



# RYA Racing Services: Resources to Support your Club Racing

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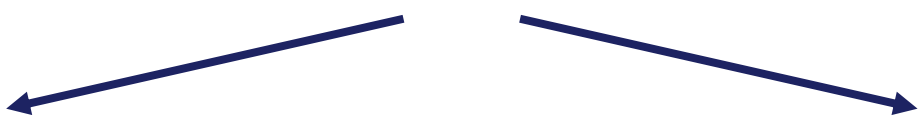
# RYA Racing Services

Supporting clubs and classes to develop their racing via;

- MCA Intended Pleasure Vessel Code Development
- Handicapping Systems
- Race Officials
- Racing Rules
- Volunteering at RYA Events
- Event Management
- Keelboat Racing

# MCA Intended Pleasure Vessel Code Development

## THE CODE OF PRACTICE FOR INTENDED PLEASURE VESSELS IN TEMPORARY COMMERCIAL USE AT SEA



Part 1 of this Code of Practice is applicable to Intended Pleasure Vessels in temporary commercial use on a single-voyage basis by vessel Owners, manufacturers, brokers, surveyors, or repairers for business purposes relating to sale, repair, post-production / post-repair or mid-survey sea trials, customer sea trials, or vessel delivery outside the definition of Pleasure Vessel.

Part 2 of this Code of Practice is applicable to Intended Pleasure Vessels which are in temporary commercial use at sea on a single-voyage basis as a Race Support Boat for the purpose of Race Support Activities of yacht or powerboat racing affiliated to the National Governing Body of the Sport.

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# Handicapping Systems – Portsmouth Yardstick

It is run jointly by the RYA and CLUBS

It is applicable to nearly all types of sailing craft

It relies on club data, to make a relative performance consideration between different types of boat

The PY list is based purely on Club Data

No data = No PY list

If the data is poor or inconsistent – this will be reflected in the PY list



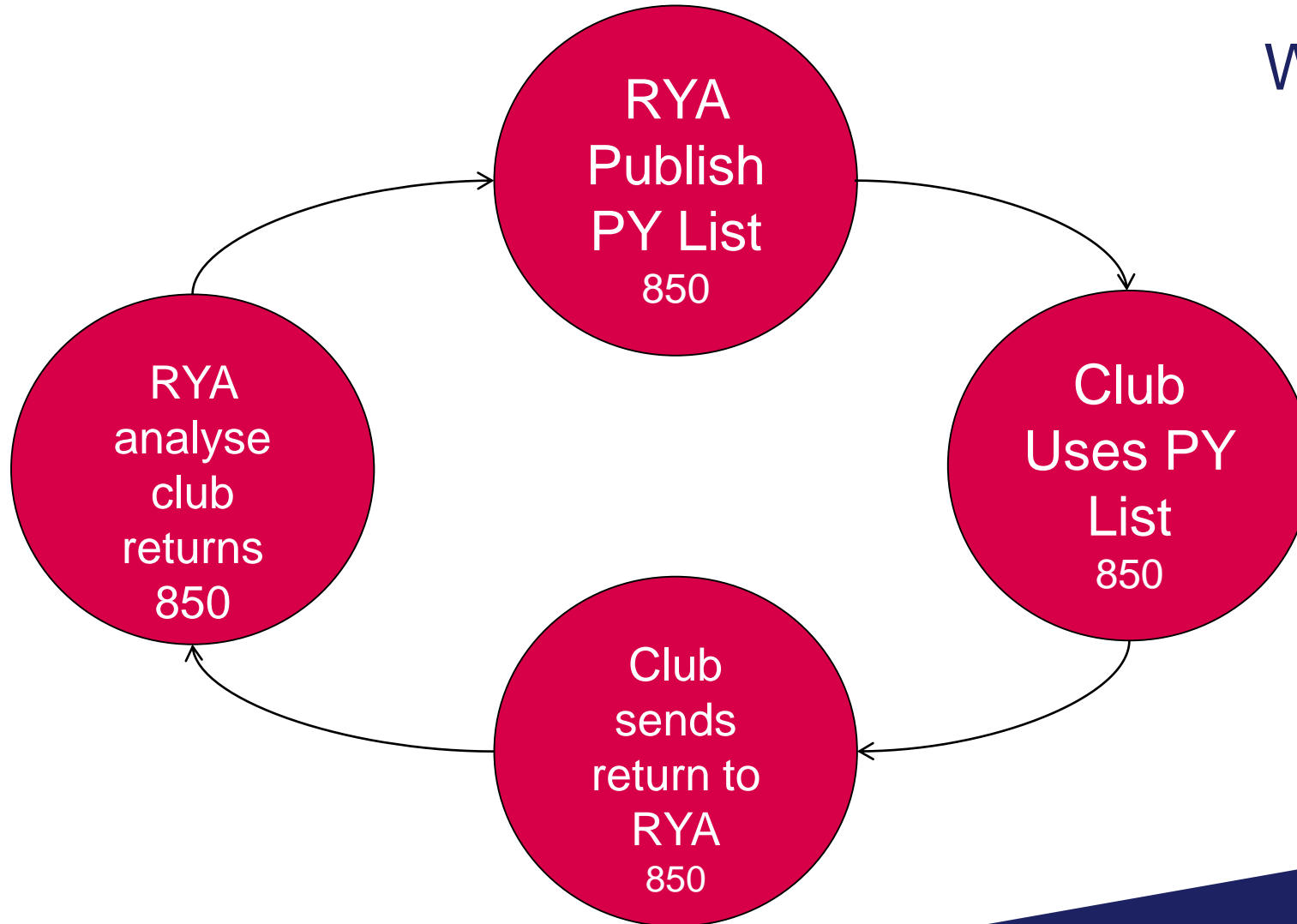
# Handicapping Systems – Portsmouth Yardstick

| Region           | Number of Clubs | Clubs Using PYOnline | %            |
|------------------|-----------------|----------------------|--------------|
| East             | 142             | 40                   | 28.2%        |
| London & SE      | 169             | 45                   | 26.6%        |
| Midlands         | 86              | 31                   | 36.0%        |
| North East       | 66              | 17                   | 25.8%        |
| North West       | 70              | 27                   | 38.6%        |
| Northern Ireland | 34              | 3                    | 8.8%         |
| Scotland         | 123             | 17                   | 13.8%        |
| South            | 118             | 29                   | 24.6%        |
| South West       | 137             | 37                   | 27.0%        |
| Wales            | 72              | 17                   | 23.6%        |
|                  | <b>1017</b>     | <b>263</b>           | <b>25.9%</b> |

# Handicapping Systems – Portsmouth Yardstick

Why should we adjust  
PY numbers?

If numbers are  
not adjusted,  
then the PY list  
will not be adjusted.



# Handicapping Systems – Portsmouth Yardstick

So.....

Either the scheme works perfectly

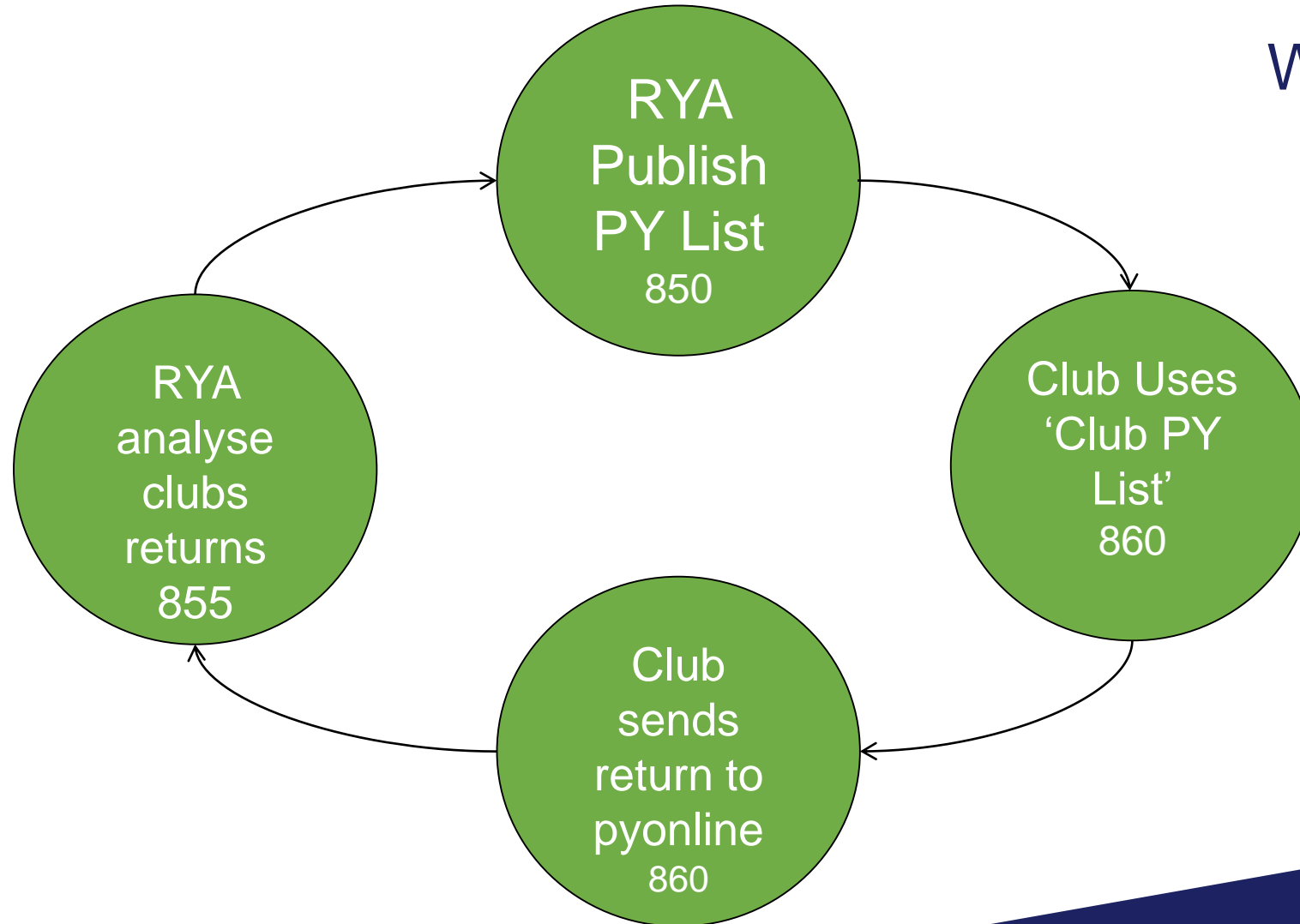
**OR**

Few clubs are using the scheme to its full potential



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# Handicapping Systems - National Handicap for Cruisers

NHC is a **performance handicapping** scheme which looks to assess the relative performance of **each individual boat** and its crew for each race sailed.

Under a Performance Handicap scheme every boat should have an equal chance of winning at the start of every race.

# Handicapping Systems - National Handicap for Cruisers

## Dual Scoring is key



Making sure the top and the bottom of the fleets are kept motivated

# Race Officials

- Judges & Umpires CPD days
- Race Officer & Mark Layer  
Refresher days
- Courses
- Race Officials Academy  
#Project 2024
- Finding a Race Official



# Race Officials

- Race Management Advisory Service

This is a service to advise on all race management issues including the writing of Sailing Instructions.

[rulesadmin@rya.org.uk](mailto:rulesadmin@rya.org.uk)

Regional Race Management Coordinator is –

*Mike Butterfield* ([pmbutterfield@msn.com](mailto:pmbutterfield@msn.com))

- Regional Rules Advisor – *David Battye* ([davidmbattye@gmail.com](mailto:davidmbattye@gmail.com))
- Offer a variety of courses and talks
- useful winter entertainment with Winter Club Workshops
- [www.rya.org.uk](http://www.rya.org.uk) – lots of useful resources

# Racing Rules

- Advisory Service
- Appeals



# Volunteering at RYA Events

Why volunteer?

Large event experience  
with different levels of  
Race Management

Experience to bring back  
to club environment

Great team work



# Volunteering at RYA Events

Need to develop more volunteers to support the delivery of large scale events

Volunteers can develop their skills and build confidence

Skilled volunteers makes your club more attractive to events



# Event Management

- Document templates
  - The RYA has a variety of documents that can be used for club racing.
  - <https://www.rya.org.uk/RACING/RACE-OFFICIALS/RESOURCE-CENTRE/Pages/hub.aspx>
- Appointing Officials
  - The RYA appoints officials to large events through the Event Appointments Panel.

# British Keelboat Academy

- Transition training
- Boats looking for crew
- Crew looking for boats
- Easily replicated



# Keelboat Club Coaching

- Pilot scheme
- Two coaches for one weekend
- Training to suit your location
- Timing to suit your sailors
- Topics to help your racers
- Contact [keelboatracing@rya.org.uk](mailto:keelboatracing@rya.org.uk) for more information



# British Keelboat League

- Club vs Club
- £62.50 per person for a weekends racing
- Multiple races per day – each team gets to race up to 15 times in a weekend depending on format (and weather!)
- Umpired racing – with feedback for rules education
- Regional - racing at; Helensburgh, Burnham, Scarborough, Torquay, Cowes
- National Final leading into Sailing Champions League

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