

RYA Eastern Region Windsurf Training fleet update

Last year neither the Techno fleet or the Naish Kailua fleet were hired out and were not used in the year. The regional training panel decided to dispose of the Techno fleet and advertised the kit for sale. Most of the kit went very quickly as the boards and sails were in pretty good condition and they were sold well below retail price. The 6.8 rigs and the Techno boards have all gone.

Some kit still remains from this fleet, namely four 7.8 Technos sails, which are being put up for sale. Two are unused and two have probably been used 2-3 times at most. If you are interested in them please contact Garth Cooper, Regional Training Panel chairman at garthword@btinternet.com or telephone 01263 699195.

The training panel has agreed to maintain one fleet of windsurfing boards. This is the Kailua fleet, which consists of:-

- 3 x 180 ltr and 3 x 220 ltr boards
- 2 x 2.5, 2 x 3.5, 4 x 4.5 (2 brand new) training sails, 4 x battened monofilm 5.0mtr and 1 x 5.8 techno monofilm
- Trailer is being modified to T bar design over the winter.

This kit is in pretty good condition and I will be repairing, cleaning and renovating this kit over the winter. I have been asked to make you all aware of the existence of this kit in the hope that you may wish to hire it for your clubs or centres for any events you may have.

The kit can be hired through the RYA East website at www.ryaeast.org . If you are looking to run open days, instructor training or just want some kit if you have run out, it is well suited for purpose. I hope to put some pictures on the website of the fleet and trailer once it is all together. Currently the trailer is at Otley College with the dinghy fleets, however it has been agreed that next year it should be housed at the Oulton Water Outdoor Education Centre, which is currently managed by Suffolk County Council which is in negotiation for a change in management in the near future.

RYA East website

We are always looking for articles on windsurfing or windsurfing related articles for the regional website. If you have any news or updates or just want to promote your club will you let me have the news and I will ask Garth to upload it onto the website. You will see that there is a little more info on windsurfing on the website and we have managed to get a separate section for windsurfing. The tab is in the menu bar at the top of the page. Could you give some thought to providing some info for the site so it remains fresh. It is free publicity and you seldom get something for nothing in these days!

http://www.ryaeast.org/new_site/home.shtml

Norwich Force Eighth T15 club

Some of you may know Philip Bennet Lloyd who was the T15 coach for Norwich Force Eighth. Philip has decided to relinquish this post as his commitment to his daughter Bryony who is taking part in the national 420 fleet events has taken up all his time and he feels unable to support the T15 club as he did previously. There are

discussions taking place at the club to find a successor. Lets hope that they can find a replacement for Phil as the club has been our regional championship club for the last two years and represented us at the national champs cup.

I am hoping that next year all our clubs will be fighting to take this title and represent the region. Whitlingham Outdoor Education Centre are looking to work with Norwich Force Eighth to grow the numbers of young people in the T15 club. Recently Gerry Ball ran a start instructors course at Whitlingham and at least four of the participants were Norwich F8 ex/current team members. This bodes well for them in the future and perhaps all our centres would like to think how they could use their T15 participants to become assistant instructors and start instructors.

T15 club meeting

Don't forget there will be a T15 club meeting on 1st March to plan for the 2012 season activities. Please put it in your diary. If you are not a T15 club but would like to hear what is happening in the region please let me know and I will send you an invite to this event. It will be an evening meeting similar to last year. I would be happy to hear from anyone who is interested in supporting T15 in the region and if you know of anyone could you please let me know their contact details.

Well that's about it for now. Keep in touch. Let me know if you want any more info on anything in this mini update or if you want anything else from me. Please feel free to forward this to anyone else.

Happy Windsurfing J

Philip