

# HOORAH! It's the start of the sailing season!

Here are some things to do to make sure your boat is in tip-top ship-shape condition in time for all those sunny days afloat!

- Did you label all your rigging when you packed up at the end of last year's season so you can remember where everything goes? Don't worry if you didn't, it will be fun to work it out and you can get your friends to help!



What happens when you throw a green rock into the Red Sea?  
It gets wet!

- Make sure none of your gear is torn or too worn as you put it all together

- Check your boat carefully for any deck fittings that might be starting to pull away from the deck

- If your boat is made of wood she'll need rubbing down with sandpaper, then painting and/or varnishing. Not only will she look good, you'll stop any bare wood from rotting when it gets wet

See you out on the water!

## SAFETY FIRST

Charlie (aged 7) is going out sailing in a dinghy and has made a list of things to remember when going afloat:

- 1) always wear a personal buoyancy aid
- 2) put a wet suit on
- 3) ...and boots!
- 4) wear sun cream
- 5) wear a hat
- 6) tell someone where you are going
- 7) and when you'll be back
- 8) take some drink and food
- 9) check your boat floats
- 10) don't fall out
- 11) .....
- 12) .....

What do you think? Do you have any other good safety tips to add to the list? Just send them to the following address by 31st May 2011 and we'll be giving away a prize for the best suggestions:

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## QUIZ ANSWERS

1. Johnston
2. Francis
3. Captain
4. Ellen
5. Christopher
6. Horatio
7. Jack
8. Francis
9. Ben
10. Popeye  
Well done if you got all 10 right!



## MEMBERS' BULLETIN

It's that exciting time of year again and we can't wait to get out on the water for some action! It's also time for your latest action-packed RYA Junior Members' Bulletin! This is where you can catch up on the latest news, try out some quizzes and games, as well as get some great practical tips.

And if you log on to our website, you'll find your very own section at [www.rya.org.uk/go/junior](http://www.rya.org.uk/go/junior) for lots more exciting things to do and find out about as well!

Have fun on the water!

## QUIZ Ahoy there! Can you complete the names of these 10 famous sailors?

1. Sir Robin Knox \_\_\_\_\_
2. Sir \_\_\_\_\_ Drake
3. \_\_\_\_\_ Pugwash
4. Dame \_\_\_\_\_ MacArthur
5. \_\_\_\_\_ Columbus
6. Admiral \_\_\_\_\_ Nelson
7. \_\_\_\_\_ Sparrow
8. Sir \_\_\_\_\_ Chichester
9. \_\_\_\_\_ Ainslie
10. \_\_\_\_\_ the sailor man (he loves spinach!)



(Answers on back page)



## PUZZLE

Find your way through the rope maze to your boat in the harbour



What happened when a boat carrying red paint hit a boat carrying blue paint?  
They were marooned!

## sail for gold



We launched our Sail for Gold Programme at the RYA Volvo Dinghy Show this year. It's all about encouraging people to come up with fun ways to support and follow the sailing events at the London 2012 Olympic Games.

Why not encourage your sailing club to register and take part? Visit [www.rya.org.uk/sailforgold](http://www.rya.org.uk/sailforgold) for more information.

**Be inspired. Support. Celebrate. Get involved!**

## HAPPY 10TH BIRTHDAY TEAM 15!

We hope you came and enjoyed a piece of this yummy birthday cake when we celebrated Team15's 10th birthday at this year's RYA Volvo Dinghy Show!

This brilliant windsurfing programme is for anyone under 15 and if you want to try it out, it couldn't be easier! There are now around 80 Team15 clubs all over the UK, from Cornwall to

Scotland. Loads of young windsurfers are now putting their skills to the test in the Team15 inter-club championships as well. So come and have a go at this fun sport.

You can find out more at [www.rya.org.uk/programmes/Team15](http://www.rya.org.uk/programmes/Team15)



**DID YOU KNOW...**  
that the colour green represents the starboard (right) side of the boat and red is for the port (left) side of the boat? Just think "green for go is all right!"

