



## **Sailing towards the Golden Dream 2014 Application Guidelines**

### **Introduction and background**

The RYA Golden Dream fund is broken down into two separate awards each with a distinct funding purpose; to help give those aiming for the 2016 Paralympics and beyond a real opportunity in making those dreams come true.

The fund aims to:

- (a) **Initially** deliver immediate significant grants to four sailors to help in the purchase of a new boat, upgrade of a current boat or buy essential boat equipment.
  
- (b) **Subsequently** give personal awards to sailors and volunteers who have demonstrated great achievement throughout 2013.

### **1. Eligibility for all grants**

To be eligible to receive a Golden Dream Grant you must be:

- A UK passport holder
- Eligible to compete for Great Britain in the Paralympic Games.
- Sailors must classify under IFDS (International Federation of Disabled Sailing)
- Compete at national and international level
- Be an essential volunteer that has helped or inspired a sailor
- Be an RYA member

You will **'NOT'** be eligible if you;

- Are a World Class Performance Sailor.
- Have received over £5,000 or equivalent from another charity in the last three years.

## **2. Available funding**

### **Personal Awards - £3,500**

A number of small personal grants will be awarded to sailors or volunteers who have shown great achievement, commitment and passion in the previous season.

- Contribution to international competition for sailor and helper
- Fuel costs to enable sailors/helpers to attend more events
- Clothing and small boat equipment
- Sails
- Contribution to upgrade of boat

## **3. Selection and Selection Criteria**

Selections for the 'Golden Dream Personal Award Grants' will be awarded in February 2014 at the Dinghy Show and will be assessed on the following criteria:

- Results from each class(es) national ranking events.
- Eligibility criteria as (1)
- Participation in class or transition squad training sessions.
- Performance at major international / national regattas
- Performance in current class competition

A small grant panel will consider all submissions for funding and will comprise of members of Goldsmiths and RYA.

## **4. Notification of grants**

The decision of the panel will be final. The grant panel will meet during January 2014. Both successful and unsuccessful applicants will be notified by 5<sup>th</sup> February 2014. A letter of agreement to the terms of the funding will need to be signed by successful applicants before any funds are released.

## **5. What we expect in return**

- Your stories: how has the money helped and made a difference to your campaign
- Photographs of your new equipment at an event
- Updates on your progress

### **Application deadlines**

Please email the attached application form for consideration to [sailability@rya.org.uk](mailto:sailability@rya.org.uk)  
Applications must be received by 15<sup>th</sup> January 2014.