

The logo features the letters 'RYA' in a bold, sans-serif font. The 'R' and 'A' are dark blue, while the 'Y' is red. Below this, the words 'VOLUNTEER' and 'AWARD' are stacked in a smaller, dark blue, all-caps sans-serif font.

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Recognising outstanding contributions within our sport

A blue-tinted photograph of several people on a sailboat deck. One person in the foreground is wearing a life vest and appears to be handling equipment. Another person is bent over, possibly working on the deck. The background shows the rigging and sails of the boat.

RYA Volunteer Awards
2010

Congratulations



"The work and voluntary time that RYA Community Award and RYA Award winners put into our sport is simply astounding. Every person listed in this booklet has comfortably exceeded the reasonable expectations of their fellow volunteers, club members and the boating community in general. I am certain that they have contributed their hard work, commitment, and expertise without thought of recognition or reward. Without them, our sport would be immeasurably poorer.

It has been an honour for me to be part of the RYA awards process for the first time. These people are an inspiration to us all and it is my pleasure to recognise and celebrate their work through these awards."

Sarah Pender

Honorary Life Membership of the RYA



Rod Carr CBE

Honorary Life Membership of the RYA is the Association's highest award. It is given to those individuals who have made an extraordinary and unique contribution to the Association's mission. Rod Carr has made such a contribution since he joined the RYA in 1981.

Rod has been a respected ambassador for all aspects of the sport for almost three decades and has played a key role in supporting the UK's sporting interests on the world stage. Through his work as Coach, Performance Director and Racing Manager, Rod helped to develop the UK's most successful Olympic Sailing Team.

Appointed as CEO in 2000, he led the way in modernising the RYA and, through programmes such as Team 15 and OnBoard, and his support of the RYA's charity, Sailability, he succeeded in greatly increasing awareness of, and participation in, the sport. Rod also led the RYA's involvement with the Weymouth and Portland Sailing Academy; and his unstinting support for the project helped to ensure that the site was developed as a world class venue for the 2012 Olympic Sailing Regatta.

As a founder of the John Merricks Sailing Trust (formed in memory of John Merricks who Rod coached to become a 1996 Olympic Silver medallist), he works to provide the opportunity for young people with financial needs to achieve their potential through sailing. Rod is a natural leader who has spent his working life promoting boating in all its forms. He is deservedly known for his determination, strength of character and ability to inspire.

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Hugh Henderson



Hugh's first experience of sailing was at George Heriot's School Combined Cadet Force Naval Section, in which he rose to Petty Officer. At the time he raced a GP14 and had built his own Mirror dinghy.

A lawyer by profession, he was elected to the Council of Royal Forth Yacht Club in 1980 and served until he moved his boats to the West. Hugh has provided free legal advice to Royal Highland Yacht Club, Royal Forth Yacht Club, Fisherrow Sailing Club and Aberdour Boat Club. He was chairman of RYA Scotland (RYAS) from 2005 to 2008 and is founder and Chairman of the Scottish Boating Alliance which has the ear of the Scottish Government.

While Vice Chair and Chair of RYAS he was part of the team which began, and managed, the successful Sailing in the City programme, an inclusive introduction to sailing for children from all walks of life, and subsequently welcomed the RYA Onboard programme to Scotland.

At the beginning of this year, while the RYAS Chief Operating Officer was ill, Hugh served four months in the role, on a voluntary basis, until a new Operating Officer was appointed. Hugh continues to be a member of the RYAS Council.

Graham Knox



As an ambassador for the RYA in the North West and further afield, Graham always looks to present the RYA as a positive influence in our sport.

Graham's contribution to sailing, and in particular, the RYA, has taken many forms over a long time. For the last ten years he has been Honorary Secretary of the RYA North West Executive and during this time has achieved a complete reorganisation of the office. This was well overdue and as a result members of the Executive are better informed and the whole organisation runs more efficiently.

In addition to this work, Graham has also had to handle many of the national and regional Government consultations which come to the committee and require considerable time, effort and patience. He will be greatly missed when he retires this year.



Roger Palmer



Roger is an outstanding individual who has been involved with the RYA Race Management Committee for more than 15 years. He has chaired it twice and is still the chair of the

RYA Race Management Advisory Panel. Without his exceptional commitment and contribution, race management in Great Britain would not be where it is today.

Roger has raced a Flying Fifteen from Hayling Island Sailing Club for many years and was involved in the club being recognised as a GBR Centre of Excellence.

He is highly respected throughout the country as a Race Management guru and, as a volunteer, has done a great deal to develop the sport and the reputation of the RYA.



The Francis Elkin Award

The Francis Elkin Award is given each year to an individual who has made a significant contribution in time, effort and personal endeavour in enabling people with disabilities to become involved in sailing.



**The Francis Elkin Trophy
is this year awarded to
Robert Harper**

Robert Harper

Bob has had a direct and positive influence on sailing in Northern Ireland for almost 30 years. During this time he has taken a particular interest in encouraging and supporting people with disabilities to go sailing, with great success.

Bob was appointed as RYA Sailability Regional Organiser in Northern Ireland in 2007 and since then has made huge progress in extending the activities of Sailability from his home base at Belfast Lough Sailability to several other centres throughout Northern Ireland. He has played an important part in negotiating access to the water for people in wheelchairs at several locations and in securing funding for a fast growing fleet of purpose designed dinghies, including the recent purchase of a Paralympic class boat.

Bob is one of those special people who combines a quiet and often unassuming manner with real enthusiasm, commitment and resourcefulness. He is an inspiration to all. His ability to involve and motivate others has been very successful in setting up effective support networks, including fundraising initiatives and good working relationships with a wide range of individuals, clubs and authorities.

His new challenge is to identify, from the rapidly growing numbers of people with disabilities being introduced into sailing in Northern Ireland, those with the commitment and talent to compete in club, regional and national racing events and, ultimately, compete at Paralympic level. RYA NI is looking forward to the outcome with some confidence.

Bob is unique, enthusiastic, committed, and above all, inspirational.



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Lifetime Commitment

Peter Barnard MBE

Royal Air Force Sailing Association



Peter's work as a volunteer for the RYA has been mainly associated with his service in the RAF. His outstanding contribution, including holding many RYA positions at home

and overseas, resulted in him being elected as an Honorary Life Member of the Royal Air Force Sailing Association (RAFSA).

On his retirement from the RAF he became a member of the RYA East Midlands panel, where he continues to give training and advice to clubs in his district. He is also an RNLI Sea Safety Officer.

Over a period of 36 years Peter has given loyal and valuable service to the RYA and RAFSA. His commitment is as strong and enthusiastic today as it was when he first became a dinghy instructor in 1974.

Raymond Beer

Menai Strait One Design Club



Ray has been the Honorary Secretary / Treasurer of the Menai Strait One Design Club for nearly 30 years. He has been the driving force which has kept these classic boats afloat. His continued

enthusiasm is tremendous and he is always willing and available to assist with all club duties and activities.

Ray's special contribution is his helpfulness, especially to new owners and younger sailors. He has managed to attract many youngsters to the sport and has introduced many students from nearby Bangor University to sailing on the Straits. Having an encyclopaedic knowledge of the class is invaluable to club members. His commitment to the club and the preservation of these classic wooden boats has been outstanding. He is an inspiration to many sailors in North Wales.



Kevan Bloor

National 12 Class – National Twelve Owners Association



Kevan has been a guiding influence within the class association and is always ready to help and offer advice to new members. Kevan's skills as an experienced National

Twelve sailor and professional sail maker over many decades means that his influence on the class association has been immense.

As a volunteer officer, Kevan's efforts and enthusiasm have always been outstanding, and, despite his own professional commitments, he will always go that extra mile to support both existing and potential members.

Victor Cass

Chipstead Sailing Club



Sadly Vic passed away in July earlier this year after a short illness.

Vic made a massive contribution to the functioning of Chipstead Sailing Club in many ways over the

past 25 years. This ranged from the maintenance of the fleet of outboard engines – upon which the club depend on to run the very extensive range of racing, training and other activities – to masterminding and overseeing the design and construction of the club's pontoons. He also served on many of the club's committees over the years, bringing his wisdom and experience to bear in his quiet and unassuming way, but with clarity and assertiveness when needed.



Christopher Chacksfield MBE

Upper Thames Sailing Club



As a member of Upper Thames Sailing Club for the last 25 years, Chris has involved himself in every aspect of club life. He has held positions of Rear Commodore, Vice Commodore and

Commodore, through to Treasurer and Utilities Manager at the club,

Chris is held in high regard by all members and is the first person people approach for advice and guidance. As a keen sailor he has more than one boat, but favours his vintage Merlin.

Advice, encouragement and courtesy come as standard with Chris. He is a gentleman, and has even offered his other boat to new members for their first season at the club.

Andrew Dickie

Royal Anglesey Yacht Club



The Conway and Menai Strait 'Fife' one design class boats have raced on the Menai Strait for over 80 years and it is a testament to the dedication, commitment and hard work of people like

Andrew that the class is as active now as it has ever been. At peak season the class will regularly have over 20 one-design boats competing.

Despite not being a boat owner himself, Andrew has been an invaluable member of the Association, acting as official recorder for races on weekends and weekdays for over 20 years.

Andrew's invaluable contribution to the Association was recognised in 1994 when he was made an Honorary Member of the Association. Andrew knows the history of the fleet intimately and is passionate about ensuring that this knowledge and history is recorded and safeguarded for the future.

Andrew is a very honest and caring man and he has dedicated his life to the club.



Wendy Eagling

Royal Corinthian Yacht Club



Wendy's enthusiasm and advocacy for openness, particularly when it comes to communications between the Flag Officers, General Committee and

members, has ensured that the all members have been kept fully informed of all important decisions made on their behalf.

Wendy's involvement with the club has been tireless. Although her tenure as a Flag Officer ended in 2001, she has continued to act as Communications Officer for the club. This has seen her desire for open and honest communications between the officers and the membership fulfilled.

Without a doubt Wendy is one of our sports unsung heroes.

Rodney Evans

Gresford Sailing Club



Rod has championed the cause of junior sailing and been instrumental in introducing sailing to the children of All Saints' school since 1982. During this time over 500 children have been given the

opportunity to experience the thrill of sailing; the vast majority of whom had no experience of crewing any kind of boat.

Rod has taught the children to sail the Optimists that the school donated, many of who went on to sail bigger boats. His manner with the children is absolutely wonderful. He takes the time to make sure the children understand what they are doing, how the boat works and more importantly, how to enjoy their sailing. Many of the children who have learned to sail through the school have joined the junior section of Gresford Sailing Club.

Rod has dedicated most of his working life to the promotion of sailing at Gresford, a small club, run entirely by volunteers and with a small budget. Rod's enthusiasm and drive – overseeing running repairs of the club as well as developing sailing – has kept the club going.



Peter Glasby

Hayling Island Sailing Club



Since his appointment as Commodore in 1981, and his subsequent appointment as Trustee in 1995, Peter has played a crucial role in steering Hayling Island Sailing Club; helping develop it into the club it is today.

He is a quiet individual who works tirelessly behind the scenes, expecting no reward or recognition. He always puts what is best for the club first.

Peter is great at encouraging others to get involved and does it in a manner to be emulated. He is friendly and knowledgeable and is always keen to share this knowledge with newcomers.

Peter has been very involved in the RNLI since 1995. He is the chairman of the Hayling Island Station Committee and has been a key member of the crew since 1995. His keen involvement and lovely manner ensures a great working relationship between the club and the local station.

Julia Heap

Royal Highland Yacht Club / West Highland Yachting Week



Julia has been involved in boating since her early years, when her association with West Highland Yachting Week (WHYW) began.

WHYW is the second largest sailing event in

Scotland, drawing entries from across the UK and abroad. Much of the success and popularity of the event is down to the drive, enthusiasm and effort of Julia.

After helping her father as Secretary and Treasurer organise the event for many years, in 1987 Julia took on these demanding roles in her own right. Since then she has given unstinting service to WHYW and continues to do so, modestly working away in the background. Entries to the event have since grown from 56 to 150. Her efforts across the board during the regatta ensure a smooth and efficient event, all achieved with an upbeat and team atmosphere across the committee boats, which is quite a feat of organisation.

West Highland Yachting Week would not be the same without her.



Gwyndaf Hughes

Clwb Hwyllo Pwllheli Sailing Club



Gwyndaf has been extensively involved with sailing for well over half a century. He is greatly admired and respected for his dedication in the tuition of youngsters.

Gwyndaf was the instigator in the development of a youth sailing club, which has gone on to be exceptionally successful under his guidance and enthusiasm. This has only been achieved as a consequence of considerable effort from fund raising, acquiring dinghies (that often needed extensive repairs and renovations), as well as instructing, tutoring and imparting the necessary sailing skills.

As well as the contribution Gwyndaf has made to the promotion of sailing and inspiring youngsters in the sport, he has played a prominent part within Pwllheli Sailing Club.

Ian Lallow

Island Sailing Club



Ian is able to bring his vast experience of sailing to the Island Sailing Club. He is an experienced course setter and uses his experience to provide competitive and enjoyable sailing and

racing for the club and visiting yachtsmen.

Ian has been closely involved with the club for the last 55 years, and his knowledge, expressed quietly and helpfully, has benefitted Flag Officers and committee members. No one has greater experience or has contributed so selflessly to the club's activities.



Tom Mason

Hill Head Sailing Club



Tom has given time, energy, expertise and dedication to the club for over 35 years. His management has directly influenced the direction the club's training has taken and his coaching status

allowed Hill Head Sailing Club, as a recognised training centre, to become known as an active and high quality club.

Tom has been a cornerstone of good governance within the club and has set, and maintained, high standards of safety and care of students during Cadet Week. He volunteers at all levels, from weekly shopping for the kitchen stores, counting money and organising youth week, through to leadership and management.

Neil McInnes

Yeadon Sailing Club



Neil has encouraged many new members to take up sailing and has enabled them to learn and gain confidence in a safe and secure environment. Existing members have also benefited by becoming

involved in training and further developing their own skills. Most especially, Neil has developed the junior members of the club – rapidly getting them to a stage of being able to race – further developing their skills and encouraging them to become involved in regional race series, zone squads, etc.

Most of the club members, committee members and officers put in many hours for the club, however few have put in the sustained effort Neil has since joining the club and, in particular, over the last 18 years. His impact on the development of the club and its members has been extremely beneficial, however his impact on the junior members has been exceptional.



Richard Mitchell

Littleton Sailing Club



Richard has the drive and ability to encourage others to help and want to work with him. He is a great team leader who works tirelessly, working away behind the scenes.

Richard never says no when asked to help and never complains that his 'to do list' is huge; he just gets on with the work.

Without Richard's time and commitment to the club, repairing and maintaining the site, in particular major projects such as dredging, slipway rebuilding and pontoon replacement, there would not be a Littleton Sailing Club.

Barbara Philips

Red Wharf Bay Sailing and Watersports Club



Barbi has made an exceptional voluntary contribution to the club and sport. She has been the Honorary Membership Secretary for over 30 years and has supported the club in many ways as an

active member of the General Committee. She is the face of Red Wharf Bay Sailing and Watersports Club and has encouraged many potential members to join and to move on to active roles within the club.

Barbi has been significant in the club's evolution, by bringing in new members, both in the boom period of the 1980's and also, critically, in the days of the declining membership in the 1990's. Barbi does such a wonderful job and would be impossible to replace.



Marshall Ritchie

Torbay Sailability Ltd



Marshall has been dedicated to the development of the South West region's aims for over 40 years. He firmly believed that the South West had the very best waters for sailing and, given

the opportunity, could produce the finest sailors. He soon became a sailing coach and was made Chairman of the South West Regional Coaching Committee.

His enthusiasm, expertise and method of instruction inspired even the most reticent of candidates. Marshall is extremely patient and is able to instil confidence when needed. He is able to obtain remarkable achievements from everyone and with his ability to work at all levels, including those who are disabled or disadvantaged, he gives stability and confidence in their ability.

Alan Rutterford

Felixstowe Ferry Youth Sailing



During the last 22 years Alan has personally driven the development of a very small scout sailing group into a thriving sailing charity which has RYA Training Centre recognition and OnBoard status,

helping to rejuvenate Felixstowe Ferry Sailing Club. Alan has done this by giving up the majority of his Saturdays and Wednesday evenings, in addition to the numerous meetings, training sessions, fund raising events, and maintenance sessions which he has led over the years to ensure that the group has gone from strength to strength.

Alan has helped inspire and championed in excess of 800 young people to become involved in the sport, many of whom have gone on to become instructors.

The impact that Alan has personally had on sailing in the area cannot be quantified. The amount of time, effort, commitment and help that Alan has given to sailing, and in particular sail training, is beyond the call of duty.



Alan Sherlock

Bristol Corinthian Yacht Club



Over the past 15 years Alan has acted as Membership Secretary for Bristol Corinthian Yacht Club and has been the initial contact for people wanting to sail at the club. He uses

his positive outlook to ensure solutions are found to any problem and has kept the club working harmoniously.

Alan's patient and practical approach to the members' needs and enquiries has proved him to be an invaluable Membership Secretary. He also contributes to the club's safety boat training and has instructed over 100 one-day sessions.

Alan has not only done a tremendous amount of work for the club, but with his cheerful and positive manner, motivates others.

Vernon Stratton

Bembridge Sailing Club



For many years Vernon has made a huge contribution to Bembridge Sailing Club. His unbounded enthusiasm has encouraged many young sailors.

Vernon has held official club positions continuously from 1990 to 2001, with his recent efforts culminating in the redevelopment of the club's facilities.

He is always willing to share his unrivalled knowledge and experience with those who are keen and/or talented.

Vernon has been influential in introducing both the Optimist and Illusion classes to Bembridge, both of which are flourishing. He has also worked hard to integrate with other clubs and was instrumental in setting up the East Wight Combined Clubs to co-ordinate inter-club activities.



Nicholas Taylor

Llangorse Sailing Club



The last 15 years has been a period of considerable development for Llangorse Sailing Club with regard to its facilities and training programme. Nick has been supportive to all

those involved in all aspects of the development of the club, from the original concept, through to the planning stages and completion.

As a dinghy instructor, Nick's biggest influence has been his input into the club's training programme and courses, having a 'hands on' impact on training.

Nick is a special sort of person who quietly gets on with what has to be done in such a way that very few club members would have any idea of the considerable amount of time and effort he unselfishly puts into the club.

Roy Twelves

Sunderland Yacht Club



Roy has always shown dedication to the club and its members and has been tireless in his efforts and commitment over the years. He is a gentleman of the highest integrity and is

well respected for his leadership qualities.

Shortly after joining Sunderland Yacht Club in 1972, Roy became involved in the Moorings Committee and on becoming Flag Officer took Chairmanship of this aspect of the club's activities with great enthusiasm and vigour – for which he is well-known. The Moorings Committee has responsibility for installing the club moorings, their maintenance, upkeep and the hire and operation of cranes for lift in and out operations. It is a very active committee and its management is very demanding.

In 1983 Roy was appointed Commodore and in 1995 President, a position he still holds.



David Wainwright

Redesmere Sailing Club



Dave is one of the unsung members of the club. His efforts are not always noticed by the members, but his contribution is huge.

He has been around the club longer than most can remember and has always been a key person when it comes to maintenance work. The list of projects he has completed around the club over the last 40 years is almost endless, but include building a boat house, general repairs, BBQs, and jetty work.

Dave is a quiet and unassuming man and has never sought recognition or status for his work but is always available to help with all projects, big or small.

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Christopher Arnell

Christchurch Sailing Club



Chris has inspired a group of parents and volunteers to provide a superb year-round programme of tuition and support for the junior sailors at Christchurch Sailing Club. He

has given most of his spare time and made a large commitment to the club. Without Chris's commitment and motivation the junior fleet would have dwindled.

The club now has 50 young sailors participating in weekly training sessions and it is down to his dedication that the club has achieved Volvo Champion Club status.

Charles Benham

Burghfield Sailing Club – Sailability Group



Charles's quiet but powerful leadership has helped Burghfield Sailing Club gain Sailability Centre of Excellence status. Members are proud to be part of the group and their enthusiasm is

largely due to his management and support.

His ethos of sharing means that the group is well known and often offers advice and assistance to other Sailability groups.

Charles is the unsung hero of the group, caring for the helpers and members on an individual basis, never expecting or accepting thanks. He has a selfless dedication to whatever task or challenge he accepts.



Robin Creswell

Spinnaker Sailing Club



Robin has led the Optimist beginners training sessions at the club since 2001.

Spinnaker Sailing Club prides itself on its family focus and attracts a large number

of new family members at the beginning of each new season.

Robin's leadership of the beginners' group has provided the bedrock for getting an intake of young sailors onto the water each year and developing their ability and confidence to the point that they can move onto the next stage.

The calm stability that Robin has provided to this crucial grass roots activity has significantly contributed to the successful development of the club which has flourished in recent years.

Katie Daniels

Snettisham Beach Sailing Club



Katie's interest and enthusiasm in youth sailing led her to take the office of Junior Convenor in 2005. Under her leadership the Cadet Week sailing programme has gone from strength

to strength. From 25 junior sailors, numbers increased to 110 in 2009.

Her meticulous organisation and her ability to communicate with members have led to the teaching of sailing and racing, training and safety boat and instructor courses to be set up at the club.

As a result of increased junior membership more parents have been willing to participate in volunteer duties.

Katie is passionate to get both youngsters and adults alike to take up, and improve, their sailing and she plays a vital part in the development and running of the club. She has been instrumental in the club gaining OnBoard and Volvo Champion Club status.



Robert Eastcott

Redesmere Sailing Club



Robert is one of the most hard working Treasurers the club has known. He has supported four club Commodores over 15 years, helping to transform the club through a very difficult period. He brought

not only financial acumen to the committee but a wealth of sailing experience and knowledge.

Robert is the driving force of the committee, working behind the scenes to ensure that training runs smoothly, social events are a success and well-managed and the sailing programme is fit for purpose.

His financial wizardry has transformed the club from one that was struggling to get by, into one that is not only financially sound, but has also managed to build up a fleet of sailing dinghies and safety power boats for use in supporting the training programme.

Alison & Keith Gunn

Lymington Sailability



Aly and Keith have worked tirelessly for Lymington Sailability. They have boundless energy and their enthusiasm to champion the charity is an invaluable asset.

Aly, who is both physically and visually impaired, joined Lymington Sailability 11 years ago and was bitten by the bug of sailing in the Solent. She became Chairman three years later and has restructured the charity, raised its profile, staged events, fund raised, developed the website, worked with other organisations in the community. Lymington Sailability has grown and prospered during its time. She leads the way in showing confidence and energy to new sailors.

Aly's organisational, administration and fund raising abilities complement Keith's on-the-ground operations. In the last three years he has become Lead Bosun and taken full responsibility of all sail and ground operations.

Much of Keith's time is spent chasing parts for the boats and transporting them to various venues. He has taken many training courses and gone on to share his knowledge and skills with others by running in-house training courses for volunteers. Keith has a natural way about him that allows sailors to feel confident and reassured.



Ian Hall

Hollowell Sailing Club



Ian works full time, so undertaking the role of Commodore and Principal of the training centre is a major commitment.

Ian led a major bid to obtain lottery funding

to rebuild the club house and changing rooms. Although the bid was not successful, he negotiated a significant change in the lease which has doubled the size of the boat park and car parking areas, as well as providing a significant landscaped area. During this period funds continued to grow and there was money available to refurbish the club's changing rooms.

Ian runs an annual Race Officers course to encourage less confident members to become Duty Officers and operate club events for a day. He has established the website which is an invaluable asset to the club in promoting new and existing membership. Ian is a great asset to the club.

James Portsmouth

Upper Thames Sailing Club



Jim has been a key member of the Upper Thames Sailing Club structural team for some 12 years, and is involved in maintaining the beautiful, 125 year-old timber building.

Jim has brought his specialist knowledge of welding, plumbing and general building, gained over a life time as a plant maintenance engineer, to the club. The list of maintenance projects Jim has completed for the club is endless.

In addition to this, through his professional contacts, Jim negotiated very favourable terms for the supply and laundering of the table linen, which has saved the club a considerable amount of money during many years of social events.



Simon Shaw

Deben Yacht Club



For many years Deben Yacht Club needed to renew the pilings, pontoons and some of the building's structure to prevent it falling into the river, as the club hangs precariously from the

bank. The club also wanted better access to the water for people with mobility difficulties. Simon helped obtain grants and sponsorship and worked tirelessly as Commodore to obtain quotes from construction companies to bring costs within reach of the club budget. Using only a two-man local contractor and a professional engineer, Simon supervised the £150K build, being on site every working day for five months. This project would not have been completed on time, on budget or at all if it hadn't been for Simon's extraordinary efforts.

Simon is a quiet, unassuming man, who does not speak about his achievements and deserves recognition.

Craig Shore

Cargreen Yacht Club



Craig has been the driving force behind Cargreen Yacht Club cadet membership for well over a decade. It varies in number from 25 to 40 youngsters a year, drawn from Cargreen, surrounding

villages and small towns. He has been responsible for enthusing and training over 300 young people.

Craig's drive and enthusiasm in applying for grants and motivating club cadet members to raise the necessary funds to build a fleet of training dinghies was crucial in allowing this aspect of the club's expansion and development to take place. All this has helped to significantly expand the dinghy racing programme.

Craig's commitment and personality has been an inspiration to all and he has been able to develop effective support teams around his activities.



Philip Smith

Bala Sailing Club



Phil spends nearly all his free time and holidays organising and running 'learn to sail' courses. He does this mainly for members of the sailing club but also for Scout groups.

He is particularly effective in developing enthusiasm amongst young people for the sport of sailing and providing an interest they can pursue throughout their life. Phil has also developed an impressive repertoire of courses encompassing powerboat and safety boat handling and race tactics.

Phil always puts the needs of the club first. The club has recently been recognised as a Volvo Champion Club, which is largely due to Phil's efforts and of his enthusiastic team of volunteers, trainers and coaches.

Kevin Taylor

Waveney Sailability



Kevin, a keen sailor and boat builder on Oulton Broad until his retirement, agreed to work for the club and become director for five years to introduce sailing to people with disabilities in the area.

Kevin has worked enthusiastically, tirelessly and has guided, cajoled, inspired and nagged until any obstacle has been overcome. He has given confidence to those who were reticent to take to the water and or never been in a boat before and many have become competent sailors and have even gone on to be trained as assistant instructors and power boat drivers.

Kevin's energy and commitment is endless. He is blessed with a warm and engaging personality and has played a pivotal role in the birth and development of Waveney Sailability. His enormous drive, commitment and skill have been the central reason for the club's success today.

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Youth

Mark Colston

University of Plymouth Sailing and Powerboat Club



Mark has acted over and above what is required of him as Vice Commodore of the club. He has managed to achieve this and balance academic work in his final year of University. His

time has proved vital in getting as many members out on the water as possible. His honesty and trustworthiness has really helped other members of the Committee and he is a person to which people turn to for advice.

This year the Sailing and Power boating Club ran their very own racing event, The Devon Destroyer, which was aimed at both students from Plymouth and other Universities as well as local sailors and selected fleets. Due to Mark's experience he took on the role of Afloat Team Manager, organising all aspects of permission and safety, co-ordinating volunteers and managing his team of safety boats to a high, professional standard on the water. The event was successful and gained the club and University recognition nationally, locally and internally on campus.

Sam Ford

Burton Sailing Club



Through his involvement with the Derbyshire Youth Sailing Circuit Sam has influenced several youth members and their families to join Burton Sailing Club.

He has increased revenue for the club by arranging for the Leicestershire and Rutland youth sailing team to train with the Derbyshire team at Burton Sailing Club. He is the webmaster for Derbyshire Youth Sailing and has rebuilt the site to provide a 'shop window' for the association.

Sam is an exceptional young man who demonstrates how sailing can increase young people's self esteem and self confidence.



Samantha Green

Northampton Sea Cadets



Sam has encouraged young people on the water in her roles at Northampton Sea Cadets. This has enabled over 1000 training hours to be achieved and under her guidance the club

has trained two new dinghy instructors.

Sam is never shy to volunteer in the support of watersports and is invaluable in her efforts at a variety of clubs, including Northampton Sea Cadets, Northampton Watersports and the training centre at Thrapston.

Sam always puts the development of others before her own needs and uses her qualifications and experience as a young instructor to promote both adults and youths into the sport. She is always there to support others in a selfless and supporting manner.

Although most people see her on the water, promoting the sport, Sam is not often recognised for the other mundane tasks she willingly carries out, including mopping the shower room, repairing boats, investigating and purchasing new equipment, raising funds for residential courses and organising training programmes.

Samuel Honour

East Anglian Sailing Trust



Sam has re-activated the keelboat racing section with his enthusiasm and involvement in club and regional activities, including the RYA Sailability Multi Class Regatta

at Rutland Water.

He has re-introduced keelboat committee meeting minutes, which are promptly produced with valid action points.

This year Sam played a key role in the organisation of the UK 2010 Blind National Championships, hosted by trust.

With the help of his parents and others, Sam has overcome a disability to enable him to successfully complete all of the above as well as commencing a three year degree at Essex University.



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