

Welcome to the June issue of RYANI'S email bulletin. Please pass it on to as many people as possible, and print it for your club notice board. You can also take text out of it to use in your own club newsletter. The bulletin can be sent to individuals as well as to clubs and centres. If you would like to receive this email bulletin every month, just contact ryani@btconnect.com

RYA HEAD OF SPORT DEVELOPMENT AT MAY COUNCIL MEETING

Jon White is Head of Sports Development at RYA nationally and leads an ambitious programme encouraging more young people into sailing and boating. He gave a very useful and thought provoking presentation about approaches to club development which have produced results, putting forward many ideas on how to attract young people into sailing and how to keep them in the sport.

Making the point that sailing is no longer a 'dynasty activity', i.e. not necessarily passed from parent to child, and that competition for youngsters' interest comes from outside the sport in the form of game boys, TV etc, Jon had many suggestions on how to make the sport attractive.

Discerning children want, for instance, quality equipment and their own identity in a club youth section. Jon's suggestions on how to bring young people into a sailing club ranged from involving schools, having a youth section co-ordinator and young at heart instructors to working with other clubs on a common purpose.

Hopefully the Club representatives present will take away the tried and tested ideas and put them into practice in Northern Ireland.

EQUITY MONITORING

RYANI is expected to demonstrate its commitment to promoting equality of opportunity and increasing participation amongst under-represented groups.

The four home countries' Sports Councils have established a National Standard for Equality in Sport and it is condition of our allocation from SCNI for 2006-2007 that we achieve the Foundation Level early in the year. We need to set ourselves realistic equality targets and show what action we plan to take to achieve them, so we need to gather as much relevant data as possible.

In the knowledge that it will take several years to collect data on all our members, initially we will ask groups closely associated with RYANI, such as squad members, officials, council and committee members etc, to provide information. You can participate by downloading the Monitoring form at www.ryani.org.uk

ON THE WATER

Twenty nine young Topper sailors turned out at Donaghadee Sailing Club in May for a day of sunshine and racing. Race Officer Jimmy McKee did an excellent job of setting good fair courses on a committee boat prone to much rocking and rolling in a heavy swell. Well done to Chris Penney from CSC who took the overall prize of the day and to Ballyholme Yacht Club sailors who won the Team Prize. Thanks to Sports Council NI who provided competitors' goodie bags and to the club

volunteers including Commodore Alistair Spence who made everyone feel welcome.

Debbie Hanna from East Antrim finished 3rd in the twenty nine boat Laser Radial Silver fleet at the ISAF World Sailing Games 2006 in Austria. James Espey excelled in the 35 strong Laser Radial Silver men's' division, taking 7th place. In the 49ers Russell and Matt McGovern made the Gold division.

In the Laser Ulster championship at Lough Erne Tiffany Brien from RNIYC headed up the 4.7s AND Kylie McMillan (SLYC) lifted the Ladies' prize.

Entitlements for Champion Clubs

- The accreditation and branding of an RYA 'Centre of Excellence'
- A contracted part time RYA Class Coach to deliver free coaching days at your club
- Access to best practice workshops on a range of topics delivered locally at Volvo RYA Champion Club Conferences
- Assistance and expert advice in compiling a club development plan in order to enable clubs to meet their objectives
- Training of club volunteers to gain their RYA Club Racing Coach qualification
- Consultancy and support from your local HPM
- Trade Prices on selected Musto sailing kit for club coaches
- Zone newsletters, keeping clubs, coaches, and sailors up to date with all the latest developments and forthcoming events in junior racing
- Discounted access to RYA Sailsmart Clinics and National Coaching Conferences
- Accreditation. All Volvo RYA Champion Clubs receive the commemorative club plaque, Club Flag and official branding rights
- The opportunity to develop links to gain additional financial support

WIN A RIB FOR YOUR CLUB!

Royal Ulster Yacht Club is organising the Northern Ireland Regional Final of the RYA/Honda Youth Rib Championships on Saturday 10th June, to be held in the harbour beside the Marina. Please consider entering, even though you may have only one or two members interested. The Regional finals can accommodate two entries from each club in each age group. Please notify John Magowan immediately of your intention to take part. Please also contact him if you require further information. He is happy to give you whatever support is required to encourage a representative from your club to enter the Regional finals in Bangor. As you know Quoile and RUYC both have won the National Finals and now have new Rescue RIBs. It can be done, please come and take part. Details on www.ryani.org.uk or from John on 028 91 271054, 07834276487 or email john.magowan@btinternet.com

MARKING OF FISHING GEAR

RYA Cruising Committee rep Leslie King is keen to know of any incidents involving fishing gear – i.e. floats, nets etc., fowling boats. Hear what he says:-

This topic has been a long running series of discussions between the RYA Cruising Committee and the MCA. The RYA's point of view is that something needs to be done to push the fishing industry into a proper system of marking gear, whether it is lobster pot marker or a string of nets. The MCA says if we produce the

data to prove the danger and they will do something about it but our evidence suggests otherwise.

The point of this article is to gather the data we need to prove our point. My view is that it's not a big problem around Northern Ireland if you keep a good lookout. The following is an example of a serious incident. A mooring wire was picked up at night off Islandmagee. This was a light wire and it wrapped itself round the starboard prop and shaft cutting into the shaft seal. Very soon we lost 40 gallons of lubricating oil and the engine had to be stopped to minimise the loss. This meant a return to Belfast and emergency docking in Harland and Wolff for the ship at a cost of £ 40,000 to remove the mooring wire and replace the shaft seal.

Travelling up the Sound of Jura a couple of years ago I came on a buoy right in the middle of the Sound. I first thought it was drifting because the depth was well over 100m but as I got closer I could see the tidal stream passing it. My lesson learnt here was don't assume that lobster pots are only laid close inshore.

Tell us about your bad experiences! Fishermen have a right to earn a living the same as the rest of us but proper marking of gear would not go amiss. Please forward your information by any of the following alternatives:-

1. Contact Lisa at RYANI
2. Fill in a Fishing Gear Report Form which can be found on the RYA website www.rya.org.uk perform a search by typing in 'Fishing Gear Campaign'
3. Contact RYA Cruising Manager, Stuart Carruthers at RYA HQ on 023 8060 4230 or email stuart.carruthers@rya.org.uk
4. E-mail the NI Regional Liaison Officer (Cruising Committee), Leslie King at leslie.k@ntlworld.com

RYANI has produced a very useful deskpad reference map of clubs and training centres, also including marinas and sailability centres in NI. Contact Lisa for copies to be distributed at your club or event.

SHAREPOINT

Every month Sharepoint will do just that – share a point of interest with you. This month it's the turn of Donaghadee Sailing Club and their Friday Fun Nights in June, July and August. This scheme has been going for ten years, starting when the club was granted a new safety boat and had to demonstrate that its purchase encouraged people into sailing. DSC, which is ideally placed right in the middle of the town on the seafront, found that passers-by, (adults and children), were interested in what was going on and asked to join in. Schools were also involved.

Crucial to the growth in interest was that where children were involved, the club required at least one parent should stay with them. Last year 77 newcomers to the sport were welcomed. DSC owns several boats useful for a come-and-try it situation. For more info call Shirley McCrum on 028 9188 2889 or email ij.mcrum@ulst.ac.uk

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

RYA Honda Youth Rib Event	10 th June 2006 RUYC
Cockle Island Boat Club Regatta	17 th June – Cruisers start a. m. and dinghies in the afternoon.

RYANI YOUTH CHAMPIONSHIP
www.ryani.org.uk

2nd & 3rd September at SLYC details on

AGM

4TH October 2006. Venue to be arranged

NEW VISITORS' MOORINGS AT CUSHENDALL



Five new visitors' moorings have been installed in Red Bay Co Antrim which will be great for sailors travelling to and from Scotland along the North Antrim Coastline. The new moorings capable for boats up to 15 tons are right in front of Cushendall Sailing and Boating Club where sailors are assured of a warm welcome in superb modern premises.

Cushendall is a beautiful village with lots of things to do. Showers, diesel, food and entertainment are also available close to the new moorings.

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INSTRUCTOR COURSE

There are two places available on the next Dinghy Instructor Course. Pre assessment is at Craigavon Watersports Centre on the Sunday the 25th June. The Course will be held at Newtownards Sailing Club from 24th-28th July. A First Aid Course is available at CLYC on the 24th for those who need it (£25).

PHOTOGRAPHS

Photographs can be viewed on www.ryani.org.uk

YOUR INPUT IS NEEDED

Please feel free to send any RYANI related information for inclusion in the next bulletin to Betty Armstrong at mearmstrong@tiscali.co.uk or telephone 028 9146 5372 by Friday 26TH May at the latest.

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