

EAST ZONE NEWSLETTER JUNE 2008

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ERIC TWINAME CHAMPIONSHIPS 2008

Beautiful sunshine greeted the 340 sailors representing the 6 zones/home countries at the Eric Twiname Championships. Unfortunately millpond conditions put paid to any sailing on Saturday.

The coaches however put together a series of talks and games to entertain the sailors. This was followed by a hugely successful raffle in aid of the Eric Twiname Trust (raising over £1500) and the now notorious Human Table Football competition which was won by Robbies Magic Men—a team of windsurfers from the North and West.

One sailor was heard to say—"this is more like a party than a sailing competition!"



It was back to more serious business on Sunday with a very gentle breeze allowing the organisers to run 3 races for all the Eric Twiname Classes which produced some worthy winners. The North Zone took the overall title but the East also produced some good results, in particular from the cadet team who took the overall team prize in that class with John and Alex Page (Waldringfield) winning, Madeline Harris/Annie Knott (Waldringfield) 3rd and Emma Knott/Eva Bottalico (Waldringfield) 6th.

Local lad Robert York (Rutland) was the best placed windsurfer in the 4.2 class with 2nd overall. Tom Bucktrout (Grafham) also took 2nd overall in the Topper class with George Meredith 3rd (Brancaster).

HPM MOVEMENTS

If you wish to see your High Performance Manager please do get in contact with him

Paul will also be at Erith YC on June 7th; Hythe and Saltwood Sailing Club on June 8th and Alton Water Sailing Club on June 14th

DO YOU WANT TO BE IN ONE OF THE RYA SQUADS THIS WINTER?

In order to be considered for ANY Junior Class Squad you need to apply online this year.

Optimist	National, Intermediate, Development and Zone Squads
Topper	National, Intermediate, Zone, JDP and Youth Squads
Mirror	National and Zone Squads
Cadet	National and Zone Squads
Windsurfer	National and Zone Squads
Laser 4.7	National Squad

Go to www.ryaracingevents.org.uk and select RYA National Junior Squad 2008

EAST ZONE SQUAD SELECTION EVENTS

You need to attend the following selection event and open training

Optimist	Selection event at Waveney & Oulton Broad Sailing Club 13 September Open Training at Wraysbury Lake Sailing Club 4 October
Topper	Selection event and Open Training at Stewartby Sailing Club 20/21 September
Mirror	Selection event and Open training at Marconi Sailing Club 20/21 September
Cadet	Selection event at Stone Sailing Club 6/7 September
Windsurfer	Open training at Datchet Water Sailing Club 18/19 October

You must also attend the RYA Zone Championships 27/28 September

ENTER NOW— VOLVO RYA ZONE CHAMPIONSHIPS 27/28 SEPTEMBER 2008

Entry is now open for the Zone Championships

Go to www.ryaracingevents.org.uk and select RYA Zone Championships 2008

The East Zone Championships will be held at Dabchicks Sailing Club

Racing will be for Optimist, Topper, Cadets, Windsurfer and a handicap fleet
East Mirror sailors need to enter the SE Zone Championships at Bewl Valley Sailing Club
East Laser 4.7, Feva and Dragoon sailors need to enter the South Zone Championships at Weymouth and Portland National Sailing Academy

SPORTSMATCH RETURNS

Sport England has announced the return of Sportmatch in May 2008 with the new web based facility enabling applicants to apply online www.sportsmatch.co.uk

Designed to encourage new or additional sponsorship investment from businesses, trusts and private individuals, Sportmatch, funded by Sport England, will continue to offer pound for pound matched funding to sporting stakeholders* for projects that encourage sports participation at grass roots level.

The scheme's criteria for awards has been amended to provide greater flexibility for applicants. From May 2008 onwards partnership funding from Trusts and Private individuals becomes eligible for match funding. In addition, applicants will now apply online with telephone support available from Sport England on 08458 508 508.

NEW ADDITIONS TO THE MUSTO ACADEMY

Optimist hotshots David Grant and Tom Britz and up-and-coming RS Feva helm Alex Mothersele join Youth trio Izzy Hamilton, Martin Evans and Sophie McKeeman in the 2008 Musto Academy. Sailors will receive a of a range of technical and casual sailing clothing from Musto for the next 12 months as part of their initiative to recognise and support emerging talent in the RYA Youth and Junior programmes.

Launched in 2007, under the banner of 'Achievement through Adventure', the Academy recognises those sailors who may not have actually already won medals but have shown the potential and desire to make the most of their talent while also acting as a positive role model for other sailors in their age group or class.

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To learn more about Volvo Sailing and the RYA members privilege price plan: www.volvocars.co.uk/sailing





ERIC TWINAME CHAMPIONSHIPS

At the recently held Eric Twiname Championships the RYA gave sailors a choice of whether to opt for an Advisory Hearing, RYA Arbitration or to have a traditional Protest.

It is well worth everyone understanding the difference between the 3 so that if you are at an event where it is offered you understand your choices.

REGIONAL RULES ADVISORS

Your RYA Regional Rules Advisor is only too happy to explain more about Advisory hearings and RYA Arbitration to you or your club

The South East Regional Rules Advisor is

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RYA SHOP www.rya.org.uk/shop

"GOING BY THE RULES"

"Going by the Rules" is a new teach yourself the rules DVD which will be available for purchase from the RYA Shop in early June

RYA MAGNETIC BOAT PACK

New to the RYA Shop is the RYA Magnetic Boat Pack. Ideal for accurately depicting races, enforcing and teaching the Racing Rules, as well as for hearings.

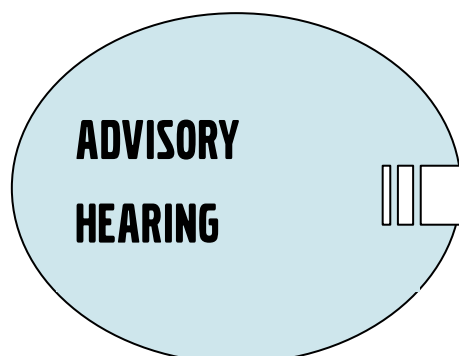
This pack comes in a handy zip lock, clear plastic bag, small enough to be carried anywhere, and contains 12 boats, 1 wind arrow, 1 tide arrow and 4 racing



WHICH SHOULD YOU OPT FOR?

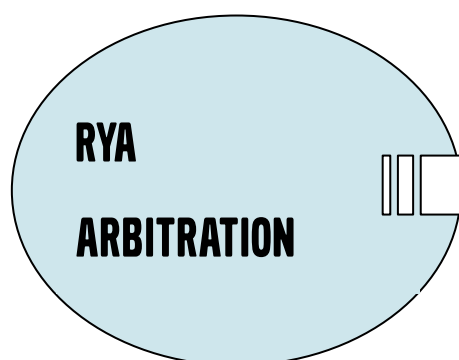
The modern way of dealing with incidents on the water is to offer a choice of having either

an **ADVISORY HEARING**, or **RYA ARBITRATION**, or a **PROTEST**



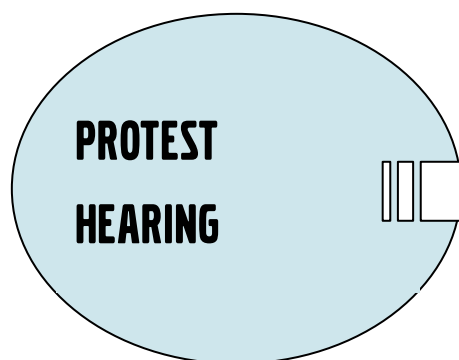
USE THIS TO LEARN IF YOU WERE IN THE RIGHT OR WRONG

- An incident has occurred but neither party wishes to protest but instead want to learn for the future from what happened
- No protest form is required
- Both parties meet informally with a Rules Adviser
- Both parties describe what happened
- The Rules Adviser explains what rules have been broken and whether anyone was in the wrong
- No one is disqualified although the boat in the wrong *may* either accept an exoneration penalty (usually a 20% scoring penalty) or retire



USE THIS IF YOU WANT THE DISPUTE RESOLVED QUICKLY AND SIMPLY, THIS IS NOT AS FORMAL OR AS HARSH AS A PROTEST HEARING

- An incident has occurred and a protest is lodged with a protest form completed within the normal time limit
- All parties agree to opt for RYA Arbitration
- A hearing takes place with a Rules Adviser
- The parties describe what happened, and the Rules Adviser decides if any witnesses should be called
- The Rules Adviser explains what rules may have been broken and who was in the wrong
- A boat in the wrong is asked to accept an exoneration penalty (usually 20%)
- No one is disqualified
- If the exoneration penalty is not accepted, the protest will go to a formal protest hearing
- There are very occasional scenarios where it is not possible or correct to resolve a dispute by RYA Arbitration and instead it has to be taken to a formal protest hearing



USE THIS IF THE DISPUTE IS COMPLEX, OR IF THERE HAS BEEN INJURY OR SERIOUS DAMAGE, OR IF YOU FEEL AN EXONERATION PENALTY WOULD BE IN APPROPRIATE

- An incident has occurred and a protest is lodged with a protest form completed within the time limit
- A traditional formal hearing of the parties takes place with a Protest Committee (usually of 3 people)
- Any boat that has broken a rule will be disqualified

The aim is to encourage people to follow the rules.

This is only a guideline, further information can be found on the RYA website under "Rules Disputes Best Practice" - <http://www.rya.org.uk/WorkingWithUs/raceofficials/rulesdisputes>

