

# Waterline

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The Tall Ships Event was a massive success judging by the crowds! Attendees had the chance to have a look at the Ships and savour the delights of the continental markets. Many thanks to Belfast Lough Sailability who shared their stand with us, giving us the governing

body of sailing in Northern Ireland a chance to meet people, get some feedback on the issues affecting boaters, and would be boaters in NI.

Some of the issues included public launching facilities in NI, Sailing venues in Lough Neagh area, and mostly, where to find out about courses and clubs.

Many of these issues will be addressed over the coming months by our new Development Officer, and the team in NI. If you have any questions, or points that you think we should know about, or missed! Please e-mail: [mary.farrell@rya.org.uk](mailto:mary.farrell@rya.org.uk)

**Contents:** Tall Ships and Toppers, RYA NI Youth Champs lists of courses that are being run so that you can try out sailing, and dates of upcoming instructor courses

## NI Sailor is UK Champion!

Christopher Eames from Strangford Lough Yacht Club beat 302 other Topper sailors to become 2009 UK National Topper Champion. This is a fantastic achievement for Chris.

If you would like to get involved or find out more contact your nearest Champion Club, or view RYA Champion Club pages at:

[www.rya.org.uk/programmes/volvoryachampionclub](http://www.rya.org.uk/programmes/volvoryachampionclub)



The new newsletter will hopefully cover activities in clubs. If you are a member of a club, and would like to put a story in about your club then please contact me at the details below.

## **Instructor Courses:**

### **Newtonards Sail Training:**

Halloween and December Dinghy Instructor courses

***D/I course at Newtownards***

***Pre-entry day 24th October***

***5 day course 25th 30th -31st and 1st and 2nd November***

Contact Lawrence Baalham for a place, there is high demand for this course so reserve your place soon!

e-mail: [l.baalham@virgin.net](mailto:l.baalham@virgin.net)

If you are interested in doing an instructor course, please e-mail:

[Mary.farrell@rya.org.uk](mailto:Mary.farrell@rya.org.uk), to get on to

Instructor candidate list.

## **Sailability:**

Belfast Lough Sailability is the most active Sailability group in Northern Ireland

### **What's going on!**

Sat/Sun 22/23 August–

Carrickfergus Sailing Club Regatta and weekend entertainment.

Wed 26 August – 7pm Last Wednesday Sail of the year.

Sun 6 September – 10am First Sunday Sail Carrickfergus Harbour

Autumn - Arrival of Paralympic Class Skud 18

(Please note if you have your own wet weather gear bring it along.

BLS has a supply of lifejackets but only a limited number of waterproofs available at the moment.)

### **Other planned activities.**

Sat 22 August - Mill Bay Regatta –

Our friend Linda Leslie is there with her 'Bizzi-buddies' on behalf of the

Kite Challenge.

Kite Challenge – Website Link for further information – [www.kitechallenge.com](http://www.kitechallenge.com)

Jan 2010 - Annual dinner and Prize givin

Mrs R.Meadow, Hon Sec.

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[www.belfastloughsailability.org.uk](http://www.belfastloughsailability.org.uk)

## **Courses:**

### **Share Centre, Enniskillen:**

Thursday Club Adult SAILING!! Skills progression courses running on Thursday evenings from 5.30 - 7.30pm - £85.

(T) 029 6772 2122 (W) [www.sharevillage.org](http://www.sharevillage.org)

### **Ulster Cruising School, Carrick:**

Competent Crew/Dayskipper Course Friday 18<sup>th</sup> to Tuesday 22<sup>nd</sup> September. Further Yachtmaster and Coastal Skipper courses from October.

(T) 028 9336 8818 (W) [www.ulstercruising.com](http://www.ulstercruising.com)

### **Craigavon Watersports Centre:**

One day SAILING courses, monthly; **Windsurfing** and **Powerboating** on request! For more information call:

(T) 028 3834 2669



Kinnego Marina is running a variety of power boating courses over the coming months. There are details below of just one. You can find their full range of courses on their website, or contact us at the RYA NI.

#### **Powerboat Level Two**

It includes close quarters handling, high speed manoeuvres, man overboard recovery and collision regulations. Background knowledge needed by the competent powerboat driver and is the basis of the international certificate of competence.

Ability after the course: Self-sufficient powerboater in the right conditions, aware of own limitations and those of craft

Duration: 2 days Minimum age 12 Cost: £200.00 per person

Wednesday & Thursday each week, (subject to numbers)

October & November 0930 to 1700

February & March 0930 to 1700

COST INCLUDES: Lunch, Hand book, Log book and Certificate

Contact: Kinnego Marina 02838327573 [kinnego.marina@craigavon.gov.uk](mailto:kinnego.marina@craigavon.gov.uk)

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*Keep your eyes on the RYA NI Website for details of Cruising Conference, Club Conference, Open Pathway Training and more sailing and boating events in NI.*