



## NEWSLETTER APRIL 2018

We said farewell and thanks to Dave Williamson, who stood down as national Chairman in February. At the regional committee meeting last week we elected him as our second Life Vice-President in the hope that we can continue to tap into his knowledge and experience from time to time.

At the meeting we also finalised some changes to our own organisation. We set up a small group to keep an eye on planning, navigation and environmental matters for us. Chaired by Tony Halliwell (our representative nationally), the members are Peter Hadfield, Mike Briers, Peter Bryson, me and Andy Sugden.

Mike Moore has volunteered to take over as Webmaster and he is reviewing the website and planning some updates and improvements.

The regional committee is also looking at the implications of GDPR for us through a working group of Richard Hemingway, Judy Leese and Steven Bristow. If any clubs are still struggling with GDPR please let me know. We may be able to direct you to some help and guidance.

Peter Hadfield has managed the Junior Travellers Trophy with great success for several years. He would like to stand down next year and so we are looking for someone, perhaps a parent who is already involved, to take over his role. We will be circulating some details shortly but, in the meantime, do contact me or Peter if you might be interested.

At the RYA AGM last year it was agreed that there would be significant changes of roles at the top of the organisation. The most important of these was the transfer of responsibility for future strategy from the Council to the Board and this was coupled with some restructuring of the Board. These and related changes were made to comply with the Code of Governance developed by UK Sport and Sport England who, between them, account for some 40% of our income.

One of the related changes was a commitment from the Board to review our arrangements for member and stakeholder engagement and to bring them up to something we could characterise as “gold standard” when related to other relevant organisations. This activity has been led by Board Member Sarah Hanratty who set up an Engagement Strategy Steering Group composed of staff and member representatives ( I’m representing the English regions). Over the last few months the group has interviewed a wide range of organisations to understand what they are doing about engagement and there has now been a detailed gap analysis of where we stand in relation to them.

The current situation was discussed at a meeting of the Interim Council on 21 March. Several presentations were made by Regional Chairs, all essentially about changes needed if any future arrangements were to have a regional basis. There were contributions from Personal Member representatives on Council and finally Sarah Hanratty led a discussion on what a Council of the Future might look like. It was a useful day but there seems some way to go before a new (or revised ) structure is agreed and up and running.

Finally of course, there are many events coming up. I have attached Adam McGovern's and Chris Blackburn's briefings on their programmes.

Please feel free to contact me on any of the issues raised here or anything else I may be able to help on.

Best Regards

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# North West RYA Regional Development Officers Report March 2018



**Push the Boat Out 2018 will take place during the entire month of May.**

## **Push the Boat Out 2018 – Activator Sign Up**

Since my last report we now 43 NW venues signed up for 2018, venues have ordered their resources and packs are currently being sent to clubs and centres in order for them to start promoting their event. As normal the NW regional team will be supporting a selection of events during the month.

A reminder for clubs:

- Please ensure your home page is advertising your PTBO event from now!
- Please ensure any hyperlinks links on your website link to your PTBO page not the RYA page as we will be directing online traffic to your websites from our PTBO event search facility.

The provisional list of clubs and dates for venues hosting a try sailing event in 2018 are below, final details for these events will be confirmed in April. We are hoping to add another two events into this schedule to bring the total up to 15 events:

<b>Try Sailing 2018</b>	<b>Date</b>
Bolton Sailing Club	21st July
Burwain Sailing Club	3rd June
Crosby Community	22nd July
Debdale OAC	7th August & 14th August
Dee Sailing Club	2nd June
Delph Sailing Club	15th July
Helly Hanson AC	7th July
Hollingworth Lake WAC	22nd July
Nantwich & Border Counties Sailing Club	11th August
Rosendale Valley Sailing Club	9th June/14th July/11th August
Scotmans Flash AC	7th July & 1st September
West Lancashire Yacht Club	16th June
Windermere OAC	20th June (Eve)

To promote both PTBO and Try Sailing we are planning to attend key high footfall events in order to promote boating in the region and increase numbers attending events, these so far include:

- Windermere Boat Show: 18<sup>th</sup> to 20<sup>th</sup> May
- Mersey River Festival: 26<sup>th</sup> & 27<sup>th</sup> May

If you know of any event that you think would benefit from a RYA presence please contact me at:

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Are you as a club attending any events? Did you know you can hire for FREE the GO Sailing event pack?

The RYA NW event pack is available for club wishing to promote boating at their club or centre. The event pack contains:

- 1 x 3m x 3m Gazebo Frame.
- 1 x Gazebo Roof
- 4 x Gazebo Sides with different images
- 1 x Leaflet Stand
- 1 x table
- 1 x Go Sailing table cover
- 1 x black board
- 1 x Go Sailing Feather Flags
- 1 x Go Sailing Ground Banner

To check availability and to book email: [adam.mcgovern@rya.org.uk](mailto:adam.mcgovern@rya.org.uk)



## **RYA NW Instructor Training Day 2018**

This year's RYA NW Instructor Training Day was a great success and attracted 115 participants from across the region. Thanks must go to all the people who delivered the workshops, the clubs and centres that provided a variety of craft, boards and RIBs, the manufacturers who lent boats for sessions as well as try a boat session and the staff at Waterside Lodge who kept us fed and watered with lots of welcoming smiles.

Feedback is coming in via an online survey which will help us plan for the 2019 event, details of which will be released later this year.

### **RYA NW Instructor Courses:**

**NEXT COURSE - RYA DINGHY SENIOR INSTRUCTOR COURSE**

26<sup>th</sup> to 29<sup>th</sup> April 2018 Ullswater

Yacht Club **PLACES STILL**

**AVAILABLE**

Booking is online at: <https://www.rya.org.uk/projects/event-booking/Pages/booking-form.aspx>

### **RYA NW Instructor Roadshow**

Following feedback from volunteers and instructors it has become clear our key helpers at club level spend a lot of time coaching and perhaps not enough time sailing for themselves.

In order to support the personal development of our regional instructors we have set up a series of evening sailing opportunities around the region to encourage our instructors to get together, go sailing and network. From April until August on the final Thursday of the month we have set up a sailing session for instructors to go sailing in a variety of boats and boards with informal tuition on offer to help them. The evenings are open to all sailing and windsurfing instructors from assistant instructor up and are just £10 per person. The fee includes use of all the equipment at the host venue.

Details are:

Thursday 26 April – Scotmans Flash Activity Centre, 1730 to 2030

Thursday 31 May – Crosby Lakeside Adventure Centre, 1800 to 2030

Thursday 28 June – Windermere Outdoor Adventure Centre, 1800 to 2000

Thursday 26 July – Hollingworth Lake Water Activity Centre 1800 to 2030

Thursday 30 August – TBC: Wirral Sailing Centre 1800 to 2000

In addition we have also set up the following instructor offer in partnership with Scotmans Flash Activity Centre where the regional Vago's are currently stored:

**Offer open to RYA Dinghy & Windsurfing Instructors only and based at Scotmans Flash Activity Centre, Wigan**

**Informal sail & coaching** - 2nd Thursday evening every month

Cost: £10 per person

**Vago Hire (pay and play)** - £15 per boat – 1\2 day

**Windsurfing (Pay and play)** - £10 per board – 1\2 day

**Vago hire with coaching** – £50 per boat includes 2:1 coaching for 2 hours coaching followed by 2 hours of hire

For more information email me at [adam.mcgovern@rya.org.uk](mailto:adam.mcgovern@rya.org.uk)



#### **RYA Affiliated Club Conference**

Following an initial review nationally it has been decided we will continue to run the conferences annually so we will have a RYA NW Affiliated Club Conference in 2018, the provisional date for this year's conference is:

**SATURDAY 1<sup>st</sup> DECEMBER**



**Save the Date: OnBoard 6 Hour Race – 14<sup>th</sup> July 2018 @ Hollingworth Lake Sailing Club**

This year the annual race is 6 hours long and open to all clubs from any region.

This year's event will be held in the following fleets:

OnBoard Fleet – Pico's (U15s & less than 2yrs experience)

Advanced Fleet – RS Feva/2000's/Laser 4.7s/Laser Radials/Pico's/Access (U18's any ability)

Cost: £40 per team

Minimum Standard: RYA Stage 2 or equivalent

Limited boats available: Allocated on a first come first serve basis.

Booking will go live in April.

Kind Regards,  
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## RYA NW Region – North Zone Racing Update March 2018

Dear All, Please find below my updates for the next meeting.

### **RYA North Zone Squad training**

The weather has continued to be mixed with no wind and ice to heavy rain and gales, luckily we had no training over the Dinghy Show weekend, so we did not lose any training to the snow. Hopefully with spring definitely in the air we will see great sailing conditions for the rest of training, which concludes with a joint (Midlands and North) Topper and Optimist 3 day camp at Pwllheli at the end of May.

The Topper class launched the Topper All Girls Training (a joint RYA Class association initiative), at their winter championships at WPNSA last month. I have attached a flyer for your information.

### **Introducing the new British Youth Sailing Recognised Club programme**

For the past 18 years, that RYA Champion Club and previously Volvo Champion Club has been running. During this period we have seen thousands of club sailors progress through the British Youth Sailing Pathway and develop a lifelong love of the sport of sailing.

Following a thorough review, we have taken the decision that now it is the right time to end the RYA Champion Club programme and this will take effect on the 31st March 2018. This will be replaced by a new RYA programme "British Youth Sailing Recognised Club", launched at the Dinghy Show, with the intention to more accurately target the benefits of the accreditation to the clubs that are demonstrating high quality race training and racing in the British Youth Sailing Recognised Classes and supporting the RYA Pathway.

A British Youth Sailing Recognised Club, will be our new sign of a quality youth training and racing club that is aligned to the British Youth Sailing Performance Pathway.

Benefits for New BYS recognised Clubs: Support and advice from your Regional High Performance Manager; coach development opportunities for your club coaches; a dedicated website with resources and videos.

To ensure that the accredited clubs continue to meet the minimum criteria, British Youth Sailing Recognised Clubs will have to meet the requirements of an annual inspection (as part of RTC inspection if a current RTC), as well as have representation at the new Regional Junior Championships at least once every 2 years.

If you would like your club to be considered for British Youth Sailing Recognised Club status, and would like to apply for recognition please see the new webpage [www.rya.org.uk/go/bysrecognisedclub](http://www.rya.org.uk/go/bysrecognisedclub) to download the application form and find out further information.

### **British Youth Sailing Regional Junior Championships**

The HPM team have recently conducted a review of the RYA Zone Championships and as a result have implemented several changes to try to truly reflect the nature of the event. We have changed the name of what was previously known as the Zone Championships to the British Youth Sailing Regional Junior Championships. At this event we will now be running three fleets, Championship Fleet (for all junior recognised classes), Coached Regatta Fleet and Fun OnBoard Fleet. We will continue to run the Club Trophy for the club that has the biggest increase in representation/entries at the event.

It will be held 29<sup>th</sup> 30<sup>th</sup> September at Ullswater YC.

So who are BYS Northern Region Junior Championships for?

- **Championship Fleet:** This is still an indicator for those who do want to apply for Zone squads so there will be one serious racing fleet for each of the BYS recognised junior classes.

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- **Coached Racing' Fleet** for sailors who can sail around triangle course and want to start racing. This fleet will be run by Zones coaches or equivalent and will be a brilliant learning experience for sailors who want to improve their racing skills.
- **Fun OnBoard Fleet** will be run for newer sailors. Led by local OnBoard instructors, it will be a bit of a regional end-of-season OnBoard festival filled with games, kids sailing all types of boats and heaps of OnBoard club camaraderie.

Please promote the event to your clubs and junior sailors.

### **Team15 – 2018 Interclub Series**

We ran a club development day in Leeds on the 18<sup>th</sup> March for Team15 clubs from the Midlands and the North. Unfortunately the weather worked against us, with heavy snow over the Saturday night and Sunday morning, which did result in a reduced attendance. Special mention must go the West Kirby Warriors and Debdale Diamonds for braving the conditions and attending the day in Leeds.

The 2018 NW Interclub dates and venues are:

<b>Event</b>	<b>Date</b>	<b>Venue</b>
1	20 May	Debdale
2	23 June	Scotsman Flash
3	21 July	Hollingworth
4	19 August	Debdale

### **RYA Level 2 Racing Coach Courses**

Are you looking for more coaches to help volunteer at your Club training? The RYA level 2 Racing Coach course aims to upskill good club racers to be able to deliver a good quality basic race training session. We can run a course at your club, the course is run over a weekend, with a maximum of 6 candidates per course. The course cost is £125 per person, and candidates should have Powerboat level 2 and First aid before they attend the course. If you would like to find out more about running a course at your club, or you would like to book a place on a course already set-up, please get in touch.

### **KEY DATES for 2018**

**1<sup>st</sup> – 6<sup>th</sup> April 2018:** RYA Youth National Championships, Largs, Scotland.

**5<sup>th</sup> – 7<sup>th</sup> May 2018:** RYA Eric Twiname Zone and Home Country Championships, Rutland Water SC.

**15<sup>th</sup> – 16<sup>th</sup> September 2018:** National Windsurfing Championships, Rutland Water SC.

**29<sup>th</sup> – 30<sup>th</sup> September 2018:** British Youth Sailing Northern Regional Junior Championships, Ullswater YC

**20<sup>th</sup> – 21<sup>st</sup> October 2018:** RYA Youth Team Racing Championships, Oxford SC

Any Questions, please get in touch.

Many Thanks, Chris