

Flying Kites



ROYAL SOUTHERN
ACADEMY

The Newsletter of the Royal Southern Academy: June 2010

What's next?

RSrNYC June Regatta: 12 / 13 June

The exams will be over and this is the Club's biggest Monthly Regatta. We expect strong fleets of sports boats and IRC cruiser racers. If you're not yet part of a regular crew, please let us know **by return** what kind of boat and job you'd like and we'll get back to you. If you'd like to charter your own SB3, we have a special rate from Pelican of £100 per boat per day which split three or four ways is a snip. **Prizes** will be given – One for a half price charter of an SB3 for the July Regatta (July 3 / 4) plus a £10 beer voucher for each Class. AND, the June and July Regattas will be the basis of selecting the crew for the Academy crews for Cowes Week, and the SB3 Nationals, Brighton 1-4 September.

Round The Island Race: 19 June

Lots of Club Members are taking part and many have space for Academy members. Let us know if you're free – from Friday evening or very early on Saturday morning – and whether you're a serious racer or out for a leisurely cruise Round the Island.

RSrNYC July Regatta: 3/4/July

Similar to the June Regatta, let us know what you'd like to do. There will be similar prizes and again, the results will be used to select the Cowes Week and National Championship Academy crews.

COACHING

Stuart Childerley was twice an Olympian and has won the Etchells worlds twice. Not many people have done that! Stuart has offered to run coaching sessions for Academy members on Thursday evenings covering both boat and match racing skills. Are you interested?

Academy Entries

Cowes Week: 31 July - 7 August.

There are certainly two private Academy SB3 entries and we are hopeful that we will have two more SB3s made available to us as free entries for the Academy. We will pay the entry and mooring fees; you are responsible for your own subsistence and accommodation.

These entries will be by **qualification** at the June and July Regattas, but let us know if you're interested so that we can keep the scores.

We may also have Club owners looking for crew on IRC and other boats. Let us know if you're free.

SB3 Nationals: Brighton, 1-4 September

We know of two Academy SB3 entries, and again, we hope to have two SB3s available with a free entry. You would again be responsible for subsistence.

Both of these free entries are earmarked for crews who want to do well, not just turn up. That is why they are by qualification at the June and July regattas, and, we expect to be running **coaching** sessions before the Nationals which crews would be expected to do. We have some top notch coaching available – see below. So this is a way to get seriously good training and get your hands on boats for the big events. Let's hear from you!

Gilets

'What gilets?' you may say, and sorry for the delay. Musto no longer make red ones so they will now be 'platinum' with the Academy logo. They will be ready on 12 June at the June Regatta, so make sure you turn up and get 'gilet-ed'.

Match racing



Guy Jackson (SSU and Academy committee member) has put together a programme for a Match racing series in November 2010 and March 2011. The dates are: Heat 1, 19/20 November, Heat 2, 4/5 March, Finals, 18/19 March. The RYA has been informed of the dates.

We hope to have the event ISAF Graded and for this to be the start of a continuing Match Race programme though to 2012. Guy is working on a similar format to our last event, using Laser SB3s in Match Race rig with qualified on-water umpiring. While there will certainly be entries from University Teams, the event is open to all 18-25 year old teams, and if oversubscribed will be by invitation. We want to develop RSnYC Academy Match race teams to represent the Club in outside events as well, and will be offering coaching to help them do that.

Let us know if you're interested, already have some experience or are in a team. We'll be looking for sponsorship to take the programme forward to a major event in September / October 2012. This is the Club's 175th Anniversary year and we hope that one of the major events in the Club's year long programme will be a major Academy Match Race championship. If you have any sponsorship ideas for the Match race programme, do let us know.

ACTION ...

Now, we need to hear from you. Please email Natalie Gray, sailing@royal-southern.co.uk with copies to Ed Dyer edward_dyer@btinternet.com and Karen Henderson-Williams, david@harkgroup.co.uk with details of what you would like to do.

We need to know if you want to do:

June Regatta: crew on SB3 / IRC /other boat/charter an SB3? Preferred position on boat

Round the Island Race: same information

July Regatta: same information

Thursday evening coaching?

Cowes Week: qualify for Academy Team? Crew on a boat / what type?

SB3 Nationals: qualify for Academy team?

Match racing: interested or not? In a team already?

Send us an email with what you'd like to do SOON, and BY RETURN if it involves the June Regatta.

Thanks.

The Academy Team