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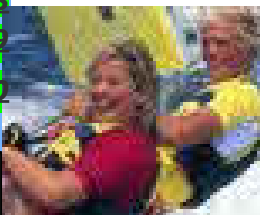
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RYA-South East Newslet- ter

**New format
launched!**

This is the second issue in this format, which is designed to:

- Click and find a page or article
- Show pictures in colour (*previously only black & white*)
- Have hotlinks to websites for more information
- Low cost to send out to members and contacts
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Cruising Seminar Feb 2nd 2008 at Chipstead SC

'Freedom of the Seas, Despite....'

Keynote speakers include David Darbyshire and Stuart Carruthers **More details**

Awards: RYA "Club of the Year" "Young Sailor of the Year"

RYA South East supports its entries for these prestigious awards **Read More . . .**

RYA-SE Topper and Oppie Regattas

Despite severe weather battering the country, 18 youngsters from South East sailing clubs battled it out in regional final **Read More . . .**

Hythe Hotshots hat trick bid

Hythe Hotshots - our regional windsurfing champions - miss out on their bid for a third consecutive win at this year's National Championships on Rutland Water. **Read More**

RNLI Rescues

The drama of life saving **Read details .**

RYA Courses and Training, Zone News and Boat Shows

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RYA Awards to be an- nounced soon

Three major sets of awards are about to be proclaimed shortly. The RYA Raymarine Young Sailor of the Year will be presented at the RYA AGM on November 22nd, and the Regional winners an-
nounced.

The RYA Club of the Year and RYA Community awards will also be announced then. Regional winners and details of their achievements will be on the RYA-SE website (www.ryase.org.uk) as soon as possible afterwards.

RYA-SE committee battling for you

Below are 29 of the organisations which 11 members from our Regional Committee regularly attend to fight for **your** interests. This takes much of their own time, much dedication but little cost, because they do all this voluntarily:

- RYA Council**
- RYA Committees:** Cruising & Government Affairs - Training - Constitution - Public Relations and Marketing
- Environment Agency:** SE River Basin Management Liaison Panel - Southern Regional Fisheries, Ecology and Recreation Advisory Committee – Medway Navigation Consultation
- Port of London Authority** Committees: Strategic - River Users Consultative Upper, Lower and Estuary
- District Marine Safety Committee** SE (for coastal ports)
- Dover Port Consultative Committee**
- Maritime & Coastguard Agency** committees: Channel Manager Information Service User Group - Kent Local Safety & Rescue - Sussex Safety & Rescue
- Medway & Swale** committees: Maritime Forum - Medway Swale Estuary Partnership
- Thames Estuary Partnership** and TEP Regional Action Group
- Sport England** SE National Governing Body Forum
- Sussex County Sports Partnership Trust**
- Sailing Associations:** National Schools - Kent Schools - West Sussex Schools & Youth
- Harbour of Rye Advisory Committee**
- Dover Sea Sports Centre Development Group**

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Aground on Eastbourne Beach - RNLI to the rescue

RYA boaters are indebted to the service provided by the RNLI. It is fast, efficient and it is free. In recent years, more and more of RNLI rescues have involved leisure craft, less and less commercial boats. Here is just one example - a spectacular one - which happened in our region.

Both Eastbourne lifeboats went to the aid of the 11m wooden boat that had run aground on the beach near Splash Point on 30th May this year. The lone sailor had dislocated his thumb, and was struggling with the rigging. Two crew members from the small D class lifeboat went aboard, while the injured man was taken off for his safety. the Mersey class lifeboat then set up a tow, and was able to pull the sailing boat clear when a large wave refloated her. The sailor returned to his craft and sailed her into Eastbourne's Sovereign Harbour under the escort of the lifeboats. His injury was treated by waiting paramedics.



Unlike the Coastguard, the RNLI receives no government finance for its superb work. But you can help in so many ways. Just go to http://www.rnli.org.uk/how_to_support_us and follow the links.

Dinghy Show Ticket Of- fer

Thanks to the shows newest sponsor, Crystal Active, anyone who purchases a ticket before the show will have the chance to win a fantastic family activity holiday to one of Crystal Active's beach clubs in either, Greece, Turkey or Croatia. The holiday includes full water sports programme so you can get out on the water and put in to practice any tips you picked

up from the many experts who will be sharing their knowledge at the 2008 Dinghy Sailing Show.

Taking place at Alexandra Palace, London on Saturday 1st and Sunday 2nd March, the Dinghy Sailing Show is the only show in the world dedicated exclusively to dinghy sailors and the 2008 event is shaping up to be a real show stopper. Ticket details will be announced in the new year, and on the RYA website

www.rya.org.uk

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Some Useful Websites

RYA South East

www.ryase.org.uk

RYA Website - Home

www.rya.org.uk

RYA Website - South East Pages

www.rya.org.uk/Regions/SouthEast

BBC 5 day Weather Forecast

www.bbc.co.uk/weather/5day.shtm

Hythe Hotshots miss out on national championship hat trick

Over 100 kids gathered at Rutland Water, (6-7th October) for the culmination of the RYA's Team15 National Championship – The Champions Cup – for one of the most closely contested finals in the championship's history.

With light winds and few races to demonstrate their skill, tactics and stamina proved vital and after a slow but skilful five



Catriona Hards gets a grip



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ces the final points table was extremely close, with just seven points separating the top 4

teams. The nine teams competing hailed from as far afield as the Highlands of Scotland to the depths of Cornwall, having all qualified to represent their zones at the event after winning their regional heats over the summer.

Hythe Hotshots, the South East region's team and 2005 and 2006 National Champions, were hoping to make it a hat trick this year. They won 2 of the 5 classes (Alex Barry 4.5 m; Tom Addison 5.5m), and were second in the 6.8 Techno (Sam Conroy), but in the end had to settle for fifth place. with west zone's Team Astbury from Congleton crowned 2007 National Champions. (To find out more about Team15 visit www.team15.org.uk.)

On Board - but sans board

From 6 November 2007, British Airways has announced that it will no longer carry certain items of sporting equipment – including windsurfers. This is due to their large size and handling complexities. This restriction covers Hang gliders; Windsurfing boards and sails; Surfboards; Kayaks and canoes; Pole vaults and Javelins

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RYA-SE Optimist Regatta Chipstead

Sept 8th saw 4 teams (26 youngsters) attending the annual RYA Oppie regatta at Chipstead sailing club. This team event is aimed at those youngsters in their first or second season who have not attended an open meeting. The teams were greeted with a very light wind and the prospect of some slow racing. Luckily for all the wind slowly built and after a briefing by the OOD John King the fleet launched to sail 4 races back to back.

The OOD set a triangular course with the start and finish line half-way up the beat. The fleet got away first time and Ashley Dickeson sailing his Oppie for Weald got to the windward mark first. Away in clear wind, he was able to extend his lead and was never overtaken. 2nd went to Daniel Wilson & 3rd to Toby Hagon, also from Weald.

The second race saw Ashley extending his lead with another 1st place. The wind in-

creased slightly for the third race, with a change in the leader board. Tom Williams finished in front, followed by Ellie Pringle - both sailing for Weald. Third place went to Joseph Robinson sailing for East Sussex. The wind slightly eased for the last race, and Ashley came out on top sailing to a clear lead, victory overall and victory for his team Weald.



Although the youngsters had finished for the day, the fun was not over and the parents took to the water in the Oppies to show the children how it was done. Fun racing was had with cheering support from the bank!

Results were as follows:- Team Positions

- 1st Weald
- 2nd East Sussex
- 3rd MYA

The event was a great success, with a big "thank you" to Chipstead Sailing Club for hosting the event, and all the work put in by RYA-SE committee members Brian Stanley and Jan Gillon

Topper Regatta 2007

A group of enthusiastic young novice sailors from all over the South East region gathered at Bough Beech Sailing Club to compete in the RYA SE region Topper regatta on 20th October. Boats were rigged while the mist cleared from the reservoir, and then everyone waited for some wind as the sun came out.

Unfortunately it never came! Eventually the race officers organised some fun



Weald Winners

races instead. Three Toppers were de-rigged and the sailors divided into three teams. There followed a relay paddling race to the nearest mark, with a scratch team from Weald and East Sussex winning easily as they quickly mastered the technique of travelling in a straight-ish line!

In the second race, all the members of each team jumped onto their Topper together, resulting in some "men overboard"

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Continued . . . and some impressive organisation by the team from West Sussex, who in the previous race had come in last by several minutes.

Probably the favourite game was the last, when 5 Toppers were tied together upside down and

each sailor had to run along their hulls and jump in the freezing water. Clearly, they had their wet or dry suits on as they enjoyed it so much they did it twice!
So everyone had fun - but we hope to get some sailing next year!

South East Stars of Tomorrow Shine at 2007 RYA Zone Championships

Over the weekend September 29th - 30th, more than 1,000 of Britain's hottest sailing and windsurfing youngsters did battle at seven venues across England and Scotland in the ever-popular RYA Zone Championships.

At the South East Zone Championships, held at Bewl Valley Sailing Club in Kent, there were 144 entrants. No-one could touch Whitstable Yacht Club pair Will Lowes (13) and Tom Bruton (14) who won five out of five races to take the RS Feva title, and were the toast of the Championships.

Whether making the podium for the inaugural time in their fledgling careers or taking their first tentative steps on the Junior racing pathway, there will undoubtedly be names on the results sheets that shine on the International stage in years to come. But the sailors were made to work for their success as variable wind conditions played a lead role in how results panned out. These young guns had to apply a whole range of their skills honed at club training and competitions throughout the year.

Meanwhile the girls were also in impressive form, making up over a third of all entrants nationwide. 14-year-old Julia Beck from Paper-court, near Ripley in Surrey, took the Topper title ahead of boys in 2nd and 3rd.

Duncan Truswell, RYA Junior Racing Manager, admitted the quality on show at the Zone

Championships never ceases to amaze him. He said: "It is no cliché to suggest we are supremely confident that these sailors will keep the RYA Team GBR flag flying at medal ceremonies in the future.

"The sailors were forced to contend with some challenging breezes across the Zones over the weekend but the quality of racing never dropped off. Some of the especially gratifying aspects of the weekend were the numbers of girls, Laser 4.7s and windsurfers taking part across England and Scotland. We continue to see plenty of growth in all of these areas as a result of concerted efforts on behalf of the RYA.

"However, the results and numbers do not tell the full story. It is important to appreciate that we are seeing constant improvements in the standards year on year with the youngest competitors getting better all the time. This is really exciting for the future of sailing in this country."

Meanwhile double Olympic gold medalist Ben Ainslie, who was at Weymouth and Portland taking part in the RYA National Match Racing Series at the same time as the South Zone Championships, also had words of encouragement for the Zone youngsters.

He added: "It was great seeing so many young sailors taking part. With the Olympic Games taking place at Weymouth and Portland in 2012 there are going to be so many opportunities for youngsters to achieve their dreams in sailing in the next five years, whether in Olympic classes or big boats so they should all make the most of those opportunities and enjoy them."

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Zone Championships - The Future

My first year as High Performance Manager for the South East, I attended the South East Bawl Zone championships on the Sunday to observe proceedings.

This year the championship was aimed at the younger sailor, as this tends to be a first major event for these junior sailors.

Both days the wind was very light, so combining the fleets on a single course created no serious problems. If the wind had been stronger we would have seen the fleets mixing more. Asymmetric boats do not tend to mix with conventional boats very well on a single race track.

Over the years, we are seeing more junior sailors attending the South East Zone

Championships. If this event is to continue to thrive in the current format, we may have to restrict the number of competitors able to attend with such mixed speed fleets. (Optimists , Topper Vs 29er's ,Lasers etc) - Not what we want, as we need to continue the growth of the younger sailors in junior classes

Options we can consider include:

- Exclude the youth classes
- Run two separate events, one for juniors and the other for youth classes

Please send your thoughts and comments to me



Paul Wren

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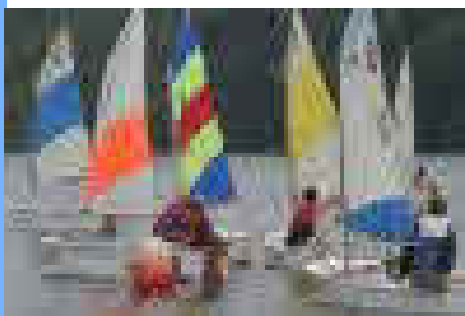
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Optimists at Chipstead

Winter training applications top 100

Selection is now taking place for those who will qualify for Zone training over the winter 2007-2008. There have been over 100 entrants, with 35 Optimists, 28 Toppers and 30 Windsurfers

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John Crone



Sarah Black



Stuart Carruthers

Cruising Seminar Saturday Feb 2nd 2008 Chipstead SC, near Sevenoaks

'Freedom of the Seas, Despite....'

Chairman: John Crone RYA South East Cruising Representative

0915 Registration

10:00 Current Cruising Issues Stuart Carruthers RYA Cruising Manager
Gus Lewis RYA Legal Manager

11:00 Coffee

11:30 The Lessons from **Ouzo**

MAIB

12:00 The Future of Cruising

David Darbyshire RYA Cruising
& Government Affairs Committee

12:30 Question Panel

13:00 Lunch

14:00 The **Green Blue**

Sarah Black RYA Project Manager

14:30 Questions

14:40 Shipping lanes, yacht channels,
wind farms and London Gateway

Roy Stanbrook
Harbourmaster (Lower) PLA

15:10 Questions

15:20 Tea

16:00 First Aid at sea

David Fry

16:30 Questions

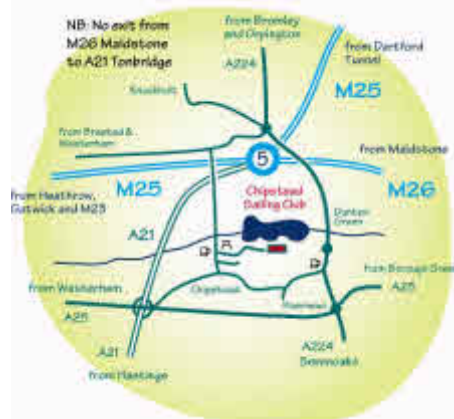
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Details of the programme, timing, cost, map and how to get tickets are
also posted on the RYA South East
website

www.ryase.org.uk/site/news.php

Tickets @ £17.50 per person (£15
For RYA personal members) from Jan
Gillon, RYA-SE Secretary, The Spin-
ney, 19 Woodlands Road, Bickley
Kent BR1 2AD Tel: 0208 467 8673
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RYA Club and Centre Development meeting at Sussex Yacht Club

15 November 2007 at 1900 until 2130

OnBoard

Come and meet the newly appointed On-Board Development Officer for West Sussex, Gareth Glover.

The aim of the OnBoard project is to support sailing clubs and centres introducing new young people to sailing, therefore providing a foundation for sailing in the future.

Regional Development Officer

Andy Hooper is the RYA Development Officer for the South & South East Region, and he will also be there. The aim of this post is to develop regular participation in sailing and windsurfing and to maintain and improve standards of safety; training and volunteer management at RYA affiliated clubs and recognised Training Centres in the area. This work will include rolling out the OnBoard project in West Sussex.

If your club or Training Centre wants to attend, please confirm your attendance by 9 November to: rdosse@rya.org.uk



Andy Hooper



Gareth Glover

Welcome to Gareth Glover - New West Sussex RYA OnBoard Development Officer

Gareth has been sailing now for 20 years in a variety of dinghies and yachts. Aside from being an RYA coach assessor, he also has other instructor qualifications including yacht master instructor (sail) and advance power boat instructor.

Gareth has worked as an RYA as instructor for many years, starting out at a centre in

Manchester before moving to Southampton where he worked for Local Authority centres. He is now situated in Brighton.

He has a long-standing and continued passion for the sport, and enjoys passing his knowledge on to others through training. He started sailing as a child and looks forward to introducing this sport to the schoolchildren of the South East in his new role as RYA OnBoard Development Officer. He looks forward to working with sailing clubs and local youth groups in the region.



Stuart Bishop

Provisional KSSA Fixtures 2008

19 April	Opening Splash
10 May	Sea Training – Topper
17 May	Topper Team Racing
24/25 May	NSSA Championships
14 June	Junior Training Regatta Dover
5 July	Coastal Training & Camp
5 July	Littlefield Memorial Race
6 July	Summer Regatta
20/25 July	NSSA Regatta

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Don't forget to include your contact details (name; club; position; phone;email)

Pictures can be emailed.

Zone News from Paul Wren, Zone HPM*

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| 28 November 2007 | Inspectors update | Chipstead evening |
| 26 January 2008 | Inspectors' meeting | Chipstead |
| 20 February 2008 | Instructor conference | Chipstead evening |
| 29 March 2008 | Instructors all day conference | Hayling Island SC |

Training News from Andy Hooper RDO*

Instructor Conferences - suitable for anyone that teaches the RYA schemes

SE and S Region - Sat 29th March 2008 at Hayling Island SC - on water sessions included!

SE Region - Wed 20th Feb (6pm) at Chipstead SC - Land based

Club Conferences

South East - Sat 3rd Nov 07 - Datchet Water

Inspectors/Coaches/Trainers - intended for those that teach instructors or inspect centres

2007 wash up

S Region - Wed 21st Nov 07 (6pm) at RYA House

SE Region - Wed 28th Nov 07 (6pm) at Chipstead SC

2008 updates and issue

S Region - Tues 5th Feb 08 (6pm) at Spinnaker SC

SE Region - Sat 26th Jan 08 (10.30) at Chipstead SC

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TWO London Boat Shows!

This winter, there will be **two** Boat Shows in London. The first is at Earls Court from December 1st to 9th, sponsored by Whyte & Mackay. The second - as last year- is at Excel, is sponsored by Collins Stewart and the Daily Mail, and runs from January 11th to 20th. Get details, exhibitors, times and tickets on line at:

Earls Court	Dec 1-9	www.earlscourtboatshow.com
Excel	Jan 11-20	www.londonboatshow.com

There will be an RYA stand and Members Lounge only at Excel. Why? RYA believe that the current Southampton and London boat shows provide the boating public with a good cross section of manufacturers and suppliers to visit and talk to, and it would not necessarily be to their benefit if this was diluted. In addition, neither of these shows clash significantly with any other key boat show. Therefore the RYA is not yet convinced that a 3rd national boat show in the UK would best serve the interests of the consumer.

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