



RYA Training Conference 2012

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NSS Clinic

Could a clinic based approach help uptake and accessibility to courses in a time restricted world? Accessibility of a sport is a key factor in choosing to participate in a given sport due to the time constraints of today's busy lives. 5 years ago we adjusted the Windsurfing Scheme to run in a more clinic based approach. Taking the NSS in its current format, could we learn from the short clinics available in the windsurfing scheme? How would you break the scheme down, what clinics would you have?

Generally it was felt that the NSS didn't need a lot of tweaking and in fact a lot of centres already ran a very clinic based approach, however it was agreed that providing this in a more formal way through the layout of the syllabus was a good idea.

The groups believed the Windsurfing Scheme worked well and the NSS should become more clinic based, providing flexibility and reflect what customers want. But there were questions group members for RYA Training: how would the scheme be broken down, could we introduce 'crew skills' within the clinics and maybe we could see dinghy certificates include a box/line with either single or double handed boat.

Some groups went on to discuss more radical changes, suggesting a combinations of certain modules and a possible new layout: Start – Level 1 and 2 combined, Intermediate – Level 3 and the modules providing Advanced with the possibility of combining Day sailing and Seamanship Skills