



Tillotson Lecture

Old Boy John Derbyshire OBE

**Bolton School Boys' Division Great Hall,
Monday 10 December 2018, 7.00pm**

Refreshments served in the Riley Centre after the event

This year, the annual Tillotson Lecture will be given by John Derbyshire OBE, whose involvement with the Royal Yachting Association's Racing programmes spanned some 32 years as a coach, Olympic Manager and latterly as Director of Racing.

John won both the Senior Northern Championship and Junior National Championship in sailing whilst at school and first joined the Royal Yachting Association as National Racing Coach in 1985 – coaching Finns, Europe's and Lasers until 1996, whereupon he became Olympic Manager for the Sydney 2000 cycle. The Sydney Olympic Games saw Britain's biggest performance improvement at any sailing Games.



John was also personal coach to Sir Ben Ainslie from 1994 to 2000, including at Sydney where Ainslie won the first of his four Olympic gold medals, and coached other notable sailors such as Shirley Robinson, Iain Percy, Andrew Simpson and Hugh Styles during his career.

In 2001, John became the Director of Racing, overseeing the Royal Yachting Association's World Class Programme and talent pathways, as well as the broader remit of racing participation in all its forms in the UK.

There is no charge for the Tillotson Lecture and tickets are not issued. However, it would be helpful in assessing seating requirements if those wishing to attend would email Mrs Michaela Fox Makin (MFoxMakin@boltonschool.org) to confirm numbers by Monday 3 December 2018.