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POOR TURNOUT FOR YOUTH RIB CHAMPIONSHIP

This year's eastern region final of the Honda RYA Youth Rib Championship held at Stewartby SC in Bedfordshire attracted only seven entries from four clubs. None came from clubs to the east of the region.

Both the representatives of the region at the national final come from the host club – they will be Adam Fox (14) in the senior group and Alex Allinson (11) in the junior group.

Proving that skilled smooth driving was the secret to success, Adam completed his run in 1 min 17.01 secs, which included a five second penalty for touching a buoy, and Alex in 1 min 32.42 secs. Both said that they would be practising hard between now and the final at the Southampton Boat Show in September and expected to get below the 1 min 12 secs needed to show a good placing.

Event organiser Keith Ellinson said: "Everyone did very well and must be congratulated on their individual performances.



"One or two need to curb their enthusiasm with the throttle, but there are some very skilled youngsters around although there were no outstanding champions."

RYA Eastern Region communicator and Regional Training Panel member Garth Cooper commented: "It is a great shame more clubs don't enter this competition. The prizes are more than worth the effort – a 4.2 metre rib with 40 hp Honda outboard and road trailer worth over £15,000 to the winning club and

some pretty smart goodies as well as plaques for winners.

"The competition is based on skill, not sheer straight line speed. And what is staggering is that many of the youngsters here today had never driven a powerful RIB, some not even an outboard at all, until about three weeks before the event.

"After the competition several youngsters were given the opportunity to have a go in

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HONDA RIB REGIONAL FINAL

NO LOSERS, EVERYONE'S A WINNER

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non-competitive conditions, and they would have given today's winners a close run for their money. So the talent is out there, it just needs clubs to give them encouragement and the chance to show it," he added.



Adam Fox, Stewartby SC, winner of the senior section



Alex Allinson, Stewartby SC, winner of the junior section



Keith Ellison, 'everyone's a winner'

winners >>>>>>



As Alex demonstrates, it's boat control not outright speed is the key to doing well.



Sam Flint had never driven a RIB until she entered. She normally sails a Laser Radial and HobieCat.



Douglas Conway, Adam Fox, Simon Rose, Katrina Curtis, Alex Allinson, and Nick and Sam Flint, pose with the race management team.



Parents wait anxiously for the final results. Right: Fred Morris principal, Stewartby SC.

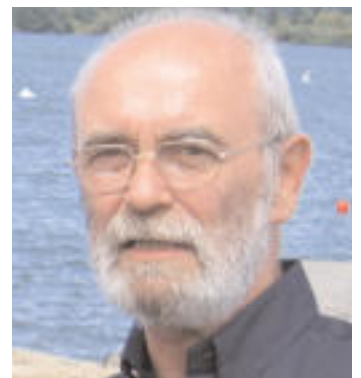
Results:

Senior Group:

- 1 Adam Fox 1.17.01 Stewartby SC
- 2 Simon Rose 1.20.21 North Herts and East Beds SC
- 3 Douglas Conway 1.33.54 Fishers Green SC

Junior group:

- 1 Alex Allinson 1.32.42 Stewartby SC
- 2 Katrina Curtis 1.34.53 Paxton Lakes SC
- 3 Nick Flint 1.46.57 Fishers Green SC



BOATS ARE AN ASSET TO THE MARINE SCENE

RYA STATES CASE FOR BOATING AT ESTUARY PLAN LAUNCH

Yachting contributes some £263M, up nearly 10 per cent on a year ago, to the East Anglian economy. The area is now in the top three boating regions and expected to be in the second slot by the end of this year. It is a major employer with over 5,000 people working directly in boatbuilding, marinas, and equipment suppliers.

And its rate of growth is faster than either the South Coast or the South West. The Stour and Orwell estuary is a major centre of boating on the East Coast and the sector has a crucial part to play in the long-term future of the rivers and ports.

This view was expressed by a number of the speakers at the launch of the Stour and Orwell Estuaries Management Plan at Royal Harwich Yacht Club early in July.

Dr Sally Banham, assistant director of the British Marine Federation (BMF), the body that represents the supply side from

boat builders to chandlers and runs the major boat shows, told the conference: "Our aim is to get people to enjoy a lifetime of getting out and about on the water. Few other sports rely on the environment in the way boating does. Things such as pollution and water quality are vital. We need however, to take great care interpreting the regulations coming out of Brussels," she warned.



RYA regional environment co-ordinator Chris Edwards told the conference: "You can't avoid the environment. Most yachtsmen are only too well aware of it; there's nothing to beat dropping anchor in a quite cove on the Stour and



(left to right front row) Cllr David Wood, chairman Suffolk Coast and Heaths Partnership; Dr Sally Banham, BMF; Simon Hooton, manager SC&H AONB Unit; Karen Keefe, ECC Coastal Trail Officer; Chris Edwards, RYA regional environmental co-ordinator. (Back row L to R) Andy Birchenough; Tom Pinborough NFA and Paul Ederidge, SC&H field officer.

watching the wild life around you; it's one of the real pleasures of cruising on these waters.

"We're working more closely with the BMF and producing joint policies. We agree with the need for more and better facilities to support boating, not least the provision of harbours of refuge.

"Competitive boating and sailing can be a great spectator sport; boats on the water add something tangible to the scene. There are important health issues and it's a great activity for involving youngsters."

He went on to tell the audience, largely of representatives from conservation bodies but including people from the port operators and local government, that yachtsmen were keen to see a minimum of disturbance to other species using the same area of water.

"Navigate in sympathy with the envi-

ronment is the basic tenet we urge yachtsmen to adopt," he said.

The Management Plan 2004, produced by the Stour and Orwell Estuaries Management Group is an update of the first plan produced back in 1996 and reports on progress made by the group since the introduction of the statutory Management Scheme a year ago.

Stour and Orwell Estuaries Officer Andy Birchenough, said the area was special: "It is an Area of Outstanding Natural Beauty (AONB), most of the estuary is within a Site of Special Scientific Interest (SSSI), it is a Special Protection Area (SPA) under the EU Birds Directive, and it's a Ramsar site. It contains a number of important wildlife sites, which are home to wintering waders and migrating birds,



A view like this from RHYC spells prosperity for the area.

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WET AND WILD SPLASH

Pictured is Splash sailor Andrew Friend coping with winds up to F6 on the river Alde during practice for the recent UK Splash Class opening meeting at Slaughden SC.

Andy and fellow Splash sailor Louis Clayton revelled in the conditions which produced white horses with the wind over tide – mark you, Louis should have enjoyed it, his boat's called **Wet'n'Wild!**

Racing next day was completely different, with a light F3 south-westerly, with a start by the Slaughden Martello tower, down-river to the windward mark over the tide. Andy Jarvis led away from the line, and increased his lead on the run back up river to about 300

metres from Tom Dring.

The lead then closed up as several people came back over the tide with James Large eventually making the most of the conditions to win from Andy Friend and Louis Clayton.

The second race saw the wind drop away dramatically at the start, with boats barely making way over the flood. Simon Barker got away from James Large and Andy Jarvis.

A number of boats got stuck trying to get round the Elbow buoy, and Louis Clayton came up from near the back of the fleet into fourth, behind Simon Barker in first, James Large in second and Andy Jarvis in third.

PIONEER WHO LIVED FOR SPEED SAILING

Suffolk yachtsman, designer, boat builder, sailmaker, and marine engineer Austin Farrar, died recently aged 91. He was also a leading measurement and racing adviser to the RYA.

He founded the Woolverstone Shipyard where he built some of the best post war International 14 dinghies, and was a pioneer of the cold-moulded technique of hull building.

He later moved on to start Seahorse Sails with the late Leslie Widdicombe and pioneered the use of Terylene cloth and mathematically designed spinnakers. He also designed and developed the headsail reefing gear still built today by SailSpar.

He was also the designer of the pulpit, which he developed while working in the office of renowned designer Robert Clark, and which is standard foredeck equipment on most yachts.

Austin Farrar was a prolific author and wrote for a wide variety of yachting publications and was a founder member of the Yachting Journalists Association.

He trialled for the 1948 Olympics and went on to be a measurement and technical adviser to the RYA.



In 1953 Austin Farrar was International 14 champion.

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which use the marshes and mudflats.

"And the area is subject to a wide range of human pressures. It contains the UK's largest container port and combined with the ports of Harwich and Ipswich makes an important contribution to the local economy. It is important that in managing the estuaries we don't damage the ecology.

"This report looks at the impact that recreational activities, such as boating, wild-fowling and angling, have on the area."

Tom Pinborough from the National Federation of Sea Anglers called for the establishment of recreational sea angling fisheries with restrictions on gill netting in the rivers and a tighter code of conduct and rules on catch and release.

He said the Stour and Orwell Estuary was an ideal bass nursery, which could generate between £4 and £5 million a year in turnover.

Two-million people in England and Wales go sea angling every year. They spend close on £1 billion a year.



HAVE YOU ENTERED YOUR CLUB NEWSLETTER OR WEBSITE FOR THE RYA COMMUNICATIONS AWARDS? IF NOT, WHY NOT?

CLOSING DATE IS SEPTEMBER 30.

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GO FAST J80s ARE NEW MATCH RACING BOATS

A new fleet of keelboats has been launched by the RYA to replace its fleet of Beneteau First Class Eights. The brand new fleet of J80's will be used for the ever-expanding Volvo RYA Keelboat Programme and the well-established RYA National Match Racing Series.

The Beneteau First Class Eights are no longer in production and the J80's were chosen as being the best suited all-round boat and because they are a recognised ISAF keelboat for the ISAF Sailing World Championships.

The boats arrived in May and after a few weeks of fitting out and preparation the fleet was officially launched at the Royal Southern Yacht Club in Hamble early in July.

As well as being used for the Volvo RYA Keelboat Programme and the RYA National Match Racing Series, they will also be campaigned in various regattas such as Cowes Week and for this purpose the boats come equipped with four sets of race sails.

David Atkinson RYA Racing Services Manager (below) commented:



“The Beneteau’s time had expired, and although they have served us really well it was time to look for a replacement fleet.

“We have spent twelve months evaluating boats that would meet our specific criteria and decided to go for the J80’s.”

Included with this issue is the latest information on squad selection from East Zone HPM Bruce Bonar. Also included is an application form for the 12-race squad assesment series.

Contact Bruce Bonar: telephone: 07909 994642 or email bruce.bonar@rya.org.uk

EAST COAST RS CAMPAIGN

A strong contingent of RS 200 and 400 dinghy sailors from the eastern region will be competing in the RS GUL National Championship at the East Lothian Yacht Club, North Berwick, Scotland, home to the largest population of puffins and gannets in the UK, between 9th and 13th August 2004.

Already the number of entries is higher than expected and includes past national RS 200 winners, David Giles, Tom Hewitson and Geoff Carveth. In the RS 400 fleet, despite the absence of past national champions, favourites, Nick Craig, Chris Jennings and Craig Burlton will be out in force making the RS GUL Nationals one of the biggest and most competitive events to date.

Among the local names going are; Ben Alexander, Deben YC, Ian Robson, Aldeburgh SC, Chris Pilling, Waveney and Oulton Broad YC and Martin Browne, Gt Yarmouth and Gorleston SC.

For sailors who are not at the front of the fleet the RS Association has formulated a ‘buddy system’ where sailors new to the class can learn from sailors with experience. Similarly seminars will be organised each day enabling new sailors to fast track themselves up the fleet and round the race course.

For more information on the RS 200 and 400 GUL National Championship visit www.rs-association.com or ring Heather Chipperfield on 01590 610 273



RYA MEMBERSHIP HITS SIX FIGURES

BUT NO CELEBRATIONS

Personal membership of the RYA reached six figures when it signed up its 100,000th member in mid-July.

The achievement comes at a time when the organisation is more active than ever in promoting and protecting the interests of the boating public.

It is currently lobbying on a range of issues extending from the potential impact of offshore windfarms on popular boating waters to legislation that could put skippers of recreational craft at risk of compulsory breath-testing even while moored in a marina.

It also comes on the eve of the 2004 Olympic Games in Athens, where the RYA's world class performance squad, Team GBR, will be seeking to emulate their success at Sydney where sailing was Britain's most successful sport.

The RYA has seen membership growth accelerate in response to its more campaigning stance on boating issues.



Rod Carr (right) with RYA Chairman George Clark.

"Boating is one of the very few recreational activities available to people in the UK that is not currently subject to overbearing legislation," says RYA chief executive Rod Carr.

"Much of that has been due, over the years, to the RYA's working away behind the scenes to convince government and other bodies that education, rather than law-making, is the right way forward.

"Recently, as more and more threats to our traditional freedoms have appeared on the horizon, we've become more public in

expressing our views. Having a large membership gives us real clout when talking to the government and other bodies to ensure they take the views of the boating public into account.

"It's also enabled us to recruit additional expert staff, most recently in the field of government relations and the environment."

Although delighted to reach such a significant landmark in terms of membership size, there are no plans for any special celebrations.

"Over 100,000 people now support the RYA through their membership because they believe in what we are doing on their behalf," added Rod.

"That brings with it an even greater responsibility to make sure we do our job well. There's no room for complacency in terms of representing the interests of our members and we need to make sure the services we offer them continue to meet their needs."



Johnty Dickinson (above) founder and senior trustee of the Woolverstone Project has been awarded an MBE in the Queen's Birthday Honours list for "services to the Woolverstone Project and Disabled Sailing in East Anglia".

The Project offers sailing for people with a wide variety of disabilities. Johnty Dickinson is one of its co-founders and has overseen its creation and expansion during the past ten years. It now has regular sessions at the Royal Harwich Yacht Club (RHYC) and at Alton Water.

When asked for his reaction Johnty replied: "Naturally I am very honoured to have received this award, but honestly feel that it has been earned by all those connected with the Woolverstone Project over the past 10 years. There are the helpers, instructors and coordinators who give an enormous amount of their time and most particularly all the sailors who have made the Project the success it is.

A member of Royal Harwich YC since he arrived, Johnty has served in most committee positions, including Commodore and President and is now one of the club's trustees.

NOT MUCH ROOM IN ORWELL

Yachtsmen are warned to expect a fleet of dredgers and work boats operating around the Trinity quay extension at Harwich.

The area adjacent to the new quay is being deepened and the spoil placed to form the new working and container storage area.

Additional dredging will be carried out in Harwich Harbour and this spoil will be pumped onto the new dock area by a floating pipeline.

The work is scheduled to take two and a half months at the height of the sailing holiday season. Keep well clear of the working

boats, and do not pass between the working fleet and the Trinity quay, reduce speed to that for safely handling the boat. Traffic will be pushed to the Shotley side of the Orwell at times. All vessels passing the workings should maintain a listening watch on VHF Ch 71.

RECORD TURNOUT AT ZONE REGATTA

This year's RYA East Zone Championships saw a record number of 120 dinghies out on the waters of the river Crouch at Burnham. With six zones across the country holding similar events this region's championship saw the highest number of competitors taking part.

HPM Bruce Bonar, commented: "The response to the weekend has been really positive and I'm pleased that everything went so smoothly and so successfully. There was exceptionally tight and competitive racing on all three courses and the smiles from the kids as they came off the water showed just what a fantastic weekend they had. All in all a weekend we will remember for a long time."

And Duncan Truswell, the National Youth Training Manager added: "This event saw the best turnout in the country. There were 120 boats out there on the Crouch and everyone worked very hard indeed."

The youngsters, ranging from seven to 15 years, had six races over the two days. Conditions were lively, with the wind picking up appreciably during the last race of the second day, leading to numerous cap-sizes and a number of the young crews and their boats had to be taken ashore by the rescue launches and RIBs.

The champi-

onship was the first in a series of assessment events, which culminate in the RYA Winter Championships on November 13, when the youngsters are chosen to fill next year's Zone Squads. The selection process has been under review and details are contained in the attached documents from HPM Bruce Bonar.

The zone squads then compete next year at Rutland Water on May 7 and 8 for the prestigious Eric Twiname Trophy and the top youngsters get earmarked for progression to the national squads.

This year's regional champions both came from the host club, proving that local knowledge pays dividends. Peter Hannah of Corinthian Otters won the Junior Championship Shield sailing an Optimist, while the Group One Trophy went to the winners of the Cadet class, Amelia Hughes and Sara Dallimore, also of Corinthian Otters. Amelia also took the prize for being first girl home in class. The Dallimores dominated the Cadet class -- Sara Dallimore, crewing for Amelia Hughes pushed her brother James and sister Clare down into second place.



Top: Rescue boats had a busy time.

Centre: Amelia Hughes and Sara Dallimore winners of the senior age group trophy.

Right: Peter Hannah, winner of the junior section trophy.

Bottom: Oppies flying round the course in the freshening breeze.



BIG ENTRY AT AREA REGATTA

Seventy six boats turned out for the annual RYA Beds and Cambs Association Regatta at Grafham Water Sailing Club with eleven of the fourteen Association clubs represented.

Racing was run with an upwind gate on two separate trapezoidal courses. The southerly force 2-3 breeze provided an enjoyable day's racing on Grafham's 1600 acres of open water

The Fast Handicap group of 32 boats, ranging from Fireballs to Wayfarers, was as usual dominated by the International Moth of Ian Forsdike who won all three races.

The battle for the minor places saw Chris Larr in his newly acquired Vareo battling it out on the water with two Flying Fifteens and a Fireball – on handicap the Vareo took second place just edging out John Forsdike (FF) by a single point.

The Slow Fleet of 45 boats contained a very wide variety of boats – Laser Radials, and 4.7's, Signets, Toppers, Comets, Solos, Picos and three Challengers from Grafham Water Sailability.

Paul Hunter in a Streaker won race one but Vincent Christian in his Laser Radial won the last two races to take first spot overall in a very compact and competitive group.

The team trophy counting the top four boats final places went to Grafham Water SC (13 points) followed by Welwyn Garden City (29) and Ely (36).

Top single hander was Vince Christian, top two-man boat was John Forsdike and Ted Pillinger (FF), first under 18 single hander – Evan Scott, top under 18 double hander – Guy Herbert and Andrew Lawman (Kimbolton School), top under 18 Topper – Adam Smith.

Last Farewell to Barry Naylor

by Robin Hill-Sanders

There was a full church when Barry's friends and sailing companions met for a service of celebration of his life on Sunday 11 July. The service was held in the warm and welcoming surroundings of the Corton Methodist church where Barry worshipped and where as organist he had led the singing for many years.

The address, by Barry's brother Tony, brought together with great humour and affection all the widely different aspects of Barry's very full life. A life lived with great dedication to the very high standards Barry set himself for whatever

activity he took up and which he expected of those with whom he worked.

After the service friends from every aspect of Barry's life gathered in the church school room to take the opportunity to renew old acquaintances and exchange fond memories. The RYA Eastern Region was represented at the service by chairman Peter Catton, secretary Robin Hill-Sanders and committee member Norman Blowers. Also present were representatives of the many members of the sail training fraternity in East Anglia who had worked with Barry over the years.

YOUR CRUISING LOG COULD BE A WINNER

Closing date for entries in the RYA Yachting Monthly Cruising Log Competition is 1 November 2004. Younger sailors, aged four to 16 can enter the LOG-IT! competition. Entry forms from RYA Cruising on 0845 345 0370, email cruising@rya.org.uk or check out the RYA website www.rya.org.uk <<http://www.rya.org.uk>> .

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