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## ***Mission Statement***



***Bringing boating to people with disabilities***

***Supporting and encouraging people with disabilities to take up the sport of sailing, and facilitating sites to develop sailing opportunities.***

## ***RYA Sailability - Sailing for All***

***RYA Sailability is a charity for disabled sailing. As the UK's leading body in disabled sailing, we are committed to the integration of disabled people into the sailing community. Bringing boating to people with disabilities on equal terms by developing and improving sailing opportunities throughout the UK***

***Sailing presents unique opportunities for disabled people, the chance to achieve self reliance that sailing brings and feel the exhilaration or peaceful relaxation of being on the water.***

***Imagine the thrill of sailing for people, who can feel and hear but have no sight, or of sailing a boat at speed even though they can't walk, or of joining in a sport where deafness doesn't matter.***

**Our aim** - through the nationally recognised Foundation Scheme is to ensure that all clubs offering disabled people sailing, will have a minimum standard of facilities, safety, disability awareness and volunteer management. Our "Where to Go Sailing Guide" and "Accessible Shore-based Facilities Guide" provides all the information needed to allow existing sailors and newcomers to select a club that meets their needs and provides a safe, enjoyable sailing experience.

**We work in partnership** - with clubs and groups through our network of Volunteer Regional Organisers, providing support in disability awareness, volunteer management training, information, advice on equipment and facilities, and the opportunity to apply for grants.

**Continued development** - the Foundation Scheme, is a base platform where clubs are approved by Sailability for their facilities and is the starting point on which to build and expand disabled sailing opportunities. We are always willing to work with groups/clubs who wish to expand their facilities to include further categories of disabled sailors.

## ***RYA Sailability regional team can really help you...***



***Our team of Regional Organisers cover each patch of the UK and are there to help you, your club, and your members.***

Their overall purpose is to increase sailing activities and increase the number of disabled sailors receiving the opportunity to enjoy and compete in the sport.

Your regional contact can be found under our useful contact sections of the manual and they are your first point of contact to help you set up a Sailability group, expand your activities, provide taster days and will also be promoting your club to enquiries and at exhibitions by offering information about local sailing opportunities.

Regional annual meetings will be organised by your regional representative to give you the opportunity to meet other clubs and groups and share information and advice.

Our regional organisers will also assist your clubs in ensuring that your volunteers received disability awareness training.



**So contact your regional representative and chat with them about how they can help your individual club/group.**