

YOUNG MARINERS ARE CLUB OF THE YEAR FINALISTS

Eastern Region youth sailing club Bury Lakes Young Mariners is one of the finalists in the RYA Club of the Year Award, invited to the RYA Volvo Dinghy Show on 6 March 2010, at Alexandra Palace, London, where they will enjoy a finalists' lunch followed by the Club of the Year Award presentation.

"BLYM is honoured to be selected as a finalist for the RYA Club of the Year," says Treasurer Alan Russell. "All our members, able bodied and disabled, are thrilled to be recognised in this way"

BLYM is a youth charity organisation, which is used by over 3,500 young people each year. Located in the picturesque Rickmansworth Aquadrome, the club boasts a diverse fleet of over 70 modern sailing dinghies and six powerboats for use as rescue and coaching craft.

The club is an RYA approved Training Centre, and is run entirely by over 100 volunteer helpers, including eight RYA Senior Dinghy Instructors, and numerous RYA Dinghy and Powerboat Instructors

Jackie Bennetts, RYA Volunteer Development Officer says: "The Club of the Year Award aims to recognise and promote clubs that are successful, forward looking, and vibrant."

"The first impression clubs give perspective members is pivotal in their decision whether to take up the sport on a more regular basis. We know there are some excellent clubs out there who are doing a fantastic job of engaging and inspiring people. The RYA Club of the Year Awards are an opportunity to recognise the hard work these clubs put into the sport."

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