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Hythe Hotshots go forward to T15 finals

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Summer 2009 Issue

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South East Zone snatches RYA Eric Twiname glory

The South East Zone are the 2009 RYA Eric Twiname Championships champions as their sailors reigned triumphant at Rutland Water over the weekend May 9th and 10th.

Some 226 sailors in 211 boats representing the nine RYA Zone and Home Countries took to the water to try to wrestle the coveted Eric Twiname Shield from the grasp of 2008 event winners, the North Zone. It was the South East Zone who emerged victorious by the narrowest of margins, claiming the overall Championship title from the second-placed South Zone on the tie-break.

The South East Zone also won the Eric Twiname Windsurfer Trophy, awarded to the Zone with top overall windsurfing score, while the South got their hands on the Eric Twiname Dinghy Trophy, awarded to Zone with top overall dinghy score.

In the 72-boat Topper fleet Oliver Machell from Papercourt Sailing Club, near Ripley in Surrey, came second, while 15-year-old Charlotte Fenn from Telscombe Cliffs and who sails at Pevensey Bay wrapped up the girls' title with a 6th place. The South East Zone was

named the top Topper Zone. The Mirror class saw Meia and Elin Harnett from Whitstable on the podium in third place.

In the windsurfing classes, 11-year-old Henry Bloodworth, who sails at Queen Mary Sailing Club in West London, picked up two bullets and two seconds to comprehensively wrap up the Techno 5.5 title. Henry was jubilant: "I was hoping to be in the top three but as the wind got stronger on Saturday I got better and I was pleased to have won. This is a really important and good event for young sailors and it has been the main focus of my winter's training, so I'm really happy."

Thomas Addison from Hythe came third in the 7.8 metre class, counting a second and two third places.

Duncan Truswell, RYA Youth Racing Manager, said: "The standard of racing on Saturday was the highest I have seen at this event for some years. In some shifty, gusty winds, sometimes over 20 knots, all the sailors did really well to hang in there and keep fo-

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Victorious team and their trophy



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South East young powerboaters compete for £20,000 prizes

14 young powerboaters, some as young as 9, competed for top slots at the RYA South East Honda RYA Youth RIB Championship held at Bewl Water, near Tonbridge Wells in Kent, on Saturday July 25.

Representing their clubs, they aimed to qualify for the national final where they will be in the running to win one of two £20,000 kits, each consisting of a Ribcraft 4.8m RIB (Rigid Inflatable Boat) with a 50 hp Honda outboard engine, an Indespension trailer, and Icom radio – just what their club needs to run its regattas and club racing!



13-16 year winners
1st Jonathan Edwards Bewl Valley SC (Centre)
2nd Adam Bermingham Wilsonian SC (Left)
3rd Tim Ferrid Bewl Valley SC

In two classes, 8-12 years and 13-16 years, the South East region winners now go forward to the final at the Southampton

Boat show in September,

when they will compete against the other regions' winners for the prizes – one complete kit for each age class.

Jonathan Edwards, in the 13-16 age class and from Bewl Valley Sailing Club, stormed around the course in just over a minute – within a few seconds of last year's national final prize-winning time. This is his second year in this competition, and he is improving fast and now a hot prospect. His secret was not to push too hard - especially on the slalom - but keep a steady yet fast pace throughout. Now he is looking forward to winning the finals!

At his first championship attempt, Tim Butler from Wilsonian Sailing Club at Rochester just took first place in the 8-12 year group, with second place George Hyett from Downs Sailing Club from Walmer finishing a close 1.6 seconds behind him. Tim has only been powerboating for a few months. "Happy, but shocked!" was his elated reaction.



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slalom buoys demand skill and control, but it was the "man overboard" drill and reversing round a buoy manoeuvres that's tested the youngsters the most, with many of them gunning the throttle too hard and losing vital seconds.

Thanks go to Championship sponsors Honda, Ribcraft, ICOM and Indespension Trailers. Martin Moll, Head of Marketing for event sponsor Honda, said: "We are very proud and pleased to be associated with the RYA Youth

The Honda RYA Youth RIB Championship sees the young helmsmen compete in a time trial race around a set of marks. Each competitor has two attempts, and the fastest time

counts. The



8-12 year winners
1st Tim Butler Wilsonian SC (centre)
2nd Tim Hyett Downs SC (left)
3rd Jenna Brennan Newhaven & Seaford SC

RIB Challenge for another year because it allows us to create links with the wider community - giving a younger generation access to our products and helping them engage with interactive, team based, social activities.

"Furthermore, as a manufacturer which puts safety at the heart of everything we do, the RIB Challenge gives us a great opportunity to underline this commitment."

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Click [HERE](#) to see photos from the event For more information about the Honda RYA Youth RIB Championship, and a list of regional finals scores visit www.rya.org.uk.

If your Club's youngsters didn't enter this year why not make a note to do so in 2010?

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cussed for the full four races, and it was great to see the level of skill being displayed. This is testament to the work the sailors have put in with their coaches over the winter and the fact that the RYA Eric Twiname Championships is held in such high regard by everyone. I've been really impressed this weekend."

John Derbyshire, RYA Racing Manager / Performance Director added: "The RYA Eric Twiname Championships are a fundamental rung in the development ladder for the young sailors, some of whom will have started at the absolute grassroots through the RYA's OnBoard and Team15 programmes and for those who we hope will eventually go on to represent Britain as seniors at the World's biggest Olympic Classes regattas."

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HYTHE HOTSHOTS SECURE T15 SOUTH EAST WINDSURF CROWN

In really testing conditions, the young windsurfing team from Hythe, the Hythe Hotshots sponsored by Boards magazine, won the fourth and final Team15 (T15) zone championship event at Eastbourne on Sunday July 4th. The win secured them as the top South East team, and the youngsters – all under 15 - will now represent the region at the T15 National Championships in October. But they had to fight hard to get there, being pushed to the limit by Spray Sports from Eastbourne, who were racing on their home waters.

The Le Mans start had the young sailors start by running down the beach to their boards, launching them, racing round a buoy out at sea and then sprinting back up the beach to the finish. This made a thrilling spectacle for parents, team members and bathers on the shore, and was a brilliant showcase of the great fun had at Team 15 events with all the competitors putting in maximum effort while enjoying every moment.

10 year old Guy Carney from Hythe Hotshots excelled, winning every race in the 3.5m fleet. In the same fleet, Hannah (age 13) and Luke Williams (age 11) from Spray Sprites were 3rd and 5th, despite only windsurfing for just 6 months. Megan Kraft, (age 9, Spray Sprites) took the 3.5m Techno award. After only a couple of months windsurfing and in only her second event, Megan wisely used her smaller 1.6m rig to cope with the brisk wind and rough seas.

Winner in the 4.5m fleet was Finn Howard (age 11, Spray Sprites), who started with two 4th places, but then dialled into the racing with bullets in the last three races.

The 6.8m class sports a big sail, and can be a real challenge when the wind freshens – as it did at Eastbourne on Sunday. However Catriona Hards from Hythe powered to the number one slot, proving that girls can be winners in this demanding sport. As Betsy Carr from Eastbourne's Spray Sprites said "I really wish they did *more over . . .*



Le Mans start



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... continued something like Team 18 for kids when they are too old for Team 15. I only started this year and I'm really sad that I'll be too old next year to do it again"

Supported by industry leaders Neilson, Tushingham/Starboard, Windsurf magazine, Boards magazine and Neil Pryde, T15 was set up by the RYA to provide youngsters, up to the age of 15, with the opportunity to learn all about windsurfing and windsurf racing in a friendly club environment.

Weekly training sessions are run at RYA approved centres and clubs with RYA trained instructors and T15 coaches. All safety aspects are taken care of and equipment is provided so there's no need to go and buy all your own kit. A highlight of the T15 calendar is the annual National T15 Inter Club Championship which takes place over the summer. Each region runs 4 heats and the winning team goes on to represent the region at the National Final – the Champions Cup in October

T15 Events - Team Results:

- 1st - Hythe Hotshots (10 pts)
Hythe
- 2nd - Spray Watersports (17 pts)
Eastbourne
- 3rd - Aquasports Aquanauts (36 pts)
Redhill
- 4th - Bewl Blasters (39 pts)
Lamberhurst, near Tonbridge

Hythe Hotshots Team:

Class	Name	Age
3.5m	Guy Carney	10
4.5m	Rachel Finch	13
4.5m	Fredo Edwards	13
5.5m	Phillipa Hemphrey	13
5.5m	Alex Barry	14
6.8m	Catriona Hards	15
6.8m	Dani Conroy	13

South East Topper & Oppie Regatta **Saturday 3 October, Chipstead SC**

This event is for young sailors (age limit 16 years) with only one or two seasons experience or who have not attended an Open Meeting before - or perhaps just the occasional one! Hosted by Chipstead Sailing Club, it now combines Optimists and Toppers so that parents can bring children of different ages and experi-

ence who sail in both classes. The event will run from around 1000 to 1300 hrs and lunch will be available for competitors and visitors.

There will be an 'area' (Weald, West Sussex, Medway, East Sussex, East Kent, North Kent) competition and 3 boats (both Toppers and Oppies) will be supplied for sailors from each area. These can be used for up to 6 sailors from each area (depending on how many races each sailor

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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.

Latest report from Kaimes Beasley the MCA officer responsible for the **Dover Straits** TSS shows that there are between 400 and 450 water movements per day in the area.. Special information on

Wind Farms

Thanet Offshore is going ahead.100 units 1km apart on line 2010 Inner and Outer Gabbards 140 units in 2 phases come on line 2011 The London Array (Long Sands) 270 units are due to start 2011.

Project Kraken is still on going.

The Sunk TSS becomes a controlled area from 1st July 2009 with a dedicated controller

Events

1 July Sunk TSS

25-26 July 100th Anniversary Bleriot - Dover

10-15 August Ramsgate Week

3 November Manchex – Dover

The Great Swim has been cancelled by the French saying 'Non!'

FLARE WARNING!

Pains-Wessex

PW have concerns over the safety of their Mk8 Red Handheld flares , as the extending tube can be driven back into the handle causing it to burn part of the handle (*See photos*). MCA , Pains-Wessex and RYA HQ have been alerted. This issued was raised by Andy Thompson of ESL as they had recently done a flare exercise.

Nick Jordan





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Welcome home to VIC 96

A group of local steam buffs have spent the last five years rescuing a 1940s steamship, the VIC 96, which was destined for the scrap heap when the museum in Maryport, Cumbria, that owned her closed. More than 70 monthly trips to Cumbria later, the ship has been made seaworthy and left Maryport on 5th July to head North, through the Crinan and Caledonian canals, to Inverness and thence down the east coast, to be returned to the port from which she originally served.

By 4th August, VIC 96 had made it as far as Ipswich and is scheduled to arrive back in the Medway on Friday 7th August. She will anchor overnight in Stangate Creek and steam up river on Saturday morning tide to arrive at the entrance to Chatham Maritime Marina (her new home) approx 1/2 hour before high water.

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RYA- SE Website

Go to the main RYA website at www.rya.org.uk. It has a bright new look, and navigation is vastly improved.

However, links to the regional website pages are not yet established, and the South East region articles and links have yet to be posted.

In the meanwhile, to view RYA-SE news on the RYA website, go to <http://www.rya.org.uk/aboutus/regions/south-east/Pages/default.aspx> Or click

HERE

Junior & Youth Events

14th -19th September 2009:
Skandia Sail for Gold Regatta 2009 at Weymouth and Portland National Sailing Academy

26th /27th September 2009:
The Volvo RYA Zone Championships 2009 Datchet Water Sailing Club

16th /17th October 2009:
Junior and Youth Team Racing Championships 2009, Oxford

SE ZONE CLUB CONFERENCES

This year the South East club conference will be at the Bewl Water SC on Saturday 5th December 2009 and also Thames Valley at Burfield SC on the same day. The agenda is as yet to be decided but will be a mix of club development and coaching skills.

SE ZONE RACING COACH LEVEL 2 COURSES

The number of trained coaches in the country has increased significantly last year following the introduction of club and coach funding. Across the country we ran almost double the number of courses in 2008 compared to previous years and anticipate doing similar in 2009. We are keen to run more courses in the South East and need clubs to volunteer to host such courses.

<http://www.sailracer.co.uk/ryacoaching/default.asp?eventid=8078>

Spatial strategy for water-related recreation in the South-East

The Environment Agency has initiated a spatial strategy for the South East region, setting out priorities for new and improved water-related sport and recreation opportunities that delivers the greatest benefits to people living in the region. Brighton University will act as the consultants throughout the process, drawing on their

experience producing spatial strategies for water-related recreation in Wales, the South West and East of England.

Key stakeholders/knowledge holders from relevant organisations and stakeholders, including recreational users, will be involved. The first meeting of the steering group is in September and it is hoped to complete the plan by Autumn 2010.

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Club Development

RYA Guide to Club Development

This is a guide to assist clubs across the region. It gives details on club development planning and a range of subjects to assist in that area. These include: funding; facilities development; how to become a Training Centre etc. Please contact me for a copy.

Funding

Sport England's (SE) new funding regime started for the new financial year in April. We have targets that SE would like us to achieve:

- Increase in Adult Participation
- Increase in Sailors' Satisfaction with their sport
- Increase in Youth Development Medals
- 17 Volvo Champion Clubs
- Increase the number of participants taking up the 'OnBoard/Team15 5 Hour Offer



*Andy Hooper
RYA-SE Regional
Development Officer*

I therefore have funding to help with this. I would like to hear from clubs that would like funding to help increase adult participation, help with volunteer training or general club development to increase membership. OnBoard and Team15 will still be a strong thread, and we plan to use current OB clubs to get new adults through their parents. If your club is not yet an OB and would like to be please urge them to get in contact.



*Stuart Bishop:
OnBoard Kent*

Since April I have visited 35 clubs. However, with 400 sailing providers in the region I have only scratched the surface.

Andy

Mark Saul: OnBoard officer for West Sussex



*Peter Towner:
OnBoard East
Sussex*

Mark comes to OnBoard with a wealth of experience. He has an A level in Sports Studies, AD GNVQ Business Studies and a BA Hons Watersports Studies and Management from Solent University, Southampton. His RYA qualifications include Advanced + Windsurf Instructor; Dinghy Senior Instructor; Powerboat Instructor; First Aid; and Day Skipper theory. In his 9 years in the leisure industry, he has been an Advanced Windsurf Instructor for Neilson Active Holidays at their resorts in Greece and Turkey..



*Mark Saul
OnBoard West Sussex*

Mark is now based at **Lagoon Watersports**, Hove Lagoon, The Kingsway, Hove, BN3 4LX (Mob: 07825 957976 (Web : www.lagoon.co.uk, Email: onboard@lagoonwatersports.co.uk)

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Vattenfall sponsorship for Ramsgate Week

Vattenfall, the Thanet wind-farm 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 on Vattenfall Ramsgate Week, click to visit www.ramsgateweek.com

Some Useful Websites

RYA Website - Home

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