Regional
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For further details on any of the above, please contact Martin Bedford, South East Regional Race Management Co-ordinator
Tel 01323 870007 email: martin.drawfield@btinternet.com



Stuart Bishop:
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Key Events

2009 RYA Twiname Championships May 9-10 at Rutland

<http://www.ryaracingevents.org.uk/Pages/Home.aspx> or Click >>Twiname



Peter Towner:
OnBoard East
Sussex

2010 Instructor Conference

SE and S Region - Sat 27th March 2010 at Hayling Island SC
(suitable for anyone who teaches the RYA small boat schemes)
Contact Andy Hooper at andy.hooper@rya.org.uk



Gareth Glover:
OnBoard
West Sussex

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www.rya.org.uk

RYA Website - South East Pages
www.rya.org.uk/Regions/SouthEast

Cruising
www.rya.org.uk/Activities/yachtcruising/

Sailability
www.rya.org.uk/Sailability/

Windsurfing
www.rya.org.uk/Activities/Windsurfing

OnBoard
www.ruob.co.uk/

BBC 5 day Weather Forecast
www.bbc.co.uk/weather/5day.shtml

Vattenfall sponsorship for Ramsgate Week

Vattenfall, the Thanet windfarm company is sponsoring Ramsgate Week, which takes place from 10-15 August this year. The week is one of the major sailing events on the East Coast, attracting sailors from the UK, France, Holland and Belgium.

IRC Classes will compete in a coastal series for the first three days, followed by an IRC Regatta Series starting on Thursday and running through to Saturday, when the one-day SailEAST Regatta will be held. Two Cruiser Classes - one with the use of spinnakers prohibited and one with no sail restriction - will enjoy one race per day with competitors being treated to some of the most scenic waters in Kent.

Onshore, there will be a great party atmosphere with the new 'Rock on the Dock' concept, hosting big name bands for competitors to party the night away.

Vattenfall will be collaborating with the Royal Temple Yacht Club (RTYC) throughout the year, to

support their Open Days; a new initiative giving the local community an opportunity to try sailing.

"The Ramsgate Week Committee are excited about the partnership with Vattenfall; it's an important step in our continued development of Ramsgate Week." said RTYC Commodore, Mike Brand. "Extending this support to the RTYC's Open Day's will also provide a great boost in promoting sailing in the area and with the local community."

Ole Bigum Nielsen, Project Director at Vattenfall, said "With the Thanet Offshore Wind Farm now under construction, this is an ideal time for Vattenfall to be sponsoring Ramsgate Week. It is an opportunity for us to become more involved with the community both onshore and offshore!"

For more information and to enter Vattenfall Ramsgate Week, visit www.ramsgateweek.com. Entries received before 31 May can take advantage of the 50% discount on berthing

