



RYA Club of the Year Award 6<sup>th</sup> March 2010

## RYA Club of the Year 2010

Those who were at the RYA Dinghy Show at Alexandra Palace on Saturday 6<sup>th</sup> March saw our Chairman Mick Hamilton collect our finalist trophy from RYA Chief Executive Sarah Treseder. We were beaten to the top spot by worthy winners Exe Sailing Club.

BLYM now rates as one of the top five sailing clubs in the country, which is an amazing achievement as this is the first time we have entered the competition. Congratulations to Steve Long who compiled our entry.

Next time you are at BLYM you will see the trophy above the galley hatch, and a splendid pennant on our flagpole.

## BLYM fleet 2010

Our parade of sail this year musters the following fleet:

- 6 **NEW** Mark IV Wayfarers (arriving April-May)
- 8 Coypus
- 20 Toppers (6 **NEW** boats already arrived)
- 14 Picos
- 13 Oppies
- 10 Funboats
- 12 Lasers (6 **NEW** boats arriving April)
- 6 Laser Bahias
- 4 Laser 2000s
- 4 RS200s
- 9 powerboats (3 **NEW** boats already arrived)

and a few other specific craft. We don't know of another club anywhere offering its members a range of 100 dinghies like this, so come and enjoy the fun!

## Group Leader & Instructor Training

Here is a reminder of our seminars on Saturday 17<sup>th</sup> April and Sunday 25<sup>th</sup> April for all BLYM Instructors and Group Leaders. Those eligible should have received an invitation, but if yours has not arrived please contact Craig Johnson (instructors) at [craig@cjohnson.me.uk](mailto:craig@cjohnson.me.uk) or Nick Nieder (group leaders) at [twiglet.nick@ntlworld.com](mailto:twiglet.nick@ntlworld.com). Both days will follow an identical programme so you need only attend one of them. They are completely free of charge.

## Boats for sale

We are retiring a number of boats from our fleet including Wayfarers, Leaders and Toppers. If you are interested please get in touch with Phil Cobby at [phillcobby\\_4@hotmail.co.uk](mailto:phillcobby_4@hotmail.co.uk).

In addition, a wooden Fireball is on offer for a donation to Colne Valley Special Sailors. Please contact Inder Johar at [inder333@aol.com](mailto:inder333@aol.com)

## Herts County & Volvo Regatta

### Notice of Race

**Sunday 25<sup>th</sup> April 2010**

Organising Authority

Herts Youth Dinghy Racing Squad & Bury Lake Young Mariners

Racing Rules of Sailing 2009-2012 apply

4 races, 3 to count

Briefing at 10.30

Warning signal for Race 1 not before 10:55

Entry on the day, race office opens at 09:00

**Entry fee £5.00 per head**

Hot food available

## Topper Traveller Regatta

### Notice of Race

**Sunday 6<sup>th</sup> June 2010**

Organising Authority - Bury Lake Young Mariners

Racing Rules of Sailing 2009-2012 apply

3 races, 2 to count

Briefing at 10.30

Warning signal for Race 1 not before 10:55

Entry on the day, race office opens at 09:00

**Entry fee £6.00 per boat**

Hot food available

## RYA Courses - Spring 2010

Here are the forthcoming RYA courses in our programme:

Monday-Friday 12<sup>th</sup>-16<sup>th</sup> April - RYA Start Sailing 1-4, RYA Level 1&2 and RYA Seamanship & Spinnaker Skills

Wednesday-Friday 14<sup>th</sup>-16<sup>th</sup> April - RYA Level 3 (Better Sailing)  
**NEW COURSE FOR 2010**

Saturdays 17<sup>th</sup>, 24<sup>th</sup> April & 1<sup>st</sup>, 8<sup>th</sup> & 15<sup>th</sup> May - RYA Level 1&2

Saturdays 1<sup>st</sup>, 8<sup>th</sup> & 15<sup>th</sup> May - RYA Level 3 (Better Sailing)  
**NEW COURSE FOR 2010**

Tuesday 4<sup>th</sup> May (10 evenings) - RYA Level 1&2

Saturday-Sunday 22<sup>nd</sup>-23<sup>rd</sup> May - RYA Powerboat Level 2

Monday 31<sup>st</sup> May - Friday 45<sup>th</sup> June - RYA Start Sailing 1-4 and RYA Level 1&2

Monday 31<sup>st</sup> May - Friday 45<sup>th</sup> June - RYA Start Sailing 1-4

Saturday-Sunday 12<sup>th</sup>-13<sup>th</sup> June - RYA Safetyboat

For bookings please email [courses@blym.org.uk](mailto:courses@blym.org.uk) or call 01844 275514. An application form can be downloaded at [www.blym.org.uk](http://www.blym.org.uk).

## Rickmansworth Windsurfing Club

Rickmansworth Windsurfing Club, who have for many years occupied the club house adjacent to BLYM, are amalgamating with us to become an affiliated group. We have always enjoyed a good relationship with RWC and this step will enable us to work more closely together. Those interested in windsurfing should take a look at the RWC website [www.ricky-windsurfing.co.uk](http://www.ricky-windsurfing.co.uk).

## Instructor Development Funding

The European Social Fund, through the Learning and Skills Council, are offering funding for certain categories of people wishing to undertake coaching training leading to formal qualifications. The application process is a little complex, and rules tend to emerge as things progress. Our current understanding of eligibility criteria and rules are as follows:

- Applicants must be aiming to complete their training by December 2010 to one of the following levels:
  - Level 1 - RYA Assistant Instructor
  - Level 2 - RYA Dinghy Instructor or RYA Powerboat Instructor
  - Level 3 - RYA Senior Instructor
- The applicant must live or work in Hertfordshire - evidence (i.e. payslip) must be available to show that you work at least 20 hours a week
- You must not be in full-time education
- You can claim for the full cost of one course leading to your qualification. This could be a powerboat, first aid or other pre-requisite course if you have already completed or paid for the main qualification course, i.e. an Instructor course.
- You can also claim incidental costs for attending your course, up to a maximum of £75 for items such as travel, lunch and childcare as long as these costs are disclosed at the time of application.

You will not be able to claim retrospectively, i.e. after you have already taken a course, and you need to allow sufficient time for your application to be processed.

Once approved, the claim will be paid irrespective of the outcome of the course (pass, deferred, fail) as long as training is taken before 31st December 2010

BLYM first needs to register you for the programme with the Hertfordshire Sports Partnership, the local administrators, and you will then be asked to complete the on-line application and update this with progress as your training progresses.

If you would like to discuss details or apply please contact Alan Russell ([alan.russell60@virgin.net](mailto:alan.russell60@virgin.net))

## Rickmansworth Festival

This major event takes place in the Aquadrome on Saturday-Sunday 15th-16th May. The park will be very congested so please be patient if you are trying to gain access and please cooperate with the marshals. Car passes will be required for those who need to drive into the park and these can be obtained from the galley.

**SPLASH CLUB** re-starts at 4.30pm on Wednesday 14<sup>th</sup> April

**GENERAL SAILING** is now running every Saturday and Bank Holiday 0900-1300 and 1300-1700, and Monday-Friday 0930-1500 during school holidays.

## Vehicles in the Aquadrome

Three Rivers District Council have asked us to reduce the number of vehicles entering the park, in response to further complaints from the public about the number of vehicles and the way some are driven. Please use the main public car park unless you or a passenger has mobility limitations, or you are bringing heavy items. Beware the new speed ramps!

Please observe the rules, at risk of your key being withdrawn:

- The speed limit is strictly **5 mph** - walking pace. Pedestrians and dogs have priority.
- Please lock the gate when entering and leaving.
- Please don't drive into the park just to drop someone off.

Thank you for your cooperation.



### Dave Merridan

23/1/1940 to 26/3/2010

It is with great sadness that we record the passing of Dave Merridan.

Dave was associated with Bury Lake for many years. He first sailed here in the late 1950s, and later raced in Fireballs and Wayfarer Worlds. In recent years he was a very active member of the Bizzy Bees, enjoying his sailing in the summer and working tirelessly on maintaining and improving our boats and facilities during the winter months. Dave also provided sailing instruction and safety boat cover to school and Scout groups at BLYM and to Hertfordshire Scouts in the county, at the coast, and on Loch Earn in Scotland. He was an RYA power boat instructor, helping many of our members to achieve their RYA Level 1 and 2 Power Boat and Safety Boat qualifications.

Dave's willing help, humour, enthusiasm and boating and engineering expertise will be greatly missed by us all at BLYM and in the wider boating world.

Dave's funeral will take place in the large chapel at West Hertfordshire Crematorium, High Elms Lane, Garston, Watford WD25 0JS on Wednesday 14th April 2010 at 10:40hrs.

The family requests that there should be only family flowers, but donations if wished may be made to the RNLI, c/o Co-operative Funeral Care, Paradise Industrial Estate, Wood Lane, Hemel Hempstead HP2 4TP.

## Expedition to Norfolk

Our expedition on the weekend of 1<sup>st</sup>-3<sup>rd</sup> May is now fully booked and we have a waiting list which will be dependent on us having enough experienced helms in the party.

Details can be found on the poster in the Briefing Room. Please contact Paul Knight at [paulknight123@hotmail.co.uk](mailto:paulknight123@hotmail.co.uk) for more information.

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