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RYA STANDARD HORIZON SRC ASSESSORS CONFERENCE 2012

Dear Assessors and Principals

Thank you to all those who attended the RYA Standard Horizon SRC Conference 2012. The conference proved to be very popular with lively discussions on the future of RYA SRC training.

The morning comprised a number of presentations covering general updates on RYA training schemes, and specific issues relevant to SRC training. Highlights of the presentations are attached.

For the afternoon session the delegates broke into discussion groups to discuss the future of SRC Training. The topic of discussion being how to ensure the RYA SRC course and assessment continue to comply with CEPT and wider maritime requirements, in particular the requirement to separate the training delivery and assessment. The effects of any changes was considered with the aim to minimise any reduction in accessibility of training and increase in costs (please see the attached document for more information on CEPT regulations).

A number of possibilities were discussed including a combination of online and practical training and for the RYA to produce an E-Learning programme which covers the whole SRC syllabus. The main area of agreement was for flexibility in delivery of the course for each training centre. The ability to deliver training in a wide variety of methods, be it fully online, fully classroom based or a blend of the two before assessment was thought to be crucial. With self-learning and online training the ability for students to only attend a centre for one-day remains a possibility.

The various suggestions will be investigated further before any changes are confirmed. It was confirmed during the conference that there was no intention to create a new appointment of SRC examiner, and that all current SRC assessors would be eligible to deliver training and assess.

We were also delighted to have the support of our sponsors, Standard Horizon, experts in the field of VHF communication and navigation equipment, who helped make the event so successful. The team were on-hand to demonstrate latest products and answer any questions.

The Conference also saw a world 'first' as the new GX1700E was on show. Similar to the extremely compact GX1600E, yet with a built-in GPS, we know this is going to be a favourite with many, and will be available shortly. For all Standard Horizon training radio purchases, please contact:

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