

## KEEPING EASTERN REGION SAILORS INFORMED

**RYA Eastern Regional Chairman Chris Edwards (l) presenting retiring Regional Secretary Robin Hill-Sanders (r) with a painting by local Essex artist Peter Ford at the quarterly meeting of the regional committee in March.**

**The inscription read: "Presented to Robin Hill-Sanders by members of the RYA Eastern Regional Committee in recognition of long, dedicated and friendly service as Honorary Secretary from 1995 to 2007."**

**Although he has retired as Regional Secretary, Robin is maintaining his links with RYA East as Secretary of the Regional Training Panel, and will continue to be involved with the production of this publication.**



# REGIONAL CONFERENCE WILL BREAK THE MOULD

Plans are being made to hold a regional conference in the early spring next year, it was announced at the March meeting of the Eastern Regional Committee.

Chairman of the organising committee, Regional Vice-Chairman Fiona Wylie, told the meeting that the aim was to break the mould of poor attendance, dull agendas and heavy financial losses.

"We want to organise a conference that gives the attendees something to remember it by, and containing subjects they can get their teeth into. They don't want to sit for a whole day getting increasingly numb and bored. We want people of all boating disciplines to come and enjoy meeting with and talking about each others' problems."

She said the conference would probably include a series of specialist subject workshops as well as leading keynote speakers.


"What we want to do is involve club members in the whole process – so if any reader has a particular subject about which they'd like to know more, then drop us a line and tell us.

"This is your conference," she added.

The conference organising committee members are Regional Treasurer Peter Woods, Crouch area representative William Hadley, Beds and Cambs representative Peter Waghorn and regional communicator, Garth Cooper.

**Who is the speaker you most want to hear? What is the boating subject you most want to know more about? Drop Garth Cooper a line on [garth-word@btinternet.com](mailto:garth-word@btinternet.com) – we'll add it to the list.**

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# IT WON'T PAY TO CHEAT WARNS HMRC

**Yachtsmen and power boaters will be able to continue to buy red diesel from 1 November 2008, so long as they declare whether the it is for a recreational or commercial vessel and pay the full fuel tax. Suppliers will be responsible for collecting the tax and passing it on to the Government.**

Fuel used for heating purposes on board will continue to be sold at the rebated rate, and it will fall to the supplier to ensure boat owner declares the correct use of oil fuel on the boat and divides it between heating and propulsion.

HMRC has released an Impact Assessment, which is available on <http://www.rya.org.uk/AboutRYA/lobbyact/legalhomepagereddiesel.htm>.

Dave Fitzgerald, HMRC, confirmed that the core policy had been fixed but that they would be working closely with RYA, BMF and other stakeholders in developing the detail of the declaration process and apportionment of fuel for domestic use. Following that consultation process, HMRC will produce comprehensive guidance.

There was a feeling among yachtsmen that some retailers in more remote areas would simply not bother selling to pleasure boats on the premise that it would be more trouble than it was worth to distinguish between private and commercial craft, and then process the paperwork.

The onus will now be on the owner of the boat to self-declare whether they are a commercial or recreational vessel and pay the appropriate rate of duty at the pump. Anyone falsely declaring they own a commercial vessel will find HMRC



**Arab potentates at the Dubai boatshow inspecting potential new motor yachts. Fuel colour and costs won't worry them.**

coming down on them hard.

The campaign to secure future diesel supplies for recreational boaters has been running since 2003.

"This solution ticks many of the boxes for recreational boaters. Availability will not be affected, which gets rid of the safety concern, and the potential for reams of paperwork or even registration of craft, to identify commercial vessels from recreational ones, has been minimised," declared RYA Legal and Government Advisor Neil Northmore.

The only real remaining issue is how the impact of increased diesel prices will affect the marine leisure industry and participation in the sport.

A number of yachtsmen have contacted us concerned that while it's good

news they won't have to change tanks or lines, and that supplies are generally going to remain available, no-one has mentioned the problems that folk may well run into on the continent, where over-zealous revenue men may slap unwarranted fines on British yachtsmen who have red diesel in their tanks.

Clearly boatyards and marinas are going to have adopt road filling station practice of issuing receipts that indicate clearly that tax has been paid and at what level.

The usual scrap of paper with just the total on will not do.

Some people are also concerned that fuel carried for heating (or that percentage of the main tank capacity designated for heating) will also need to be clearly delineated.

## COME FOR A CRUISE WITH EXCELSIOR

**To mark its 25th anniversary** The Excelsior Trust which owns and maintains *Excelsior*, the last East Coast gaff-ketch-rigged fishing trawler built in Lowestoft, is organising a cruise-in-company with the ship herself, from Lowestoft to Ipswich from September 3 to 7, 2008.

The cruise is open to both experienced and novice skippers, with their own motor boats or sailing yachts, and is

ideal for boaters seeking other yachts with which to cruise, or who may be going to sea for the first time.

The itinerary includes day sails on *Excelsior*, visits to Spirit Yachts, cruiser races and beach BBQs. Details from Janet Jury, 25 Market Place Aylsham, NR11 6EL; Telephone 01263 733366 or email: [janetjury@reynoldsjury.co.uk](mailto:janetjury@reynoldsjury.co.uk); or download from The Excelsior Trust website at [www.excelsiortrust.co.uk](http://www.excelsiortrust.co.uk).



# BUZZING DINGHY SHOW IS BEST EVER

Probably the best dinghy show in the world is how visitors described this year's RYA Dinghy Sailing Show in association with Yachts and Yachting and Suzuki.

It's the only show dedicated to dinghy sailors and if you missed out on it then don't worry, you can catch the highlights on **RYA TV on [www.rya.org](http://www.rya.org)**.

"This show really is a focal point for any dinghy sailor and once again has proved to be a must see! It has a fantastic collection of like-minded people and associations. It's the best event for dinghy sailors in the world," show exhibitor Steve Cockerill from Rooster Sailing, told *RYA East News*.

The show was packed out all weekend, with visitors picking up tips and advice on how to improve their sailing and their chances of winning, from some of the country's top dinghy talent. Most of the UK's dinghy classes were at the show providing information and guidance to sailors together with an impressive line-up of exhibitors showing performance dinghies and the latest kit.

Sailors from the British Olympic team mingled with the crowds throughout the day, answering questions, signing autographs and providing insights into their preparations for the 2008 Olympic Games.

Skandia Team GBR's Paul Goodison provided a Laser master class to a packed house, providing invaluable tips to improve technique out on the water.

Jenny Curry, Show Manager felt that "there was a great buzz throughout the show, with all the events showing to capacity crowds".

## BLACKWATER SC

Blackwater Sailing Club was named winner of the safety boat prize draw picking up a Suzuki engine, Jeanneau Rigiflex safety boat and West Mersea trailer. Club commodore Barry Foulds said: "This is absolutely super, just fantastic news".

Skandia Team GBR's Sarah Ayton, Nick Dempsey (Norwich) and Helena Lucas were also on hand throughout the day signing autographs and answering questions from visitors. Show favourites

the Holt Blow Boat Challenge, RYA Sailing simulator and model boat pool all proved as popular as ever, pulling in the crowds throughout the weekend.

Showing for the first time at the DSS was the My-Newt creation of Southminster, Essex, steel fabricator Mike Argyle. The My-Newt is a seven foot long replica of Hunter 707 designed for single-handed fun sailing.

## AWARDS

Colin Ridley, (52) from Ferndown in Dorset scooped the title of RYA Shorebased Instructor of the Year last month and made it a double when he was announced overall RYA Instructor of the Year at the dinghy show.

Colin beat ten of the UK's top RYA Coaches and Instructors, each recognised for being at the height of their teaching disciplines in 2007, to win the ultimate award. Spanning from powerboating to dinghy sailing and windsurfing to yachting, these awards cover all aspects of boating and recognise the skill, enthusiasm and commitment that goes into coaching and instructing from grass roots to Olympic level.

Among the category winners was Nick Moulton of TS Rebel, who was rated Yachtmaster Instructor of the Year.

A new safety boat and engine package designed specially for use as rescue boats for RYA clubs by Suzuki and Ribcraft, was announced at the Show.

RYA Chief Powerboat Instructor Paul Mara explained: "We have been working together with Suzuki and Ribcraft to put together a versatile and affordable safety boat package suitable for any club event, from cadet training to general safety boat duties. The package is available to all, but with this new deal RYA clubs can enjoy a substantial discount."

Powered by a Suzuki 50hp 4-stroke engine the 4.8m Ribcraft RIB includes features like plenty of space behind the helmsman for transporting marks and recovering a casualty along with extra grab handles for crew safety.

Richard Whittaker from Suzuki said: "Today's modern fuel injected outboards are ideal for rescue boat use being quiet, low on fuel usage and low on emissions."

## Picture Captions:

**A: Ben Ainslie surrounded by young OnBoarders.**

**B: L-R Paul Goodison, Ben Rhodes, Stevie Morrison and Ben Ainslie on stage.**

**C: New Tideway dinghy launched.**

**D: The My-Newt attracted a lot of attention.**



# SI COURSE A MAJOR SUCCESS

**In cold,** gloomy and increasingly windy conditions, 45 senior sailing instructors and coaches took to the water as part of the RYA East senior instructors conference at Royal Harwich Yacht Club at the beginning of March.

Conference organiser George Rice, the RYA regional development officer and head coach for the Eastern Region, was trying a new format; instead of spending the day seated in the warm and dry listening to a plethora of speakers, the instructors found themselves learning to rig some of the newest and most complicated fast sailing dinghies on the market, renewing their on-water skills in single-handed Toppers, and trying their hands at handling both displacement and RIB power boats.

For those less activity-minded there were a number of workshops, covering topics such as volunteering, the rolling out of the OnBoard scheme of youth participation in sailing and the RYA backed environmental scheme, the Green-Blue.

Opening the conference George Rice said: "We are a big region geographically and have the greatest variety of forms of

sailing in the UK; from sea sailing, to estuaries, gravel pits and reservoirs to canals and inland rivers. We also have probably

the best record for volunteering here in the East. We have 174 clubs and 90 RYA recognised training centres, some quite small, but nonetheless effective.

Volunteer instructors run the majority of the courses. We're getting an increasing influx of instructors from other regions because we are so active and diverse."

RYA national chief windsurf instructor Amanda van Santen told the conference that while the numbers of people taking training courses last year had dipped she expected the influence of the Beijing Olympics to give the sport a big boost this and next year.



**Amanda Van Santen**

"The effect of the credit squeeze, people generally having less free cash, the pretty rotten weather last summer and an increasing aversion to taking risks all affected the numbers going through training centres. Power boating however, remains the strongest category," she added.

The national sailing scheme was being reviewed to assess its fitness for purpose, and to try and fill the gap between basic and advanced courses. Too many people were falling away from the sport before going on to advanced levels. It was important for the sport of competitive sailing that youngsters in particular should be retained.

Some changes were being implemented; until now racing instructors couldn't oversee the start sailing, intermediate or advanced level courses with-

out additional qualifications; now they can.

With the growing interest in keelboat sailing the RYA is piloting a new range of courses for keelboat sailors in this region. Assistant instructors will be able to renew their certificates every five years if they don't wish to move up to the full instructor qualification.

She said that while there had been a 10 per cent increase in the number of starter level windsurf instructors, the numbers for the intermediate courses had fallen. To overcome this, the prerequisites for windsurf instructors were being changed to make the scheme more flexible and streamlined. The aim, she said, was to make windsurfing more accessible for youngsters.

Chris Hussey, the OnBoard development officer for Suffolk and north Essex, based at Alton Water, near Ipswich, told the conference that in the three years since the scheme was launched in the South West 18 ODOs had been appointed in England and Wales, and 80,000 taster training sessions had been held resulting in some 4,000 youngsters who now sail regularly for sport.

This month the Eastern Region's second ODO, Steve Jones started work based at Bradwell Outdoor Activity Centre. His patch extends from Colchester to the Thames taking in clubs in southern Essex. A third ODO covering Norfolk and Cambridgeshire will be appointed to operate from the Norwich area later in the autumn.



**George Rice**



**Under lowering skies and in a rising wind, instructors prepare to launch at RHYC.**

# YOUTH SAILING GETS MORE MONEY

The RYA is to receive an extra £1.1 M funding from Sport England for further developing sailing and windsurfing for young people.

Volvo RYA Champion Clubs, OnBoard and Team15 youth initiatives, will benefit from increased provision of junior and youth training, race training, additional coaching and coaching resources throughout England. It will also provide clubs with funding for the crucial process of training and developing volunteers.

The aim is to make sailing and windsurfing more accessible to young people while also providing progression for those who want to further develop their skills and take part in racing.

Duncan Truswell, RYA Junior Racing Manager, explained that the grant, to be rolled out over the next three years, would provide a fantastic opportunity for clubs to swell their ranks and secure their long-term futures.



**Duncan Truswell**

He said: "This funding will be a real boon to youth sailing and windsurfing in England. It will allow even more clubs and centres to launch youth training programmes and engage with the OnBoard and Team15 initiatives or become Volvo RYA Champion Clubs.

"It will also allow existing clubs to enhance the quality of training they provide and enable additional volunteers to become qualified. The funding aims to make it easier and more cost effective for clubs to develop these programmes by providing coaches and funding volunteer training.

"The provision of training is vitally important in ensuring the future success

of clubs. Clubs which provide easy access for children and their families and also deliver safe, well-structured and effective training will attract more members and generate revenue for the club".

Victoria Lenz, RYA Sailing Development Officer said: "With the extra funding from Sport England we will be able to assist more clubs and centres in establishing themselves as OnBoard centres and give even more children the chance to not only try these great sports for themselves but develop their skills with dedicated coaching in a club environment."

The RYA's grassroots programme, OnBoard, launched in 2004, provides youngsters from five to 16 with the ideal environment to try sailing or windsurfing for the first time. Team15 is a scheme aimed at attracting youngsters aged 15 and under into competitive windsurfing.

Volvo RYA Champion Clubs help children who want to take their sailing or windsurfing more seriously to do so at a club that has made a commitment to deliver safe, effective racing and race training in the RYA recognised Junior classes.

There are currently 86 OnBoard clubs and centres, 61 Team15 clubs and centres and 139 Volvo RYA Champion Clubs throughout the UK, offering



**Victoria Lenz**

sailing and windsurfing opportunities for children of all ages and ability.

For further information about grants, applications, or how the new funding could help your club, contact James Tilley, RYA Champion Club Liaison Officer, james.tilley@rya.org.uk

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## NEW STYLE WIND WARNINGS

Anyone boating through the winter will probably have noticed a change in the way strong wind warnings are broadcast by the coastguard.

There is less repetition. Previously a strong wind warning could be repeated as many as three times in one broadcast.

The boundaries of the area for strong wind warnings have been aligned with the inshore forecast areas both onshore and out to 12 miles offshore. The coastguard will only read out a strong wind warning if it is significantly different from the last inshore forecast.

For example if, after an inshore forecast has been issued, a deterioration in conditions is identified including winds of F6 or more, a strong wind warning will be issued. It will be included within subsequent repetition broadcasts, but will only be valid until the time

of the next inshore forecast.

If the strong wind warning remains in force at the time of the next inshore waters forecast, it will be included as part of that broadcast. As strong wind warnings are now only valid until the next new inshore forecast you will no longer hear cancellation broadcasts.

At the next inshore forecast it will either be updated along the lines of: "Here is the Inshore Forecast from 0600 for the next 24 hours from The Wash to North Foreland - Strong Wind Warnings are in operation....." or it will be dropped, with the new inshore forecast detailing the anticipated winds.

These slight changes to the way in which strong wind warnings are broadcast should help as they remove any overlap between strong wind warnings and freshly issued forecasts.

## NEWS IN BRIEF

**British Waterways (BW)** has announced smaller than anticipated increases in licence fees for 2008. Following three months of public consultation, to which the RYA responded, fees applicable from April 2008 will be an 8.3 per cent increase for private boat licences (rather than the previously proposed 12.4 per cent increase).

Workboat and trade plate licences will also increase by the same amount. Leisure business licences will rise by 3.3 per cent in line with BW's cost inflation index, whilst a relative licence fee increase of 5.35 per cent will apply to small traders and cargo carriers.

The 10 per cent discount for prompt payment will be retained and penalties for late payment will be one of the new measures imposed to reduce licence evasion.

Robin Evans, BW chief executive, commented: "The breadth and depth of submissions to the consultation were well argued and passionate. In the short term we've recognised the concerns about increasing cost pressures on the boating community by revisiting the licence fee increases for 2008 and in retaining the prompt payment discount which benefits many of our boating customers."

## SEA DEFENCE ROW BOILS UP

**Local residents** of Walberswick and Southwold Harbour on opposite sides of the mouth of the River Blyth on the Suffolk coast are so fed up with Government policies over sea defences they are taking action themselves.

In February and again in March the marshes on the southern side of the river Blyth, inland behind Walberswick, (namely Tinkers and Robinson's Marshes) were seriously breached and are inundated with salt water. Locals have supplied sand and gravel and bought hundreds of sand bags and are filling in the breaches at low tide.

One fear is that if these areas are allowed to go under the water, the amount of water flowing out of the river mouth will double the tidal spate and scour out the banks and existing quays in very little time, making Southwold Harbour untenable to yachts or fishing boats.

Meanwhile work to reinforce the beach at the S end of Felixstowe starts at the beginning of April, in an area stretching from Landguard Point to 200 metres NE of Felixstowe Pier. The work, which is expected to take four months, involves beach replenishment and groyne construction.

Shingle will be pumped from

dredgers on Felixstowe Ledge, via a moored booster station through a 1.1n mile pipeline to Felixstowe beach. The booster station will be moored in position 51° 56'.11N 001° 21'.60E and display the lights and shapes as required by the ColRegs and will maintain a listening watch on VHF Channel 71.

The anchors holding the pumping barge are buoyed. An 800 mm diameter steel pipeline lies on the seabed from the barge, on a bearing of 312° T to Felixstowe beach. The pipeline is marked at 200 metre intervals by lit yellow buoys.

All vessels must maintain a minimum distance of 300 metres from the barge. The depth of water in the vicinity of the pipeline is approximately 1.0 metre less than shown chart depths.

The groyne construction works involve transferring stone from ships to the stone dumping craft in a 300 metre diameter area centred on 51° 56'.8N 001° 23'.30E. The stone dumping craft moves stone to the Felixstowe beach two hours either side of high water. Details of the Felixstowe Coastal Defence Works can be obtained from Harwich VTS on VHF Channel 71. For an up-to-date chart of the workings visit [HHA.co.uk/navigation](http://HHA.co.uk/navigation).

## NEW CLUB GROWS

**Ipswich Haven Yacht Club**, based in the Haven Marina, Ipswich Wet Dock, is growing. Formed in January 2006 the club now has a clubhouse, which was renovated last year by members, and now has entertainment and alcohol licences. It is the aim of the club to have a full social programme over the next year plus an education programme for the dark nights.

Club officers are: John Thomsett, Commodore, Brian Moore, Vice-Commodore, Faye Howard, Treasurer, Chris Mills, secretary and Wieland Raatz, David Wilcox, and Ian Selby.

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# ESSEX SAILING CLUBS GET ONBOARD

**Essex sailor** Steve Jones has a new role, encouraging more youngsters to take up sailing as a sport in the county. Steve (45), married with two children, has been appointed as the OnBoard Development Officer for Essex by the Royal Yachting Association (RYA).

Steve, who lives in Rayleigh, will be responsible for encouraging schools and youth organisations in an area stretching from West Mersea in the north to the Thames in the south, to link with local affiliated sailing clubs and RYA accredited sailing centres to offer youngsters the chance to have a go.

"Sailing is not the preserve of the rich and elite, it's open for anybody. It gives young people a chance to develop themselves, acquire new skills, be active and improve their fitness. It's cool to sail is the message," he said.

Steve was officially launched on his new career by RYA chief executive Rod Carr at a meeting to introduce the OnBoard scheme to local sailing clubs, at Bradwell Outdoor Activities Centre, earlier this month.

"The OnBoard scheme has been successful in giving youngsters across the country the opportunity to have a go. So far, in the three years the scheme has been running we've given 160,000 children a taste of the sport, and 4,000 of those are now sailing regularly. If boating is to continue to grow then we must catch them early and then get the Velcro gloves on them and they'll stay with the



**RYA CEO, Rod Carr (r) congratulates Steve Jones (l) on his appointment as Essex ODO, watched by (L to R) Chris Hussey, Suffolk ODO, Victoria Lenz, Sailing Development Officer and George Rice, RYA East RDO, at Bradwell OAC.**

sport. We want them to become lifelong sailors. We can no longer rely on family dynasties of sailors to keep the sport thriving.

"OnBoard is not a flash in the pan. This a long term programme that we'll be supporting for at least ten years. It's local and affordable and gives youngsters a taste of adventure in a structured and safe environment," Rod declared.

Steve, who is a technical writer and part-time instructor at the Bradwell

centre, has been sailing all his life, first as a lad with his dad on the Crouch. Despite memories of it being sometimes cold and wet, 20 years later he's still sailing and still enjoying it. He is a dinghy instructor and powerboat trainer.

His job will be to encourage sailing clubs to forge links with local schools and open their doors to non-sailing youngsters to come and try. He'll also be visiting schools to encourage teachers to consider sailing as a sport option.

## SAIL GIPSY MOTH IV FROM BRADWELL

**Essex Outdoors**, based at Bradwell, has chartered *Gipsy Moth IV*, Sir Francis Chichester's boat, for the month of June and will be bringing her to the East Coast to give you and your friends a unique chance to sail on this historic yacht.

*Gipsy Moth IV* broke many records during Sir Francis Chichester's solo circumnavigation of the globe 40 years ago. She's a unique part of Britain's maritime history.

In 1967, with Francis Chichester at the helm, *Gipsy Moth IV* sailed into the history books as she approached Plymouth on the 28th May. No sailor had ever attempted such a fast solo circumnavigation before and Francis

became a national hero and a knight.

Following a restoration campaign by Yachting Monthly and the United Kingdom Sailing Academy, *Gipsy Moth IV* undertook a second circumnavigation crewed by young people, giving them an experience they will never forget.

One Day Experience 0900 - 1700  
Dates: 6 - 20 June inclusive. Your suggested dates can be arranged subject to availability.

Price: £100 per person per day including lunch (maximum 6 people).  
Evening Sails: £40 per person (maximum 6 people).

To book call Jim at Essex Outdoors on 01621 776256; or e-mail [info.bradwelloutdoors@essexcc.gov.uk](mailto:info.bradwelloutdoors@essexcc.gov.uk).





**The Port** of Felixstowe suffered in the early March gales when a Chinese ship, the *Zhen Hua 23*, docked with several large container cranes aboard. She broke adrift from her moorings alongside the Languard Terminal and stern-boarded down river until she ran aground on the shingle bank of Languard beach.

In her travels she turned two of the terminal's three existing container cranes on the quayside into heaps of mangled steel, toppling them with the overhanging boom of the aft crane on her deck. Apparently she suffered a similar accident last year in Rotterdam!

**North Norfolk** Lib-Dem MP Norman Lamb is stepping up his battle to have

## PORT'S CRANES IN A TANGLE BUT SEA FISHERMEN CLEAR LINES

directly elected members introduced on to the Broads Authority - and says he has support from MPs of all three main parties.

Local MPs have so far succeeded in blocking the passage of the Broads Bill through the House of Commons by insisting a debate is held on it, and the earliest date for that is believed to be May.

Mr Lamb's original idea was to have the introduction of direct elections implemented by new clauses in the bill. He said there was a precedent for direct elections in Scottish national parks where at least 20 per cent of members have to be elected directly.

**Repair work** is set to take place next week on damaged parts of Southwold Harbour's north pier. The work will be carried out over a six-week period starting after Easter, and will repair parts of

the timber fender at the seaward end of the pier.

The fender prevents boats from colliding with rock slopes at the harbour entrance. The work will involve the removal and replacement of steel piles and timber fendering damaged by waves and worn by shingle.

Residents fear Southwold harbour will no longer be useable once the Reydon Marsh flood defences fail, which is likely to happen some time in the next five to 20 years.

**Plans to** make sea anglers buy fishing licences have been abandoned by the Government, despite fierce lobbying by conservation groups.

The National Federation of Sea Anglers (NFSA) claims less than eight per cent of the country's estimated 1m sea anglers would shell out for their sport.

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