



**AFFILIATION
SERVICES AND
BENEFITS**

As the National Governing Body for all forms of recreational, competitive and professional boating, we represent dinghy and yacht racing, motor and sail cruising, RIBs and sportsboats, powerboat racing, windsurfing, inland cruising and personal watercraft.

Recognised by Government as the negotiating body for the activities we represent, we continually strive to protect the rights and freedoms of our affiliated clubs and classes, and our 106,000 personal members.

We also set and maintain recognised standards for training for both recreational and commercial boating through a network of over 2,500 RYA recognised training centres, across almost 50 countries. More than 240,000 people a year complete RYA training courses.

We're committed to promoting all forms of boating and making them accessible to everyone. For more information on how we can support you please visit www.rya.org.uk

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Since 2009 the RYA has supported affiliates to secure grant funding in excess of **£9.4m**

335,000+
members within RYA affiliated UK clubs in 2015

RYA AFFILIATION SERVICES AND BENEFITS

As the National Governing Body for boating the RYA works on behalf of the sport, recreational boaters and our affiliates in the following areas:

- 1 Promoting and Protecting Safe, Successful and Rewarding British Boating;**
- 2 Information & Advice:** To help your organisation succeed and assist you in running it effectively, efficiently and compliantly;
- 3 Promotion & Communications:** We provide participation and membership development programmes and the frameworks and support to help you promote your organisation;
- 4 Racing Services:** For those affiliates who organise racing we provide a plethora of services to assist them in attracting more racing participants and volunteers, retaining them in the sport for longer and making racing as enjoyable as possible;
- 5 Training & Development:** We supply the training framework, standards, syllabus and development opportunities to deliver safe and successful boating for members to attract, train and retain new members and volunteers;
- 6 Affiliation Benefits:** Many discounts and savings.





1. PROMOTING AND PROTECTING REWARDING BRITISH BOATING:

As our sports National Governing Body we work hard to protect your members recreational boating interests by:

Providing a robust, articulate and intelligent voice to represent recreational boating on all relevant aspects of legislation and policy. This ensures that legislators, regulators and other authorities understand and take account of recreational boating activity;

SAFE, SUCCESSFUL AND

Seeking to influence in order to remain a self-regulated activity where our preferred approach of taking personal responsibility and 'education not legislation' prevails;

Resisting legislation or red tape that we believe to be disproportionate, ineffective or unenforceable, or will place an unnecessary burden on our affiliates and the many volunteers upon which the sport relies;

Providing an RYA Safety Management System of incident reporting, maintaining a comprehensive log of any incidents;

Identifying trends and lessons learned and sharing information accordingly through relevant RYA channels and RYA Safety Advisory Notices;

Acting as the UK National Governing Body with regard to applying for, and dispersing, public funding to develop participation and performance in the sport. Advising and supporting affiliates with their applications to funding bodies and Sports Councils.



2. INFORMATION & ADVICE

You can access a wide range of information and advice from experts via conferences, workshops, seminars and training courses, online, RYA publications and over the phone covering:

- Safeguarding, Welfare and Disclosure and Barring Services (DBS)
- Planning and environment
- Legal
- Taxation
- Governance
- Licensing
- Employment
- Risk assessment and safety
- Crisis management support and dealing with a major incident
- Facilities and lease support



3. PROMOTION & COMMUNICATIONS

Promoting your organisation on RYA

'Where's My Nearest': This interactive search function reaches over 160,000 unique users a year, including current and potential participants trying to find a club or training centre near them;

RYA programmes:

Including RYA OnBoard, RYA Push The Boat Out, RYA Sailability, Honda RYA Youth RIB, all designed to help develop participation;

Regional communications support: We have a team of regional communicators

to provide local PR and communications support to RYA regional teams and RYA affiliates.

Segmentation tools, information and insights:

You can access resources, information and guidance to help grow their organisation's membership;

Subsidised attendance at RYA Suzuki Dinghy Show:

From 2016 benefit from a minimum 35% discount on the commercial exhibition rate at the RYA Suzuki Dinghy Show;



RYA Push The Boat Out 2015 saw 25,000 new participants visit clubs and over 6,500 people sign up for a follow on activity

4. RACING SERVICES

Not all of our affiliates are interested in racing, but many are, therefore providing the following services is a significant part of our affiliation package:

Racing Rules of Sailing (RRS) and rules disputes processes:

The RYA is responsible for the administration of the RRS in the UK. We provide education and training for participants and volunteers to help organisations understand and apply the RRS. In the event of a query or rules dispute that can't be resolved internally you can seek advice or use the appeals process whereby RYA experts will handle the situation accordingly.

Technical and measurement services:

We support affiliates in the training of technical volunteers and equipment inspectors to RYA and ISAF standards,

in order to ensure a consistent application of class rules within your organisations delivery of racing activities.

Handicapping: The RYA coordinates the Portsmouth Yardstick (PY) and National Handicap for Cruisers (NHC) systems in order to allow the benchmarking of different classes and designs to enable sailors to race against each other, as fairly as possible.

Coaching: The RYA provides the coach education and development framework, and offers subsidised training and development programmes to upskill coaches to support affiliates in the development of sailors.

Support service: The RYA Racing Department will help you find appropriately qualified and experienced race officials and coaches to support you in the delivery of a specific event or activity.



5. TRAINING AND DEVELOPMENT

We encourage and support affiliates to provide RYA training and progress to become an RYA Recognised Training Centre. This offers access to a wide range of internationally recognised training and development programmes to assist in the development and retention of members, staff and volunteers.

Training and qualification schemes and ongoing development opportunities for club welfare officers, instructors, level 2 racing coaches and race officials:

Regular courses and development opportunities are provided both regionally and nationally. These help you increase the number of trained personnel within your organisation and develop their competence and confidence, enhancing the quality of experience for your members;

International Certificate of Competence (ICC)

Assessment: Clubs can become an assessment centre for the ICC in order to help members obtain an ICC (which is free for RYA members).

Template role descriptions and recruitment/reference process guidelines:

Resources are available online to save your organisation time and effort in successfully recruiting and inducting new positions within your organisation;

Safeguarding and welfare officer training:

We provide online E-learning and regular face to face training for safeguarding leads;

Disability Awareness

Training: We can deliver Disability Awareness Training courses in your area to help your organisation become more inclusive, accessible and successful via the integration of under-represented groups;



6. AFFILIATION BENEFITS

RYA Affiliated Clubs and Classes Insurance:

We work with insurance providers Arthur J Gallagher to provide an insurance policy specifically designed to cover the needs of most affiliates. The policy is reviewed and refined regularly.

Qualified race officials who are RYA members can obtain race officials insurance free of charge. This offers them peace of mind to support your activity.

RYA Suzuki Safety Boat Packages:

The RYA has teamed up with Suzuki to offer RYA affiliated clubs and recognised training centres a choice of three specially-priced safety boat packages. These packages can be tailored to reflect your club's environment and activities.



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FREE

1400+

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