

WEST ZONE NEWSLETTER APRIL 2008

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RACING COACH LEVEL 2 COURSES

<http://www.rya.org.uk/WorkingWithUs/racingcoaches/racingcoachlevel2courses.htm>

If you want to know more contact your High Performance Manager or Jenny Campbell-James

Queen Mary	17-18 May	Full
Poole	10-11 May	Spaces
Derwent	26-27 April	Spaces
Burnham	12-13 April	Spaces
Ely	5-6 April	Spaces
Scaling Dam	29-30 March	Full
Starcross	29-30 March	Full

If you would like to hold a course at your club please get in touch asap



DEADLINES

Important deadlines are approaching – go to www.ryaracingevents.org.uk to enter.

16th March – closing date for entry to the Youth National Championships and Trials 2008 – strictly NO late entries allowed

18th April – closing date for entry to the 2008 Eric Twiname Championships 2008 on 10/11 May – entry is restricted to zone/home country squad sailors only

18th April – closing date for entry to the 2008 RYA Laser 4.7 Indicator event at Rutland on 10/11 May

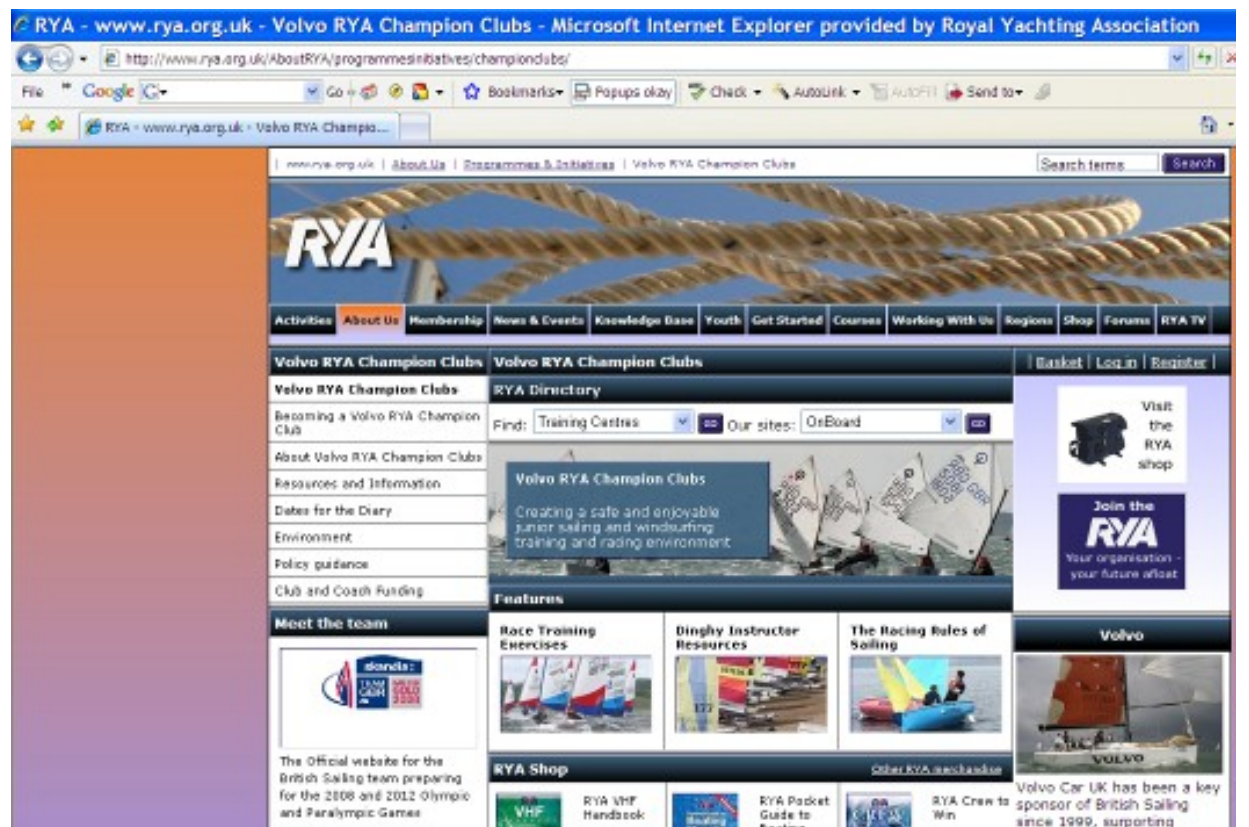
WEBSITE IMPROVEMENTS

Quick Links to Champion Club section – www.rya.org.uk/vcc

We realise that the rya website is a mega beast so there is now a quick link www.rya.org.uk/vcc to the Volvo RYA Champion Club part of the RYA website.

All the information you need to access for your club can be accessed by quick links from this page.

You will find lots of useful resources for your club on these pages.

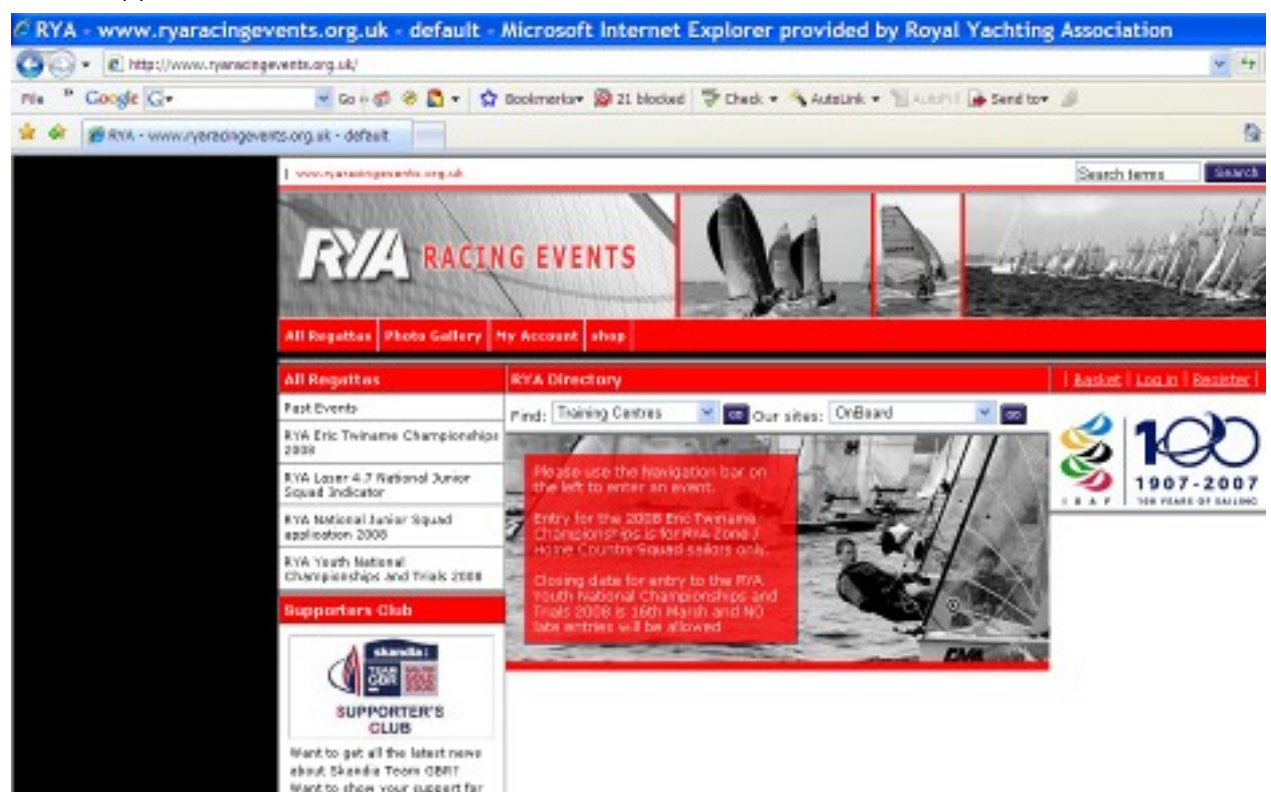


New, all singing, all dancing, section to enter events www.ryaracingevents.org.uk

Those of you that had problems entering last year will be pleased to hear that this is now a new and improved system!

Enter the Youth National Championships and Trials NOW and the Eric Twiname Championships

You can also apply to be considered for any National Junior or Zone Squad in Optimist, Topper, Mirror, Cadet and windsurfer



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



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DISCOUNTS AVAILABLE IF YOU ARE BUYING A NEW VOLVO & YOUR CLUB CAN BENEFIT TOO

Don't forget RYA members can get discounts if they buy a Volvo. Where a new car is purchased by a RYA member of a Volvo RYA Champion Club, said club can claim £100 upon registration.

VCC grants for clubs if members buy a new Volvo	£100	This amount will be paid by Volvo Car UK Limited direct to the Volvo RYA Champion Club upon receipt of a Volvo Car UK Limited claim form.
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Go to www.rya.org.uk/vcc - and look for the benefits of becoming a champion club including the Volvo Affinity Deal or download the deal direct

MONEY AVAILABLE TO CLUBS

It is an exciting time for clubs at the moment with the new club and coaching funding, funding to help your club be environmentally friendly and further funding if members buy new Volvos

CLUB AND COACH FUNDING

The objective is to increase participation and retain young people in sailing and wind-surfing. The RYA is doing this by increasing the number and effectiveness of Volvo RYA Champion Clubs and also improving links with OnBoard and Team 15.

Volunteer training and development is the main focus of the funding

The Grants	The amount	What it can be used for
Development Grant	£250	For clubs actively working towards becoming a VCC. This grant can be put towards courses to train and qualify volunteers
Delivery Grant	£400	For VCC's. This grant can be put towards courses to train and qualify volunteers
Annual Grant	£100	For VCC's. This grant can be put towards attracting and retaining volunteers, it can be spent on things like T-shirts, team meals, etc. to say thank you to volunteers

The funding has been awarded by Sport England – for exclusive use of clubs/centres in ENGLAND only. If you need to know more contact James Tilley, RYA Champion Clubs Liaison Officer: James.Tilley@rya.org.uk, 07748 800808 or your High Performance Manager

GRANTS AVAILABLE TO HELP CLUBS BE ECO FRIENDLY

Eco Friendly Grants	£100 - £1000	For Volvo RYA Champion Clubs to fund projects carried out by young people aged 10-16, to improve their environmental impact, implement good environmental practice and assist them in complying with environmental legislation.
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The RYA and The Green Blue team have produced a handbook for clubs and recognised training centres to help understand the environmental issues and legal requirements when operating waterside facilities "The Planning and Environmental Handbook". This will be an excellent tool to assist clubs in evaluating their environmental impact and applying for their share of the £20,000 grant pot.

To download the RYA Planning and Environmental Handbook go to: www.rya.org.uk/WorkingWithUs/clubs/premises/PE_Handbook.htm

RYA ZONE CHAMPIONSHIPS 27/28 SEPTEMBER 2008

South Zone	Weymouth & Portland National Sailing Academy
South West Zone	Chew Valley Sailing Club
South East Zone	Bowl Valley Sailing Club
East Zone	Dabchicks Sailing Club
West Zone	Blithfield Sailing Club
North Zone	Scaling Dam Sailing Club
Wales	Pwllheli Sailing Club
Scotland	Largs Sailing Club

Enter online through www.ryaracingevents.org.uk

(entry not open yet)

OPEN TRAINING

Please support the Class Associations open training programmes—we are happy to put them in the newsletter if you send them to us

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