



## **Reach 4 the Wind – Christmas News Letter**

As another season draws to a close it is hard not to take a quick look back, and what a season it's been, we've had some great moments both on and off the water, with an amazing Rolex Fastnet Campaign, a classic "Round the Island Race" and the ISC "In Shore Series" which saw "Team Reach 4 the Wind" racing in varied conditions from Force 1 to Force 8 winds.

The Launch of "Reach 4 the Wind – Palma De Mallorca" has also proved a success with a number of RYA practical courses run on board Spirit of Beaulieu, our Bavaria 38 and let's not forget the success of all our Solent based on water courses with more of you than ever sailing on board "Reach 4 the Wind"; our Southampton based training yacht.

We have also been very busy with our off the water RYA Training, SRC/VHF, RYA First Aid, Sea Survival and ISAF offshore safety courses run at various locations around the UK.

So with Christmas just around the corner it's time to look forward to next year, the dates of all our RYA courses UK and Palma – Mallorca are now on the website.

**RYA - On Water Courses** - <http://www.reach4thewind.co.uk/37369/index.html>

Looking ahead to 2010, we will be running a full programme of **RYA On-Water Training Courses** including: Start Yachting, Competent Crew, Day Skipper (Tidal and Non Tidal), Coastal Skipper (Tidal and Non Tidal), Yachtmaster Preparation and ICC.

You don't need to wait for summer, early season is a great time to sail, well away from the summer crowds. All our training yachts are fully centrally heated and, from now until 1<sup>st</sup> April, our UK RYA training courses are being offered at our low season prices, all booking made before the end of February will be at 2009 prices.

By popular demand we will be running our 5 day RYA Solent based courses not only Sunday evening to Friday but also Friday evening to Wednesday and Thursday evening to Tuesday, including all the bank holiday weekend.

Our Palma based courses are run over six days as this allows for a more relaxed time, and fit into a normal "holiday week" Our courses run from Saturday to Saturday. You are welcome to arrive any time on the Saturday and we will be back in our home marina on the Friday evening leaving Saturday flexible for your return. Palma is extremely well served from the majority of the UK Main and regional airports.

**RYA – Shore Based Training** - <http://www.reach4thewind.co.uk/132169/index.html>

- **RYA Basic Sea Survival Course** The RYA Sea Survival course is designed for all small craft users. This enjoyable one day course prepares you to stay alive in an emergency. It will show you how to make the best use of a liferaft and you will learn the basic survival techniques. (This course is a requirement for all commercial yachtsmen).
- **RYA/ISAF Offshore Safety Course** The RYA/ISAF Offshore Safety Course was developed from the lesson learned following the 1998 Sydney Hobart Race and includes such subjects as damage control, fire, heavy weather sailing, storm sails and communications.

It is a well proven fact that people with appropriate training are more likely to survive in an emergency situation, The two above courses are a prerequisite for any crew who take part in ISAF class 0, 1 and 2 offshore racing.

- **The Marine SRC (VHF) Radio Course.** This replaces the previous VHF Radio Operators Certificate and is part of the Global Maritime Distress and Safety System (GMDSS). All new VHF Radio users need to obtain this certificate to operate their radios safely and legally. Previous VHF certificate holders wishing to operate a DSC radio need to upgrade to the new Short Range Certificate.
- **RYA First Aid Course.** This course is a must for all who mess about on the water from the windsurfer, dinghy sailor, racing yacht skipper and crew to family cruisers, both, power and sail, not forgetting PWC, powerboats and Inland waterways. At the successful completion of the course you will be issued with the RYA first aid certificate. This certificate is valid for 3 years from the time of issue and is a prerequisite for RYA on-water Instructors and those taking their Coastal Skipper or Yachtmaster Offshore Examination.

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- The new **RYA Basic Navigation and Safety Course**. This Course is aimed at a wide audience, including anyone new to sailing, power boats, motor boating, sea angling and diving as well as experienced dinghy and keelboat sailors and inshore racers. Lasting just 16 hours the course topics include: charts and publications, safety, engine checks, buoyage, tidal awareness, visual and electronic navigation, pilotage, rules of the road, anchoring, weather forecasts and passage planning.
- **RYA Shore Based Day Skipper and Coastal Skipper/Yachtmaster.**

**Our RYA Shore Based Courses are run at various locations; Birmingham, London and Southampton. If there is a group of 5 or more we will come to YOU**

## **Share-a-Yacht Programme**

In addition to our RYA training courses, our Skippered Charter and Share-a-Yacht programme will continue throughout the coming year so, if you have a spare weekend, the odd day's holiday to use up or just fancy a few days on the water, give me a call or drop me an e-mail.

## **Key dates for 2010**

- **In – Shore Series** - (Three weekends of sailing May, July, September) Following the successes of recent years, we will be doing it all again. Enjoy the thrill of taking part in a "Race Series"; three races run throughout the year, Christchurch Bay, The Solent and Nab Tower Race, organised by the Island Sailing Club. These weekends are suitable for the complete beginner/novice to expert alike. We get together on the Friday evening for a relaxed meal on-board; Sunday is race day for the May and July weekends allowing practice time on the Saturday. The Nab tower race is held on the Saturday, with casual sailing on the Sunday.  
<http://www.reach4thewind.co.uk/16112/index.html>
- **Spring Cruise – Mallorca** 22<sup>nd</sup> – 29<sup>th</sup> May. Explore the beautiful island of Majorca stopping overnight in picturesque bays and quaint harbours. We will be collecting the boats from Palma, the perfect starting point and easily reached from a number of UK airports. The boats will have a professional skipper and a mixed crew, the trip is suitable for the complete beginner to expert alike. <http://www.reach4thewind.co.uk/9047/52169.html>
- **The world famous "Round the Island Race"**, 18<sup>th</sup> – 20<sup>th</sup> June, again suitable for the novice to expert alike. The race is held on the Saturday with social sailing on the Sunday.  
<http://www.reach4thewind.co.uk/16112/index.html>
- **Cowes Fireworks Weekend** – see the amazing end of Cowes week fireworks from on board "Reach 4 the Wind" on the Friday evening, before spending a relaxing weekend sailing the local waters. This is a great weekend with great food and entertainment, 6<sup>th</sup> – 8<sup>th</sup> August.
- **Share-a-Yacht weekends** - Our "Share a Yacht" weekends are offered, on average, every four or five weeks. These skippered weekends provide a way that couples or individuals can join together for a weekend of social sailing. The programme is tailored to the groups needs, which can be relaxed or action packed, with or without instruction. All you need to do is let us know your requirements and we will try and match the crew.  
<http://www.reach4thewind.co.uk/9047/35269.html>

**All of the above activities are suitable for the complete beginner or expert alike. More details can be found on our web site or please give me a call on 07831 431197.**

**Diary Dates - The National Boat Caravan and Outdoor Leisure Show – NEC 23<sup>rd</sup> – 28<sup>th</sup> February 2010; please come and meet us on stand number 1230 (our new position in hall one).**

Further details of all our activities are available on our web site [www.reach4thewind.co.uk](http://www.reach4thewind.co.uk). I hope you will find something of interest. If you have any questions, whatsoever, please do not hesitate to contact me and, as mentioned above, if you are going to visit the show please drop in to see us again.

Hope to see you soon

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National Exhibition Centre  
Stand 1230 Hall One**