Zone News

The Zone training for 2015/2016 is nearly completed for all squads except for the Windsurfers and the new zone squad dates and venues are starting to be booked up for 2016/17.

Selection events and selection policies for Zone squads will be available soon on the website but as ever will include the Zone Championships which will be held on the 24/25 September. Squad applications will open early Summer.

The Zones have now been re-aligned. Please see Zone pages of RYA website to find out which county falls into which zone.

Down to the wire racing for some classes at the 30th RYA Eric Twiname Championships as Wales were crowned overall team Champions taking home the Shield Trophy.

Wales also picked up the Dinghy Trophy following an impressive performance in the Topper and RS Feva classes, with two sailors in the top five in both.

The South East Zone dominated the windsurfing classes, securing first and second in the 6.8m and 7.8m Techno.

Results

4.5 Windsurfer
1st Girl—Ruby Owen—SW
1st Boy—Boris Shaw—SW

5.8 Windsurfer
1st Girl—Jennie Roberts—North
1st Boy—Oscar Shaw—SW

Techno 6.8
1st Emily-Jane Eldred—SE
1st Boy—Tom Skoulding—SE

Techno 7.8
1st Girl—Megan Kraft—SE
1st Boy—Samuel Williams—SE

1st Zone/Home Country Windsurfing Team—South East Coach Ben Lee

RS Feva XL
3rd Girl—Maggie & Nancy Rickman—SE
2nd Girl—Ellie Clark & Katie Scott—North
1st Girl—Sian Talbot & Eloise Clapson-McBride—Wales
3rd Open—Ewan Luke & Zac Blomeley—Wales
2nd Open—Sian Talbot & Eloise Clapson-McBride—Wales
1st —Pierce Harris & Alfie Cogger—North

1st Zone/Home Country Feva Team—North—Dave Woodhead

Optimist
3rd Girl—Emily Cann—Wales
2nd Girl—Matilda Evans—East
1st Girl—Samantha Edwards—SE
3rd Boy—Oliver Meadowcroft—South
2nd Boy—Terry Hacker—East
1st Boy—Joey Taylor—East

1st Zone/Home Country Optimist Team—East Zone with Coach Anna Watkins

Topper
3rd Girl—Jenna McCarlie—NI
2nd Girl—Lowri Boorman—Wales
1st Girl—Isabel Wallwork—North
3rd Boy—Rory Williamson—NI
2nd Boy—Duncan Lloyd-Evans—Wales
1st Boy—Harris Cartwright—Scotland

Wales—Ellie Meopham

Wales win 30th RYA Eric Twiname Championships

Events to Consider for 2016

ISAF Sailing World Cup—8-12 June—WPNSA
RYA Zone Championships— 24-25 September
RYA ET Team Racing Champs—15-16 October—Oxford

RYA Members' Benefits

There are many great benefits to being an RYA member including discounts on books and holidays. For all of you who travel to sailing events around the country you can now get discount hotel stays as an RYA member. Follow this link to see further details:
PLANNING YOUR CLUB TRAINING

Club training throughout the winter often makes a big difference to how well our sailors develop their racing skill. We know that training and racing can help. Have you thought about planning a junior training programme for next winter?

Benefits of a winter training program

- Continually develop their racing skills
- Gives all the club sailors the opportunity to get together for some fun.
- Planned well it should complement the Class and RYA Squad systems
- Keeps the group together socially
- Increases retention for the following season

This winter zone squad are being booked at the moment, why not consider planning your club training around these dates so that all of your club sailors can get together to sail and train on the same weekend. Dates are provisional at the moment. Please check on RYA Website under Zone pages for up to date lists.

Provisional Dates for Zone Training

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This year’s venues are:

South & South West—WPNSA
Classes: Optimists, Toppers, Windsurfers, Tera Sport Rig and RS Feva XLs

East—Graham Water SC
Classes: Optimists, Toppers, Windsurfers, Fevas, Laser 4.7 and Cadets

South East—Weir Wood SC
Classes: Optimists & Toppers

Midlands—Derwent Reservoir SC
Classes: Optimists, Topper & Windsurfers

North—Largs SC
Classes: Optimists, Toppers, Tera Sport Rig and RS Feva XLs

Scotland—Strangford Lough YC

John Merricks Trust

We are now in the 4th year of John Merricks Sailing Trust of supporting Onboard. As the Official Charity Partner, the JMST will donate 50 (10 boats/boards per year) single-handed junior pathway boats and boards (Topper, Optimist, Laser 4.7, Bic Techno 2930D) to promising OnBoard sailors, providing them with the opportunity to progress their skills and continue to participate in the sport.

The boats will be gifted to promising youngsters who display enthusiasm, drive, talent and commitment to the sport and who may not ordinarily have the opportunity or financial backing to achieve their goals.

Each year, at least one young sailor will be selected from each of the nine RYA Zones and Home Countries giving them two years of exclusive use of their own boat donated by the Trust.

To be considered:
1. OnBoard sailors must compete in the Regatta Fleet at one of the RYA Zone Championships on 24-25 September (and state that they are from OnBoard).
2. After the event complete an application form and return to RYA OnBoard

Plan B

Plan B alternatives have now been published on the RYA website, showing loads of brilliant ideas for all those days when getting on the water just isn’t possible:

Zone Information

For all information regarding Zone selection, training dates as well as members of the current Zone squads, please go to: http://www.rya.org.uk/racing/youthjunior/squads/zone/Pages/default.aspx