



What's happening in our zone

Explanation

The RYA Volvo zone championships have seen a general decline in numbers attending.

The event is aimed at youngsters between 8 and 16, being the first major junior regatta many will have attended. For many sailors this is also a qualifying event for selection to the Winter Zone squads.

Questions:

1. Does this Zone Champs data mirror what you feel is happening within your Clubs?
2. Race Training/ Regular Participation up or down?
3. Are Club Racing Numbers Up or down?

Club feedback

The comments below are generalisation of feedback from many clubs and not necessarily what is happening in all clubs

- Membership numbers are pretty static in most clubs
- General traditional racing (Saturdays & Sundays) numbers down in regular participation. Leading to less boats actually qualifying for trophy's etc.
- Mid-week evening racing becoming very popular in most clubs
- Clubs that are training centres, new members are taking courses but not necessarily transferring to traditional club sailing.
- The take up of training / coaching offered by clubs on the increase
- Club regatta weeks for adults and juniors becoming more popular number increasing year on year.
- Other single one off events also seeing increases.

Clubs that are trying different racing formats, training sessions, regattas and other imaginative ideas are keeping numbers active in the club.