



Thames Valley and London Newsletter December 2012

Welcome to this edition of our regional newsletter.

Young Sailor of the Year Lottie Harland from Reading has been selected for the RYA Thames Valley and London Regional Young Sailor of the Year Award 2012. Lottie has also been selected as one of three national finalists for the YJA Pantaenius Young Sailor of the Year. [More](#)

Volunteer Awards Three Thames Valley and London sailors, Tamasin Cole, Dudley Davies and Alistair McVean were each presented with one of the RYA's most prestigious awards, an RYA Lifetime Commitment Award on Friday 23 November by HRH the Princess Royal, President of the RYA. [More](#)

The 2012 RYA Club Conference held at Burghfield SC on December 1 offered national and regional updates and a choice of workshops on club development – a very informative and motivating day. [More](#)

Tullet Prebon London Boat Show Ticket Offer exclusively for RYA members - £10 when booked in advance saving £10 on the cost of buying a ticket at the show and "Kids go free". [More](#)

RYA Dinghy Show Make a date in your new diary – 2-3 March 2013, Alexandra Palace, London. [More](#)

Motor Boating News For news of ATYC activities, Newsman's 5W column, soggy evidence, licence fees and enforcement, lockside tea rooms and more visit [motor boating](#)

River Watch. Information on boat registration and the River Thames News website from regional chairman Alan Woolford. [More](#)

Is Your Club Seeking Funding? Steve Mitchell, RYA sailing development officer (SDO) for London says there is still Sport England Small Grants (up to £10K) and Inspired Facilities (up to £50K) funding available and encourages clubs and centres to apply for these if you haven't already. If you need help on how to apply contact steve.michell@rya.org.uk within the M25, or tim.anderton@rya.org.uk for the rest of the Thames Valley.

High Performance For news of the 2012 RYA Volvo Zone Championship, the 2013 Zone Squads, club workshops, Inner London activity, funding and coaching see [more](#)

Honda Youth Rib The 2013 Honda RYA Youth Rib Championship Thames Valley and London Regional Final will be held at Docklands Sailing and Watersports Centre on Sunday 19 May 2013. More details will follow in due course. [More](#)

Regional Instructor Day 2013 for will be at Datchet SC on 23 March 2013. For more information contact tim.anderton@rya.org.uk

New Racing Rules As usual, following an Olympic year, there will be a revised set of rules from next January – the Racing Rules of Sailing 2013 – 2016. There are a few changes which will affect competitors and/or race officials. Regional Racing Rules Advisor Chris Simon has a presentation which he can present at your club. [More](#)

First Aid - Twickenham YC reports a considerable uplift in membership due to the Olympics and Paralympics, and holding an extra Open Day and extra taster events between the two. The club has extended its Shorebased Training Centre status to include First Aid. A class on 2 February 2013 is open to non-members.

[More](#)

Environmental and Planning For news of Surbiton filter beds development, Thames Tideway Tunnel, Fulham Football Ground and Your Tidal Thames see [more](#)

For more information on news and events in the Thames Valley and London visit [your region](#)

Your club/centre news of regional interest can be included in the next newsletter and on the RYA regional web site, or to provide feedback on either, please contact mhaigh7@btinternet.com

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....and finally best wishes for Christmas and the new year!