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Project Windsurf takes off in the East

Project Windsurf is starting to make an impact in the Eastern Region. There have been a number of windsurfers signing up from the region onto the website – <http://www.projectwindsurfuk.org.uk/> – reports Regional Windsurf Coach Philip Winfield. In addition there are several other clubs or groups interested in joining the site. Brogborough Windsurfing club has established a site that links members of the group to the Brogborough website; the club has been actively using the site to publicise its events and activities.

Recently Felixstowe Windsurfers joined the site as an informal “roaming group”. Felixstowe Windsurfers is a group of windsurfers who mainly sail at Felixstowe either at the Dip, which is near the golf club in Old Felixstowe or Fludyers in Felixstowe itself.

The group does not have a website of its own or a club house but have grouped themselves together as a Yahoo Group and communicate with each other via this route. To get more information go onto the Project Windsurf website and look at the map. Click on the Felixstowe Windsurfers icon to get the contact email for Chris Stephens who manages the Yahoo Group. I have recently joined the group and I am looking forward to sailing with them next season.

There are a couple of other centres that are considering joining up. These are Alton Water and Hickling Broad windsurfing club. I understand that Hickling are debating at their committee whether they wish to join. Alton has agreed that they should join but are currently going through the registration phase. It will be great to have a few groups in the Eastern Region promoting windsurfing; they can be formal clubs or just an informal collection of windsurfers who just get together to enjoy a good sail.

If there are any other groups that wish to know more about this

project they can either contact the RYA's Windsurf Development Officer, Gillian Wright at gillian.wright@rya.org.uk or me and I will be happy to help.

(See contact panel for Philip's contact details).