



MIRROR NEWSLETTER



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Upcoming Events

Date	Event	Description	Sailing Schedule:
1/2 Dec	NeilPryde NYDS – North session 2 West Lancs YC	Squad training weekend NYDS only	Coach to provide schedule
8/9 Dec	RYA National Junior Squad session 3 Poole YC	Squad training weekend NJS only	Coach to provide schedule

Steve Nicholson Trophy

Quite a few Mirrors are planning to do the Steve Nicholson Trophy Handicap Regatta at Northampton on Sat 26 Jan and if there is sufficient interest P&B have offered to sponsor some training with Ross Kearney on the Sunday. Northampton is a great club and a good turnout of red sails would be a cracking way to start our 50th Anniversary year.

Some boats have entered already so if you are considering going then I advise you to enter ASAP via the SailJuice website and e-mail Miles Odell at Miles.Odell@LloydsTSB.co.uk that you are attending and whether you wish to take part in the training on Sunday.

Squad Congratulations

Congratulations to all the sailors who have secured a place in this winter's National Youth Development Squad (NYDS) sponsored by NeilPryde. There are two squads, one based in the north coached by Dave Woodhead & Sarah Richards, and one based in the south coached by Chris Oneill &



Izzy Fitzgerald. They will train at a variety of venues for six weekends over the winter.

Congratulation to the sailors in the north they are:

Emma Clayton & Faye Caswell
Tom Dean & Ellie Ben
Ben Hill & Gabe Hill
Sarah-Louise Gowler & Emma Levison
Emma Grayson & Ben Settle
Reg Grayson & George Stainforth
Chloe Macaulay & Izzy Leroux
Henry Rastrick & Jamie Rastrick
George Richards & Alexander Baird
Alistair Scott & Charlotte Scott
April Whiteley & Megan Thornley
Jamie Whiteley & Abi Thornley
Jamie Wilson & Robert Richardson

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Congratulation to the sailors in the south they are:

Alice Buchanan & Isabel Martin
Eleanor Keers & Izzy Pugh
Gemma Keers & Ollie Pugh
Charlotte Lockyer & Rosie Daniels
Millie Moss & Lucy Scott
Immy Pudney & Maddie Blackhouse
Rebecca Stephens & Niamh O'Neill
James Taylor & Richard Butterworth
Patrick Taylor & Felix Jefferies
Tom Weston & Tommy Hartley
Oliver Wilson & Hannah Wilson

Events

A large number of the events/open meetings are already booked for next year, please look regularly at the calendar on the Mirror class website for the events taking place in your area.

RYA Dinghy Show

Come along, catch up with your friends and see what's new. This year's Dinghy Show on the 2nd & 3rd March is at Alexander Palace. In the West Corridor the Mirror class is displaying Mirrors through the ages to celebrate the 50th birthday. Tickets are now available online at a discounted price, children of RYA members go free, and all children enter the show for free on Sunday.
www.rya.org.uk/programmes/dinghyshow/tickets/Pages/Tickets.aspx

Nanny System at the PYC Nationals 2013

Can't afford to take more time off work, or just don't want to sit around at sailing events waiting for your children. The nanny system will take the children to the National Championships for you. The children will camp in the field next to the Pembrokeshire YC and meals will be provided by the club. Jonathan Davies is currently working on this project if you are interested please could you email him for more information. The cost will be around £400 per person, and if you want the boat transporting to and from the south coast to PYC this will be approximately £200.
jdavies965@googlemail.com

2013 RYA Zone Championships

The RYA Zone Championships will be held at Grafham SC on the 28th & 29th September, this will be a qualifying event for all the Mirror squads. But anyone under the age of 18 on the 31st Dec 2013 can sail.

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Charter a Boat for the Worlds

Boats are available and can be charter for the world's from Winder Boats. The cost is:

£800 without sails, fully insured.

Or £900 with a full suit of Racing sails fully insured. There will be an extra cost if its need transporting to Ireland, but there are a lot of people travelling to the worlds from the Leeds area so I'm sure some arrangement could be reached.

For more information contact Dave Winder at:

david@winderboats.freeserve.co.uk

Caption Competition

The NYDS – North had a caption competition



These are some of the entrants:

- "Now, gently pull the steering stick backwards to take off"
- "Look! A wheelie with no hands!!"
- "Do you think anyone will notice our secret foiling dagger board?"

- "Please wait until the seat belt sign has extinguished before getting out of your seat, thank you."
- "My dad said stay at the back and keep out of trouble, but I don't think it is helping"
- "If we sit here, do you think the Pringles will roll towards us?"

The winning entry voted by the squad members was: Dave said, "In light winds you need less wetted area," challenge accepted.

Beaver Reborn

In 2013 Beaver sailing club will have a new clubhouse! Following close consultation with the RYA and the availability of a £100,000 grant, plans were drawn up for a larger clubhouse which is now well on its way. Because of the very strong junior and youth fleet that has blessed Beaver during 2011/2012; several young sailors have been involved in RYA area and national squads and put Beaver on the RYA map. 4 Mirrors have participated in squads with Emma and Rachel Grayson having been European and currently World Junior Female Champions. We welcome all Mirror sailors in 2013 especially as the Mirror Inlands will be hosted by the club in September.

**Wishing you all a very
Merry Christmas and
Happy New Year**



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Scottish Champion of Champions

35 boats ranging from foiling Moths to Optimists arrived at East Lothian YC on the south shore of the Firth of Forth for the RYA Scottish Champion of Champions, held on October 20/21. This invite only event is for Scottish Champions and Traveller Champions of their classes. The Mirror class was this year represented by Roy Donn from Pentland Firth YC in the far north of Scotland, having won the singlehander trophy at the Scottish Mirror Championships in August. This was the third year in succession that the Mirror class has been represented at the event, with hopefully more boats eligible and able to compete in the future. Racing was in the east bay off North Berwick, close to the picturesque Bass Rock, with an impressively strong westerly flowing tide which caught out some crews at the downwind marks. The fleet was split into 3 groups with separate starts but all sailing the same course and a single consolidated result (PY greater than 1300 (Mirror and Optimist), PY 1001-1299, and PY less than 1000). With only 3 boats in the slow handicap group Roy had clear wind at the start unimpeded by other boats, especially in race 2

where the Optimists were caught out by a quick turn-around between races and were somewhere in the middle of the course having a picnic when the start flag was lowered.

A forecast of calm on Sunday encouraged Race Officer Jim Sinclair to schedule an extra race on the Saturday to ensure a series with one discard. Breezes were light, touching 10mph occasionally. Four different course shapes gave all the diverse boats the chance to shine. Race 1 was on the M shaped course. Paul Hignett in a Ninja Moth made the most of the reach-fest to take this race. Close behind were Chris Owen and Sam McNamara from Oban SC in a Wayfarer.

As anticipated, there was no racing on the Sunday due to lack of wind, so results on Saturday stood and the overall winners were the Wayfarer team from Oban with a very emphatic victory. Roy came an impressive 20th overall with a best result of 8th.

The event was sponsored by insurance4dinghies, RYA Scotland, Caledonia Sailing, Belhaven Brewery, Yachting Life, and Fotoboat.

Full results are available on the ELYC website (<http://www.elyc.org.uk/>), and more photos on the Mirror Sailing Scotland website (<http://www.mirrorsailingscotland.org>)

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