

Presentation Workshops

Funding opportunities for commercial centres and coaches: Dispelling the myths on commercial centres and funding opportunities, including what's available, how to apply and delivery requirements. Supported by case studies.

Rig Tuning: Adam Bowers an experienced, dynamic and enthusiastic sailing coach provides an insight into rig tuning.

Engine performance: Ex-RYA Equipment Manager Ed Stephens talks engine maintenance and getting the most out of your existing equipment.

Duty of Care, Insurance and Disclaimers: RYA Head of Legal & Government Affairs Gus Lewis discusses the law of negligence and how this affects those running a training centre.

Staff training/CPD: Getting your team ready for the season. Tim and Sue of Southwest Watersports reveal how they set their new team up for the season – pre-season training and operations procedures.

Insurance Workshop – Q&A on centre and coach insurance: Delivered by Ben Bennett from Arthur J Gallagher, Ben will provide an opportunity to broaden your knowledge on the insurance available to you both as an RYA Training Centre and Freeland Coach, and answer any queries.

Green Blue – environmental activities for instructors: Kate Fortnam, Environmental Outreach Officer at The Green Blue leads a practical workshop on a variety of activities that instructors can deliver as supplementary or no wind/foul weather alternatives. These interactive activities are aimed at increasing the participants' awareness on how their boating impacts the environment, and how they can minimise these impacts.

Discussion Workshops

SI course: Is the SI Workbook still fit for purpose? Do our SIs leave equipped to deal with the challenges presented to them, UK and Overseas? An opportunity to review the resource, with a look to increasing its impact and effectiveness prior to, during and post course.

Certificated v Non Certificated Courses: Statistics would suggest the demand for certificated courses has reduced within the National Sailing and Windsurfing Schemes. Do we feel there still a demand for certification and achievement, or do we find our students have less interest in gaining a certificate?

Safety Boat course – is it still relevant?: The safety boat course is a popular course for both sailing clubs and commercial centres. Does the current course adequately meet the needs of the modern RTC?

Social Media guidelines/usage: Many centres are reaching out to their local area (and the wider world) via social media. Does your centre have a specific policy on this? What should we be expecting of training centres and instructors by means of social media etiquette?

Continuous Professional Development Workshops

Coaching Techniques; 'Did they answer what you thought you asked?': Are your Coaching Conversations effective? Clive Grant takes a practical look into developing our reviewing techniques, with Ideas, Tips and Models.

Case Studies on converting short introductory sessions to courses: The RDO team draw on the experiences of successful centres and clubs and how they retain customers, including programming, promotion and sales.

Meteorology: Penny Tranter lifts the fog surrounding meteorology for dinghy, windsurf, personal watercraft and powerboaters.

Navigation: Andy Wright helps you brush up on teaching basic navigation including ideas, top tips and further resources.