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MERRY CHRISTMAS AND HAPPY NEW YEAR

From Regional Chairman Chris Edwards and the members of the Committee of the RYA Eastern Regional Association

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GEORGE IS NEW EAST RDO

George Rice (28) Director of Sailing at the Royal Hospital School, (RHS) at Holbrook, near Ipswich, Suffolk, has been appointed to the new post of RYA Regional Development Officer.

George, who took up his post on December 18 after the end of the school term, will be encouraging local education authorities and schools to put sailing back on the school curriculum.

His first and primary function will be to roll out the RYA's OnBoard programme, which aims to get half a million children onto the water over the next ten years. OnBoard helps to introduce sailing and windsurfing as a sport to children from eight to 16.

George himself started sailing at the age of 12, when friends near his home in York encouraged him to join the York Railway Institute Sailing Club – today he is a member of the crew of one of our leading Laser SB3 boats, as well as competing in a number of offshore races – including the notorious Fastnet Race.

A graduate of Bangor University, North Wales, with a degree in Sport Science, he first worked for Laser UK for



several years before joining the RHS two and a half years ago.

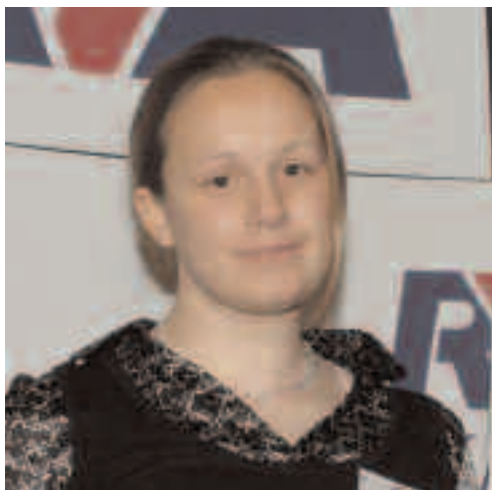
At the school he was responsible for introducing all first year students to sailing and ran on-the-water training either at the nearby Alton Water reservoir or on the adjacent River Stour every weekday afternoon and again on Saturdays; in all about 100 pupils out of the school's 640, sail regularly.

George is no stranger to youth sail training in the eastern region, having coached a number of youth squads under High Performance Manager Bruce Bonar (who has left to join Laser as corporate sales manager).

DEDICATION REWARDED BY RYA

A 16-year-old from Bedford and two octogenarians were among the select band of East Coast sailors to be recognised for their services to sailing by the RYA.

Sarah Poxton, an assistant dinghy instructor at Priory Sailing Club, Bedford was awarded the RYA Youth Award in this year's presentation at the AGM on 22 November.



Her citation read: "In her role as an Assistant Dinghy Sailing Instructor at the club, Sarah has inspired many young people to begin sailing and to continue their sailing careers in the club's Buccaneers Learn to Race sessions. She has been teaching young sailors every Saturday and at annual summer courses and for the past three years. Her calm enthusiastic encouragement of children attending these courses has been an inspiration to them all."

ELDER STATESMEN

Elder statesmen **Harry Arnott** (87) (below) President of Bury Lakes Young Mariners, Rickmansworth, Herts, and **Richard Sampson** (also 87) of Woodbridge Cruising Club, (WCC), Suffolk, both received RYA Community Awards.



Harry's citation read: "Harry, now President of the organisation, has been involved in the BLYM charity for over 20 years. At the age of 87 he still volunteers at least two days a week managing and repairing the organisation's fleet of dinghies. Harry played an instrumental role in the formation and running of the group Colne Valley Special Sailors (for mentally and physically disabled sailors) and has given immense support to the organisation. He was awarded Honorary Membership of the charity 5 years ago in recognition of his outstanding contribution."

Richard Sampson likewise received a fulsome citation from WCC: "Richard has given consistent service to the club, and to the RYA, promoting safety at sea in the area. He is also the one person in the club who is willing to try his hand at anything to further these aims. At the age of 87, he is still sailing, taking part in cruises, participating physically in club working parties and is the most willing volunteer for complex and irksome duties some may judge too trivial for a senior member of the club - such as washing up."

THEY ALSO DID US PROUD

A number of other East Coast sailors were also awarded RYA Community Awards for services to sailing.

They include Peter Beck, (**below**) of Burnham Overy Staithe SC, Norfolk; Barbara Harrison, UK National Cadet Assc, Herts; Duncan Kay, Corinthian Otters, Essex; Val Newton, Welwyn Garden City SC, Herts; Richard Watson, Herts Scouts, and Peter Wilson, Blackwater SC, Essex.

Marion Caslake received an Outstanding Contribution Award for her work with Enfield Scouts Sailing Association.



DUNCAN KAY



VALERIE NEWTON



RICHARD WATSON

EU RULES AGAINST UK'S RED DIESEL DEROGATION

The European Commission has rejected the UK Government's application for a continuance of the derogation on red diesel for private recreational boaters. It means that from the beginning of next year, UK boaters face a massive hike in the price of diesel. The failure of the joint approach to keep cheap diesel for boating was announced by Treasury Minister, John Healey.

Niel Northmore, RYA Government Affairs Adviser said: "This decision is naturally very disappointing. Despite the best efforts of the campaign leaders, RYA and British Marine Federation (BMF), and the efforts of the UK Government, it appears that the Commission was intent on removing the derogation at any cost and has dismissed the consequences to the UK marine industry and the private recreational boater."

"Boaters could face a substantial increase in the price of marine diesel, which will have a hugely adverse impact on the UK marine industry," warned Howard Pridding, BMF Executive Director. "It is profoundly disappointing that the EU has not listened to the UK Government."

The RYA and BMF welcomed the Minister's acknowledgement of the problems that will flow from this decision. He confirmed the Government will consult marine organisations on a sensible timetable for transitional measures to alleviate the effects on the leisure user. The RYA and BMF will continue to work closely with Government and their respective members to ensure that key issues of cost, availability and safety are addressed by the transitional measures.

A BMF statement said that they and RYA met senior Customs officials on Monday, 11 December to discuss the announcement made on Thursday, 7 December that the EC would not renew the red diesel derogation. The key points arising out of the meeting were:-

*The decision from Europe is final and there is no appeals process.

*The UK Government now has to implement that decision into national law in a timescale that is acceptable to the Commission.

*Government officials (and the Minister) seem genuinely disappointed that they have not been able to retain the derogation.

*The UK case to the Commission was heavily based on the economic impact on the industry. The Government will now be taking its time to get implementation right.

*The process to implement the legislation will require an announcement in a budget statement in Parliament followed by a Finance Act and possible secondary legislation. Prior to that there will need to be consultation with all interested parties.

*When the law is finally enacted in the UK companies will not be able to sell red diesel to leisure users (the benefit to commercially operated craft will remain). This will require companies to put in the infrastructure to stock and supply ultra low sulphur diesel (ULSD) - the same as diesel sold on the high street.

Boat users will be able to continue to use lower duty red diesel until the law is implemented.



Power boats will be hardest hit. Manufacturers fear a cut in UK sales; although exports are at a record level. Many power boat owners are threatening to move their boats to the Continent, which could hit chandlers and marinas here.

RYA AWARDS continued

In all over 40 hard working volunteers from all over the British Isles, were recognised for their dedication and contribution to the sport of sailing and boating. Solo yachtswoman Dee Caffari presented the Awards.

The RYA Awards and Community Awards acknowledge the importance of volunteers within the sailing and boating communities. They recognise the outstanding contribution of time, effort and experience, individuals have made to making it possible for others to enjoy boating and sailing, from establishing clubs, committee participation, to boat maintenance and training.



PETER WILSON



BARBARA HARRISON



MARION CASLAKE

GIANT SHIP AND SMALL BIRD VISIT RIVER ORWELL



Thanks to Elspeth Iskander of Royal Harwich YC for this night time snapshot of the world's largest container ship the *Emma Maersk*, when she made her first call to Felixstowe at the beginning of November.

She is 397 metres long, 31 metres longer than the next longest container ship, the *Maersk 'G'*, and with a width of 57 metres, is 15 metres wider than any other container ship. She carries 11,000 containers and if they were laid end-to-end would stretch approximately 42 miles.

Built at the Odense Steel Ship Yard in Denmark, she has a gross tonnage of 156,907, and a maximum draught of 16.5 metres.

The vessel is longer than the height of some well-known landmarks, including the Eiffel Tower, which measures 320 metres, and the Empire State Building, at 381 metres. It is four times the length of a normal football pitch.

The *Emma Maersk* has a deadweight 40 per cent greater than its nearest rival, the *Xin Los Angeles*, operated by China Shipping Container Line.



Elspeth also took this shot of a rare Arctic visitor, the Little Auk, gaily swimming around the newly extended RHYC marina.

Alle alle, the Little Auk, is the size of a starling. It is black above and white below, and in flight it shows dark underwings. It has a black stubby bill, and a short neck and tail. It flies with very fast whirring wingbeats low over the sea. It is a winter visitor to our northern waters in small numbers each year. It breeds in the Arctic and winters in the North Atlantic.

It's rare to find them as far south as the Orwell.

WANTED SECRETARY TO THE REGIONAL COMMITTEE.

Can you be a key volunteer? Are you diplomatic? Are you ordered and methodical? Can you work a computer and understand the Internet? Are you keen to further the cause of sailing and boating in the region? Is being at the hub and in a position to influence trends attractive?

If so, you could be the person we're looking for to fill a central key position.

We are the Eastern Regional Committee of the Royal Yachting Association, the national governing body for all forms of recreational boating in the Eastern Counties. The Committee is the link between sailing clubs in the region and the national headquarters of the RYA at Hamble. It is made up of representatives of the various sailing associations in the region, whose members are in turn, elected by the clubs.

The position is that of honorary secretary to the Committee. The role is to provide administrative services to and for the Committee, including organising the quarterly meetings, supplying members with agendas, taking the minutes during the course of meetings, writing them up and circulating them to members, and via email and post, to affiliated club and training centre secretaries.

The secretary will also deal with the Committee's postal, email, and telephone correspondence, and maintain appropriate records. The secretary will work closely with the regional chairman and other key members on a day-to-day basis.

The secretary works from home and will have access to the Internet, preferably via broadband, and a fax facility. The workload averages six hours a week, and all operational expenses will be met. We would hope the successful candidate would be able to work in tandem with the existing secretary for at least six months before taking over.

Fit the bill? Why not have a chat with Robin Hill-Sanders; tel: 01621 816131 or email him on: robin_hill-sanders@compuserve.com .

ANGER ON THE OUSE

The Great Ouse Boating Association (GOBA), which represents the interests of over 3000 boat owners on the rivers Ouse and Nene and nearby inland waterways, is mounting a campaign against a swingeing licence increase by the Environment Agency (EA).

British Waterways, which is sacking 180 staff following budget cuts by the Department of Environment, Food and Rural Affairs, (DEFRA) has raised its licence fees for the year by 2.7 per cent. EA has no earnings from assets and has been told to recoup much of its lost revenue from licence payers. EA is hiking its fees by a whopping 12 per cent annually over the next four years, compounding to a near 50 per cent increase overall.

GOBA chairman Chris Grant told RYA East News: "We must not take this

lying down. We asked all UK members to write to their MP asking them to sign Early Day Motion EDM 2757 so that the issues could be debated properly.

"The impact on boating and other waterway recreation will be catastrophic and we are not millionaire Mediterranean boat owners with deep pockets, but as our GOBA 2005 survey showed, largely nearing or in retirement with elderly boats being maintained on tight budgets.

"We have at last seen real improvements during the last two or three years to the Anglia rivers with new landing stages, moorings and lock improvements which have been funded largely through this grant-in-aid money from DEFRA. The licence payer cannot be made to replace this money in the future."

BUSIER THAN EVER AT E.A.S.T.

It has been a very full year for the East Anglian Sailing Trust (EAST) the body that gets disabled adults afloat and organises sailing cruises for blind sailors, from its base at Suffolk Yacht Harbour on the Orwell.

E.A.S.T. has recruited an RYA racing coach and gathered together a squad of disabled sailors to take part in its new Vision 2012 Project, which aims to get a crew accepted for the Paralympics following the London Olympic Games. They are training in the Trust's fleet of National Squibs, culminating in a newly acquired Sonar. Currently the Trust is negotiating for funding to purchase a second Sonar to give the crews match racing experience.

E.A.S.T.'s keelboat sailing course has continued to attract growing numbers of disabled sailors for the evening Squib sailing sessions on the River Orwell. It has recently taken delivery of a new 17ft RIB safety boat, and all the Squibs have new masts and sails.

The Trust held two lively weekends and a summer cruise to the Netherlands for blind and visually impaired sailors last summer. The fleet was made up of 10 boats, with 12 VI sailors and 35 skippers and sighted crew. After an "interesting" passage to the Roompotslijs, they

had a weeks' cruise around the Oosterschelde, Veerse Meer, and the Grevelingenmeere.



Modern aids plus cheerful determination give blind sailors unforgettable experience.



NEWS IN BRIEF

ABP Haven Marinas has introduced Wi-Fi services at its Ipswich and Lowestoft marinas. Both have the Oceanwave Wi-Fi network installed.

Customers can buy connection time on a pay per minute, daily, weekly, monthly or annual basis via their credit card.

The subscription also allows roaming facilities wherever Oceanwave Wi-Fi is installed. There will be 35 sites in the UK by the start of next season.

Crouch Harbour Authority has issued a warning that standing into or sailing through the breaches in the seawall at Wallasea Island is dangerous as there are numerous underwater obstructions in the breaches; which were made when 300 hectares of low-lying farmland were flooded to make a new saltmarsh and wildlife habitat, earlier this summer.

County Exhibitions Limited of Lowestoft, organiser of the Lowestoft and Bournemouth boat shows has gone into liquidation. Although the Lowestoft show had been slowly growing and attracting more visitors, the recent Bournemouth show was a disaster from the outset. The company's main business was organising wedding exhibitions!

An Eastern Region Race Officer Conference is being organised for Saturday 24th February 2007 at Royal Harwich Yacht Club, Woolverstone, near Ipswich. The full one-day conference starts at 10 am.

Organised by Regional Race Management Training Co-ordinator, Geoff Appleton, the conference is open to all who have an interest in race management at club level.

The final running order will be announced immediately after the London Boatshow, please see the regional website, www.ryaeast.org for full details and to download an application form.

A buffet is included in the cost of £11, (cheques made payable to G.Appleton please).

For further details contact Geoff Appleton, 54 Wallace Road, Grays, Essex, RM17 5BA, 'phone 01375 373827 or e-mail geoff.apples@blueyonder.co.uk.

Final applications for places to Geoff before 19th February 2007.

USERS PAY MORE FOR DREDGING NORFOLK BROADS WATERWAYS

An extra £100,000 is to be spent over the next 12 months on dredging the Broads. The money will be raised through an increase in the charges levied for keeping a boat on the Broads.

A record £750,000 will be spent on dredging and sediment disposal next year, made up of £500,000 from users and £250,000 from National Park Grant.

This will mean an increase of 6.1 per cent for the hire boat fleet and 9.9 per cent for private owners. Typically, rowing boats paying £20 will pay £21.98, an increase of £1.98; sailing dinghies paying £46.82 go up by £4.60; a large yacht paying £109 will cost an extra £10.80; a

private motor-boat paying £157 goes up an extra £15.50, while a bigger boat paying £240 will pay about an extra £24.

Recent research by Cranfield University has shown that the Broads Authority is removing significantly more sediment than is coming into the system. However, it says, considerably more still needs to be taken out.

The costs of dredging have risen substantially in recent years from 60 pence a cubic metre to £1 a cubic metre in the early 1980s, to on average £13 a cubic metre today; though in the River Yare where the sediment is contaminated it can be as high as £30.



NEW HOME FOR HIPPO

Hippokampos, the Angus Primrose designed Admiral's Cup contender for 1970 has come back to its new home port of Suffolk Yacht Harbour after being laid up in Denmark for two years. Owners Rudi and Pat Pederson plan to give her a major facelift this winter. Since they bought the boat in 1996 and completely rebuilt the interior for long term cruising, she's been to the Azores, Canaries, Caribbean, round Britain and Ireland, to the Arctic Circle and round most of Norway (Rudi's home country) and the western Baltic. They were planning to leave the boat near Aarhus and spend a summer in the eastern Baltic when Rudi suffered a stroke.

LIGHT CONFUSION ILLUMINATED

Recently there have been complaints that some of the lit marks on the River Blackwater, in the area round Osea Island have not corresponded to those shown on charts. At one point at the end of the summer, the lights marking the pier at Osea Island were completely out of sequence, causing a number of night time near misses.

Blackwater River Bailiff Nigel Harmer sent this buoy list to us:

BUOY	NAME	LIGHT	LATITUDE	LONGITUDE
	THIRSLET	Fl.(3)G.10s	51.43.71 N	0.50.50 E
No.1	GOLDHANGER SPIT	N/a	51.43.42 N	0.48.12 E
No.2	MAYLAND SPIT	Fl.R.3s	51.42.78 N	0.46.60 E
No.3	DOCTOR	Fl.(2)G.6s	51.42.89 N	0.46.17 E
No.4	SOUTHEY CREEK	N/a	51.43.02 N	0.45.30 E
No.6	SOUTH DOUBLE	N/a	51.43.14 N	0.44.85 E
No.7	NORTH DOUBLE	Fl.G.3s	51.43.22 N	0.44.89 E
No.8	HILLY POOL	Fl.(2)R.3s	51.43.90 N	0.43.37 E
	MARCONI	Fl.(3)R.3s	51.43.19 N	0.47.57 E

NEW ALERT ON EAST COAST



Snapped at sea, the new Trinity House rapid response vessel *Alert* returning to her Harwich base. She'll become a familiar sight in these waters. Early next she'll be joined by the *Galatea*, also building in Poland, a bigger heavy-duty vessel with a helicopter pad on her aft deck. *Alert* is used for buoy and mark laying as well as survey work. She's just over 39m long with an 8m beam and a 2.5m draft. She cruises at 15 knots, which gives a 1,500 nM range.

NEW PONTOON AT BURNHAM

Maldon District Council has installed a new landing pontoon on part of the river frontage it owns, at Burnham-on-Crouch, primarily as a ferry landing, but the public is welcome to use it for loading/unloading boats. Long-time mooring or staying alongside overnight is frowned on, and with Burnham Marina only a short distance up the river it shouldn't be too difficult to comply with.

The money for the pontoon came from a grant from the MAYA2 Project, a European initiative set up through Brussels to enhance marinas and yacht harbours throughout the Southern North Sea area.

Despite the convenience of the new facility the Council has received a number of complaints about the angle of the walkway at low tide!

Wivenhoe Sailing Club on the river Colne, Essex, reports that at least 72 non-club boats have visited the club's new pontoon facilities this season. The money for the new pontoon also came from the EU funded MAYA 2 Project.

SPARE A TENNER FOR THE OLD MERSEA PACKING SHED, APPEAL

In an attempt to save an iconic East Coast landmark, the Packing Shed Trust, West Mersea, has set up a fund to raise the money to reinforce the shoreline of Packing Marsh Island with stone, to stop it being washed away.

If the island, which divides the channel into the West Mersea foreshore, deteriorates much further than the old oyster packing shed, which stands on its West banks, could collapse as footings get washed away.

A West Mersea landmark since it was erected in 1895, and extensively renovated in 1990 by the Packing Shed Trust, the long black shed is now in danger from erosion of the very marsh it stands on.

Winter gales over the last few years have eroded the land and moved masses of cockle and whelk shells from beneath



the shed exposing more of the underlying marsh together with the drainpipes put in during restoration.

As the island shrinks the Trust fears it would be flooded by most high tides, further undermining the Packing Shed.

The Trust has established a Tenner A Ton fund with the aim of buying in tons of stone to be deposited on the shoreline in an attempt to secure it; £10 is the cost of one ton of stone. Donations to the project can be sent to The Packing Shed Trust, c/o Marfleet Residential Lettings, 49 High Street, West Mersea CO5 8JE.

NEWS IN BRIEF

Witham Magistrates recently slapped a £250 fine and costs of £150 on a jetski driver for speeding on the River Blackwater.

Stephen Munns (43) of Southend-on-Sea, Essex, was stopped at the entrance to Mayland Creek in the River Blackwater, after he was spotted travelling at speeds in excess of 30 knots on his Personal Water Craft (PWC) through the moorings on the afternoon of July 29, by the Blackwater River bailiff..

Maldon River Bailiff Nigel Harmer said afterwards: "I am delighted with this result and will continue to patrol the River Blackwater vigorously to stamp out this type of anti-social behaviour. Mr Munns was old enough to know better."

Wivenhoe Sailing Club, on the Colne in Essex, is faced with meeting expensive and stringent fire safety conditions on its 10-year-old riverside clubhouse – from of all people its insurance company, the RYA-approved insurer Heath Lambert.

Club secretary Alan Tyne said: "They seem like an excessive response to new fire regulations among other things. For a small local club, which has no staff and is run entirely on a voluntary basis, these new conditions are both onerous and costly. We are currently seeking to negotiate with underwriters. I wonder if you know of other clubs in the region which might have had similar experiences?"

Can you help Alan? Have any clubs been faced with premium increases or restrictions on fire safety grounds from their insurer? Let Alan know: his email address is: alan@oaklawn.co.uk.

At the end of November two rock barges anchored in the mouth of the river Deben to unload rock armour for sea defence work at Felixstowe Ferry, Suffolk. The rock armour was deposited into a temporary site in the river entrance, at position 51.58.97 N - 01.23.37E.

Meanwhile an experimental light buoy has been established in position 51°53'.5N 01° 24'.5E. The buoy is a yellow pillar (Fl.Y. 2.5), and fitted with a yellow 'X' topmark.

The buoy has no navigational significance.

WARWICK WIND FARM GO-AHEAD EXPECTED



As we went to Press the future of a £400m offshore wind farm off the Thanet, Kent coast hung in the balance. The Government was expected any moment to give the go-ahead for the 150-turbine Warwick site.

This will be five times the size of Scroby Sands, just off the coast of Yarmouth. Completion is planned for 2010, with the towers prefabricated at Lowestoft.

Plans have also been submitted to build 108 turbines off the North Norfolk coast at Sheringham Shoal,

although Norfolk County Council's planning highways delegation committee objected to the scheme because of fears about potential damage to coastal views and to the local fishing industry. The Government will make the final decision on the project, which would generate enough power for 176,000 homes.

Although there have been delays in starting the construction of Gunfleet Sands I, five miles off the coast at Clacton, permission has already been given for Gunfleet Sands II, with an output of 64 MW.

TACKLING MENACE OF POORLY MARKED POTS



East Coast yachtsmen who are plagued by unmarked or poorly marked lobster pots are getting increasingly frustrated at the apparent refusal of the Maritime and Coastguard Agency (MCA) to acknowledge there is a problem with yachts fouling unmarked fishing gear.

However, help is at hand. Yachtsmen are being asked to submit reports of fouling to the RYA that they can then submit to the MCA, which, they say, it cannot walk away from again.

The Fishing Gear Form is available by visiting the RYA website at www.rya.org, and following a complicated series of steps; easiest way of retrieving it is to type "fishing gear" into the website search box and the fishing gear page pops up, while typing "CHIRP" in the search box gives the accident and incident reporting page as an option and therefore a link to CHIRP – for those who want to keep their details confidential.

TIDAL SERVICE FOR VISITORS TO WOODBRIDGE

Woodbridge Cruising Club is offering yachtsmen visiting the upper reaches of the River Deben in Suffolk a new service; it is publishing a set of tide tables for the year ahead on its website – www.woodbridgecruisingclub.co.uk/tideTables.php .

Currently there appear not be any published tides for Woodbridge, for more than a week ahead. The club warns that pressure differences and wind direction, both in the Deben and right across the southern North Sea, can

also affect heights and times quite substantially. The tables can be printed off.

STOP PRESS:

Congratulations to James Brown (20) who has coached the East Zone Optimist and Topper Class Youth Squads, on being short-listed in the category of Young Coach of the Year in the Sports Coach of the Year Awards.



Pictured above is the 12V starter battery from Regional Communicator Garth Cooper's boat, after it exploded on his workbench while being charged.

Fortunately Garth wears glasses which saved him from being blinded. A painful visit to the hospital and several days of agony followed, but there was no permanent damage.

"It was a salutary lesson, and it's a warning to us all to remember that charging batteries exhale hydrogen gas and it's extremely volatile. Many of us take our boat batteries home and put them on a trickle charger; ensure there is plenty of ventilation and that there are no electric motors or appliances nearby to cause a spark, and no naked flames!

"I've now moved the battery charging area to the farthest corner of the workshop well away from machines and electric motors. To say I was lucky was putting it very mildly indeed."

RYA Hamble has announced that **PAUL WREN** is the new High Performance Manager for the East and South East Zone. Paul is well known in the region having been a squad coach for a number of years.

WHO'S WHO AT RYA EAST

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