

Eastern Area Temporary Memorandum 02/12

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Sponsor: Area Staff Officer (Boats)

HONDA RYA YOUTH RIB CHALLENGE 2012

1. The 2011 Honda RYA Youth RIB Championship proved to be a great success and the RYA together with Honda and Ribcraft are delighted to offer all interested youngsters the opportunity to participate once again! The Honda RYA Youth Rib Championship is a National Championship in which 8 - 16 year old Rigid Inflatable Boat (RIB) drivers, can demonstrate their skills with the goal of winning a 4.8m RIB for their RYA club or centre.

2. The RYA (Royal Yachting Association), through its affiliated clubs, organisations and training centres will again run a National Championship in Rigid Inflatable Boats (RIB's) for juniors/youths. Clubs, organisations and training centres wishing to participate hold local heats, at their premises, to determine who they put forward to their Regional Finals. There are 14 Regional Finals and the winner in each age group (8-12 years and 13-16 years) takes part in the National Final held at the PSP Southampton Boat Show on Sunday, 16th September 2012.

3. The competition takes the form of a time trial around a set of marks - the fastest time wins. The slalom buoys are set 12.5m apart so that skill and control, and not necessarily speed, are the most important factors. Each competitor has two runs, one as a practice and one as a 'hot lap'. Both runs are timed and the fastest time put forward.

4. There are two classes: 8-12 years and 13-16 years. This is the age of the entrant at the time of the National Final i.e. for the 8-12 year olds the competitor should not have had their 13th birthday before 17th September 2012 and similarly in the 13-16 year old section they should not have had their 17th birthday before 17th September 2012. The process for the challenge is as follows:

5. **Local Heats:** Any RYA (Royal Yachting Association) affiliated club, organisation or training centre that wishes to participate can hold a local heat or directly enter competitors to the regional finals. Only Sea Cadet units who are RYA RTC can run local heats.

a) A local heat is that the club, organisation or training centre runs a competition at their premises, using their own boats, from which they put forward their winners, to the Regional Final, in one or both of the age categories. If a Sea Cadet unit is running a club heat, please email the RYA organisers using the below contacts for an information pack.

b) Obviously safety is paramount if conducting a local heat or practice. An RYA Powerboat Instructor should be in the boat at all times attached to the safety lanyard/kill cord. If at any point during a run the instructor adult considers that the

competitor is driving in a dangerous or unsafe manner the run should be aborted immediately either by asking the competitor to throttle back or by operating the safety lanyard. All competitors and the accompanying instructor must wear approved buoyancy aids at all times when on the water. An additional safety boat should be made available with a first aid qualified adult. Only the instructor and competitor should be in the competing boat during the run. Any other boat, whether practising or acting as a safety boat, should keep well clear of the course. The course should be set in sufficient water for the draft of the competing boats and should be laid well clear of any land, jetty, wall or any other object that could cause damage to boats or competitors. RYA centres run their own heats and must carry out their own risk assessment for this event.

c) Therefore either RYA recognised Sea Cadet units can directly enter the regional competition or units can participate through local sailing clubs or centres that they may have an affiliation with.

6. **Regional Finals:** The Regional Finals are held at clubs/organisations/training centres with suitable facilities. The RYA will attend and support the event with promotional materials and two Honda powered Ribcraft to be used by the competitors. At the Regional Finals, medals, certificates and other prizes are presented for the first, second and third places in each age group. The contacts for the regional finals covering the Eastern Area are as below:-

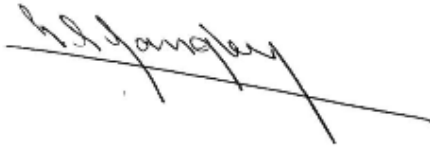
EAST MIDLANDS	Saturday 14th July	Burton Sailing Club	Contact Mark Ryder Mobile 07973 304252 Email hondayouthribem@gmail.com
EASTERN	Saturday 23rd June	Island Yacht Club, Canvey Island	Contact Nigel Mower Mobile 07803 038672 Email nigel.mower@talk21.com
YORKS & HUMBERSIDE	Saturday 21st July	West Riding Sailing Club, Crofton, Wakefield	Contact Tom Busfield Telephone 07825 700421 Email tom.busfield@btinternet.com

7. **National Final:** The National Final will be held at the PSP Southampton Boat Show on Sunday 16th September 2012. At the National Final the winner of the 8-12 age group will win a Honwave T40 RIB with a Honda BF20 engine for their club, organisation or training centre and the winner of the 13-16 age group will win a 4.8m Ribcraft RIB with a Honda BF60 engine for their club, organisation or training centre. Medals, certificates and other prizes are presented for the first, second and third places in each age group.

8. If a cadet of your unit belongs to an RYA affiliated club or attend an RYA training centre why not encourage them to try their hand at the 2012 Honda RYA Youth Rib Championship, now in its 11th year and growing in popularity.

9. For more information please either use the links on the RYA web site to request information packs or posters. Alternatively ASO Boats will be ore than happy to answer queries or point you in the right direction.

10. Cancel this EATM 17 Sep 12

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