

Overall Winner – Frensham Pond Sailing Club



Frensham Pond Sailing Club, based at Frensham Pond near Farnham in Surrey, is a well established club which has found renewed momentum over the past couple of years. It has a very strong management group who has made use of the clubs focussed volunteers to really lift the club and

make use of its great resources. Through linking with many sections of their community and working hard at attracting new sailors they have really embraced the notion of accessibility especially for the disabled community with their Sailability arm.

Focus is placed on all areas; training courses, social events, racing events and developing youth and adult sailing through their slick racing skills development scheme. Frensham boasts fostering nearly 100 European and National Champions including previous member, double Olympic Gold medallist, Sarah Ayton. The club really does offer something for everyone at every level.

Hollowell Sailing Club



Hollowell Sailing Club, based on Hollowell Reservoir in Northamptonshire is another 'can do' club. They are heavily volunteer focused running a very effective system for ensuring there are always people available to run all club activities as well as engage with and look out for new opportunities.

They are a very active youth racing club and have attracted junior sailors from neighboring clubs who take advantage of their excellent facilities and set up. Through working closely with local schools, scout groups and the local rowing club, Hollowell is always busy involving many different groups in the community.

Nottinghamshire County Sailing Club



Notts. County Sailing Club, based on Hoveringham Water, has a really engrained 'can do' attitude which filters right through all areas of the club. As an active racing club, across a range of classes including windsurfing, dinghy and keel boat disciplines, they have a huge membership for the size of the water. Kits

are available for junior members to use free of charge meaning everyone can have a go keeping the talent pool wide open. A number of junior members are in the RYA Optimist and Topper squads.

Notts. County are really keen to ensure the club is used to the maximum and it's great facilities enjoyed by as many people as possible. Through engaging with all the RYA's schemes in their area, activities at the club fill a busy calendar.

Penzance Sailing Club

Penzance Sailing Club in Cornwall is the only finalist based on the coast. Unlike the others it has a large cruising and racing fraternity in both dinghies and yachts. These are quite different groups however the club manages to ensure that everyone mixes and events are organised to incorporate as many



different groups as possible. With its welcoming family atmosphere, efficient volunteers and links with local school and youth groups through the RYA's OnBoard scheme the club has worked really hard to grow it's junior membership.

In a nutshell Penzance Sailing Club is very well managed and has set up efficient and effective methods of running their operations. It is proactive in gaining new members and with very low membership fees, ensures accessibility is as wide as possible to the local community.

Redesmere Sailing Club



Redesmere Sailing Club, based on Redesmere Lake in Cheshire, has had a great year. As well as being a Club of the Year finalist, three of its members also received RYA Community Awards for their volunteering work at the club. This is testament to the clubs well organised nature which encourages

members to volunteer their time and put something back into the club.

Accessibility is high on Redesmere's priority list. Through its open door policy anyone is welcome to apply for membership. As a member you can hire boats for free keeping the cost right down and an induction process ensures new members get the most out of their membership.

Developing young sailors is also paramount to the club who have a buoyant Topper squad known as 'Team Redesmere' of which many members have been selected for the RYA's National Squad. Along with this one of the clubs members is this year's Topper National Champion.