

# **RYA NW MONTHLY NEWSLETTER**

## **August 2007**

Welcome to the August RYA NorthWest newsletter. Here, you will read about RYA activities in the NW, and find out more about latest initiatives from RYA HQ. The newsletter is being sent by e mail to clubs and centres in the NW. You can forward the e mail news to your fellow committee members at your club, or even to all your membership thus giving them all the chance to get the latest news fast. Print a copy to put on your notice board to let others see the news, or cut and paste stories onto your club website. You can also be added to the circulation group to receive your own personal copy.

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This month's highlights include;

- **Dates for your Diary**
- **Junior Racing- Andrew Brown takes Topper Grand Slam**
- **Young Sailor of the Year award- nominations open**
- **Regional Development- Many Courses in NW available soon**
- **Coaching & Junior Racing- Zone Championships soon- enter now!**
- **Outdoors in Cumbria- Skills courses available**
- **Junior Racing- RYA NW Junior Travellers set to resume**
- **Powerboats- NW and IoM winners go to National final at Southampton**
- **Rules Advisers courses**
- **RYA Publications**

### **DATES FOR YOUR DIARY**

**NW Junior Traveller, Redesmere, September 8**

**Flying Fifteen Northerns, Bass, September 8/9**

**Team15 Interclub, West Kirby, September 9<sup>th</sup>**

**Windsurf Start Instructor Course, Astbury Sailsports, September 10 – 14**

**Winsurf Senior Instructor Course, Wakefield, September 13/ 14**

**24 Hour Race, West Lancs, September 15/16**

**NW Junior Traveller, Delph, September 15**

**Rules Adviser course, West Kirby, September 15**

**RYA North & West Zone Championships , Ullswater, September 29/30**

**RYA North & West Zone Championships, Notts County, September 29/30**

**Windsurf Intermediate Non Planing Instructor course, September 29/30**

**NW Junior Traveller, West Lancs, October 6**

**Rules Adviser course, Royal Windermere, October 6**

**Club Racing Coach Courses, Ullswater, October 6/7**

**NSSA Match Racing, Delph, October 6/7**

**Inland Senior Instructor course, Astbury Watersports, October 13/14**

**Rules Adviser course, Hollingworth Lake, October 13**

## **JUNIOR RACING**

### **ANDREW WINS TOPPER NATIONALS & GRAND SLAM**

Andrew Brown, 15, from Appleton, near Warrington has just landed a National sailing Championship. Sailing at the biggest ever Topper class Nationals, Andrew overcame the challenges of brisk winds and 289 competitors to take the National title at North Berwick in Scotland.

The week long competition, held from August 5-10, had such a large fleet that three days of preliminary heats were needed to sort the fleet into gold, silver and bronze fleets, and then Andrew sailed against the very best of his class competitors in the gold fleet for the rest of the week.

Andrew is no stranger to success in the sailing world, after last year winning the World title in the Topper class at Lake Garda in Italy.

At North Berwick, Andrew led from the heats stage, and then in the six races in the gold fleet, he took a pair of wins and three second places to win the Championship by eight points. Andrew sails at Budworth Sailing Club, while another sailor from the NorthWest, Jack Hopkins from Delph SC, also excelled to take third overall.

Speaking after his title win Andrew said, "I am elated to have won the Topper GB Nationals at North Berwick. It was a tough competition and I am delighted to have completed the 'grand slam' of all the Topper titles. It was really important for me to win the GB Nationals as no one else has won all four titles before."

His Grand Slam of titles comprises the World, National and Inland Championships, plus the Nationwide Series. Andrew then went straight from North Berwick to the Laser Nationals, where he qualified for the gold fleet despite high winds, and then he travels to Lake Garda soon afterwards to defend his Worlds Topper title.

Andrew has been helped to progress in the sport by his membership of the Royal Yachting Association (RYA) Zone squad, and now National GBR squad in Toppers. These squads provide high level coaching to aspiring young racers, and form part of the successful pathway to Olympic success provided by the RYA's Olympic development squads.

Andrew was one of a strong team from the NW at the Nationals. Some other highlights included;

3<sup>rd</sup> overall Jack Hopkins, Delph  
7<sup>th</sup> and best Under 14, Elliot Hanson, Redesmere  
13<sup>th</sup> and best Junior Female, Emily Jackson, Elton.

## **YOUNG SAILOR OF THE YEAR AWARD**

### **PERFORMANCE - INSPIRING OTHERS - RESCUE - OVERCOMING DIVERSITY**

Nomination Call!

RAYMARINE Young Sailor of the Year Awards 2 0 0 7

**RYA Regional Young Sailor**

**Step 1 - RYA Regional Young Sailor nominations**

**Don't miss out!** pass on your nominations for your Regional Young Sailor of the Year to your Regional committee. Your young sailors must have made a significant impact on youth sailing during 2007, either on the race course, around the club, by overcoming adversity or through an exceptional achievement.

Nominees must be aged 19 years or under at 31 December 2007.

Get your Regional committee's contact details from the RYA

website [www.rya.org.uk](http://www.rya.org.uk) or see Nomination Form on website: [www.rya-northwest.org.uk](http://www.rya-northwest.org.uk)

## **RAYMARINE Young Sailor of the Year 2 0 0 7**

### **Step 2 - Raymarine Young Sailor of the Year awards**

RYA regional young sailor winners are automatically put forward for the national Raymarine young sailor of the year award. Three finalists will be shortlisted from all entrants.

### **Step 3 - The Final**

the three finalists, plus all the RYA Regional winners and their families will be treated to a VIP day at London Boat Show where the Raymarine Young Sailor of the Year is announced.

## **REGIONAL DEVELOPMENT**

### **Range of Windsurfing courses coming soon in NW**

Look out for a whole range of Windsurfer Instructor courses, coming soon to various venues in the North West, from mid September on.

- **Windsurf Start Instructor Course @ Astbury Sailsports**

10th - 14th September

To enquire or book please contact: Alison Yates @ Astbury Sailsports on 01260 297172.

- **Windsurf Intermediate Non Planing Instructor Course @ Hollingworth Lake**

29th & 30th September, Cost = £85

To book a place, please contact Sally Kilpatrick.

- **Windsurf Senior Instructor Course @ Pugneys, Wakefield**

13<sup>th</sup> – 14<sup>th</sup> September, Cost = £75

To book a place, please contact Sally.

- **Windsurf Conversion Course @ Pugneys, Wakefield**

Friday 2<sup>nd</sup> November

To book a place, please contact Sally.

## Dinghy Senior Instructor Courses in Autumn and Spring

- **Inland Dinghy Senior Instructor Course** at Astbury Watersports

October 13th/14th & 20th/21st. Cost £130.

To book a place, please contact Sally.

- **Coastal Senior Instructor Course @ Wirral Sailing Centre**

March 23<sup>rd</sup> – 26<sup>th</sup> 2008!

To book a place, please contact Sally.

## Are you looking for Instructor Endorsements?

If you have a group of four or more Instructors at a club that are in need of an Instructor Endorsement, I can put you in contact with a Coach / Assessor to try and organize a course @ the club

I am also building up a list of Individuals who are in need of Endorsements so that I can organize courses on demand.

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## **COACHING & JUNIOR RACING**

### **RYA West Zone Championships**

**29<sup>th</sup>/30<sup>th</sup> September** – RYA West Zone Championships to be held at Ullswater Yacht Club – please put into your Junior Club Diaries and encourage your young sailors to attend. Racing for: Optimist, Toppers, Cadets, Mirrors and Laser Radials. (Windsurfers are invited to attend the North Zone Championships at Notts County SC)

Further Information and entry is available on-line at:

[www.ryaracingevents.org.uk](http://www.ryaracingevents.org.uk)

The West Zone Championships at Ullswater Yacht Club will have racing for

- N & W Cadets
- N & W Mirrors
- W Optimists
- W Toppers

The North Zone Championships at Notts County Sailing Club will have racing for

- N & W Windsurfers
- N Optimists
- N Toppers
- N & W 405s

## **STRICTLY NO LATE ENTRIES**

Closing date 19th Sept

## **2007/2008 RYA Squads**

Selection details are available on the web:

<http://www.rya.org.uk/Youth/youthsailracingprogrammes/zones/>

RYA National Junior Squad selection notices for Laser 4.7, Topper, Optimist, Mirror, Cadet and Techno 293 OD are also on the RYA website.

## **Club Racing Coach Courses**

If any other club has keen racers that would like to get more involved in race training, please get in touch to set up a course at your club.

Course cost is £35 per person. To facilitate running a course, clubs need a separate training room, so the course can run without distractions from general club activity, as well as 5 singlehanded dinghies (Toppers, Pico's, Laser's are ideal) and a safety/coach boat/RIB.

Currently we have courses organised at

Ullswater on 6/7 October

Cransley 21/22 October

Bolton SC on 10/11 Nov.

## **OUTDOORS IN CUMBRIA**

### **MORE money for the Outdoor Workforce Development Project – SO GET QUALIFIED!**

The University of Cumbria have received MORE money to provide funding for training in the Outdoor Sector in Cumbria. If you work (paid or unpaid) within the Outdoor Sector in Cumbria we can subsidise skills courses leading to particular National Governing Body awards and related qualifications. You can apply for 60% of the course fee to be paid for a variety of courses to be found in our training prospectus. Each individual can apply for up to £250 and the project has now been extended to February 2008. Courses include MLTE Mountain Leader, Walking Group Leader and Single Pitch Award, BCU Canoe/Kayak Coaching awards, RYA sailing awards, cycling qualifications, first aid courses and more.

You could be eligible for up to £250 if you:

- Are over 16 years of age
- Live in Cumbria
- Work in the Outdoor Sector in Cumbria (paid or voluntarily)
- Have not received funding from the Project before

(Excluding full time students and public sector workers; if however you are volunteering outside of your public sector role you are likely to be eligible)

Applications will be on a first come first served basis and **places are limited so you need to apply ASAP.**

For further information please contact Rachel Walker on [rachel.walker@cumbria.ac.uk](mailto:rachel.walker@cumbria.ac.uk) or 015394 30275

## **JUNIOR RACING**

**RYA NW Junior Travellers set to restart in September**

There are still three events to go in the popular NW Junior Traveller Series. It resumes on 8<sup>th</sup> September at Redesmere, after a break for the summer holidays/ Championship season. The series, sponsored by First Mark Ltd, and organised by Andrew Millington has so far attracted over a hundred entrants from all over the North West. Some youngsters have been to many of the events, others have only been to one or two, but there is still time to join in enough of the remaining fixtures to qualify for the series.

The series provides racing for Handicap and Optimist classes, and also gives prizes in age categories as well as overall winners. The Handicap fleet is very popular with plenty of Radials and Toppers, as well as other classes, and the two series leaders are currently Peter Mitchell from Nantwich and Sophie Stott from Leigh & Lowton, both sailing Radials. Sam Hall is in third position and is top in the Under 14 age group. Sam sails a Radial at Bass. In the Oppies, Martin Wrigley from Leigh & Lowton leads.

## **TEAM RACING - Junior and Youth Competitions at West Kirby & Spinnaker**

This year (2007) the Junior event (U 16) is to be held at West Kirby Sailing Club, on the Wirral, in RS Feva dinghies on November 10/11 and the Youth event (U19) will be held at Spinnaker Sailing Club, Near Ringwood, Hants in Fireflies on November 3/4.

To enter contact [jessica.mapplebeck@rya.org.uk](mailto:jessica.mapplebeck@rya.org.uk)

## **RYA WEST ZONE Club Conference**

Will be at Winsford Flash, on 11<sup>th</sup> November.

This will be an invaluable conference for clubs to help them with their training, racing and club management in the forthcoming year.

Email [Jenny.campbell-james@rya.org.uk](mailto:Jenny.campbell-james@rya.org.uk) to reserve your places  
Timing 10am to 4pm

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## **POWERBOATS**

### **Honda Youth RIB final preview**

The final of the 2007 Honda Youth RIBs will be at Southampton Boat Show on Saturday September 15<sup>th</sup>. Finalists from every RYA Region (plus Isle of Man, the Channel Islands and overseas) in the two age categories of 8 to 12 years and 13 to 16 years will be there to battle it out for the chance of winning a brand new 4.8m Ribcraft RIB with Honda 50 HP engine on an Indespension trailer for their own sailing club or youth group.

The Northwest and Isle of Man each had their own Regional final, so a pair of young RIB drivers go forward from each area. From the mainland NorthWest the finalists are Henry Hughes (age 9, from West Kirby SC) in the 8 to 12 year age category and Simon Moorley (Maryport Sea Cadets) in the 13 to 16 year category, while Nick Parkes and Guy Wood, both from Isle of Man Yacht Club, go forward from the Isle of Man.

Organised by the Royal Yachting Association (RYA), the Honda Youth RIB Championship forms part of the RYA's campaign to attract a new generation of children into boating. The Championship allows youngsters to prove themselves as expert boat handlers and improve their skills in a safe, controlled environment. Each RYA Club holds its own heats to select the member who will represent the club at the regional final, and the regional winners all qualify to compete at the final at Southampton.

The Championship is sponsored by Honda, Ribcraft and Indespension Trailers.

## **RULES**

## RULES DISPUTES – CLUB RULES ADVISER TRAINING COURSES IN THE NW

The RYA has produced a Rules Disputes Best Practice ([www.rya.org.uk/general/rulesdisputes](http://www.rya.org.uk/general/rulesdisputes)) to help clubs, race officials and sailors ensure that racing is carried out in an enjoyable way within the Racing Rules of Sailing. The background to this is that:

- Rules observance is key to good racing – however,
- Rules observance is becoming neglected, because
- Rules observance is not backed up by rules enforcement, because
- Too few protests are lodged, because
- Protest hearings are too slow, too late and too adversarial.

The main elements of the new Rules Disputes procedures are as follows:

- A new **20% place penalty, the Exoneration Penalty**, which can be accepted after coming ashore.
- When no protest is lodged, a competitor can ask for an **Advisory Hearing** with a Rules Adviser that formalises the type of discussion that often occurs anyway after racing, arising from which a boat might agree to take an Exoneration Penalty.
- When a protest is lodged, it can be decided promptly by **RYA Arbitration** run by a single Rules Adviser, whose power to penalise is limited to offering an Exoneration Penalty. If this is accepted, it resolves the matter; if not, it goes to a full protest hearing with the normal possibility of disqualification.

To bring this into force:

- It must be provided for in the Notice of Race and Sailing Instructions.
- The Club or event must have one or more Rules Advisers ready to handle rules disputes after racing.

To help this process, the RYA is offering a day's training at local venues for potential **Rules Advisers**. This is not a formal qualification, and the decision as to who shall be a Club's Rules Adviser is purely for the Club. The course is aimed at (a) the process of running an advisory or an arbitration hearing, and (b) the techniques of 'finding facts' – establishing what happened. **This course will not teach the rules themselves**, although there is plenty of practical work to get experience of applying the rules to the facts.

Courses in the northwest region are being arranged by your **Regional Rules Adviser**, who is **Peter Johnson, West Kirby SC (0151-632-1805/07973-247893; [mq22@liv.ac.uk](mailto:mq22@liv.ac.uk))**. Peter is an International Judge, and is the Chair of the RYA Judging and Umpiring Committee. The courses are all on **Saturdays, 9.30am - 4.00pm**, and will cost **£10/head** to cover sandwich lunch, tea/coffee etc, and have been arranged as follows:

**West Kirby SC – September 15<sup>th</sup>**

**Royal Windermere YC – October 6<sup>th</sup>**

**Hollingworth Lake SC – October 13<sup>th</sup>**

There may well be another at Ullswater, date to be arranged.

Interest is high in these seminars, so please book early to avoid disappointment.

Places will be limited to no more than 18 on each course. **To register for a course, please email Peter Johnson directly.**

## RYA PUBLICATIONS

### New in August

**RYA Laser Handbook, Paul Goodison, £16.99**

RYA books can be ordered at most marina shops, or online from the RYA site. Remember, all RYA members gain a 10% discount on RYA books. Order at [www.rya.org.uk/shop](http://www.rya.org.uk/shop) or phone the order hotline on 0845 345 0372. RYA Vouchers can also be purchased on the site.

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