

## **RYA East's Pilotage Quiz**



Nigel Tomson of Royal Harwich YC won a signed copy of East Coast Pilot donated by Imray in RYA East's pilotage quiz run on the region's stand at the Woolverstone Project/CA Cruising Conference held at the Royal Hospital School (RHS) on Sunday 11 March 2018. Nigel was just one of some 80 people who filled in the quiz form. He sails a Hallberg Rassy 31 out of Woolverstone.

The stand, put together by a team of ERC volunteers lead by regional deputy chairman Doug MacEwen attracted considerable interest among the 190 people attending the conference. The core message was "What RYA East does for cruising sailors".

Among some prestigious visitors was Hannah Stodel, 2017 Yachtmaster of the Year, who spent a full half on the stand. A three-times World Champion, and four-times Paralympian she is aiming to complete the Vendée Globe in 2020 and achieve five further world records along the way. A former pupil of RHS she was also a member of the Coastguard Search and Rescue team based at Holbrook.

RYA East deputy chairman Doug MacEwen commented: "The conference was very successful and I'm glad we were able to show that there was more to RYA in this region than dinghy sailing and racing. We had over a hundred people pass through the stand."

The conference, called "We do mean to go to sea" was organised to raise funds for the Woolverstone Project, an RYA Disability Centre offering sailing experiences to a wide range of disabled people from Suffolk and Essex. It was sponsored by Fox's Marine, Royal Harwich Yacht Club, Seamark Nunn, Ensors Accountants and Imray.