



Reach 4 the Wind – News Letter

It may not feel like it right now but spring is just around the corner with summer on its way, and we are looking forward to another great year on the water.

Looking forward to 2009, places on both our RYA Training Courses and our “Share-a-Yacht” programme are selling well; in fact the 2009 Round the Island Race and the Fastnet Race Campaign aboard Beaufort are sold out (second campaign on board a Beneteau 40.7 available).

We have a big change for 2009, in addition to Ocean Village Southampton, we are very excited to be able to announce that we have opened a new base in **Palma Majorca**, where we have a Bavaria 38 named “Spirit of Beaulieu”; Moored at Real Club Nautico de Palma, she is just a 10 minute taxi ride from Palma Airport and the perfect starting point to explore this beautiful Island group.

Sailing on board “Spirit of Beaulieu” we will be offering our RYA practical courses, Share-a-Yacht weeks and skippered charter.

2009 will also see us extending our Shore Based Training programme which now includes:

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- **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). Next course 28th February 2009
- **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. Next course 1st March 2009

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 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.
- **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. Next Course 22nd March 2009
- **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. Next Course 21st March 2009
- **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

RYA - On Water Courses

As always we will also be running a full programme of **RYA On-Water Training Courses** including: Start Yachting, Competent Crew, Day Skipper, Coastal Skipper, Yachtmaster Preparation and ICC.

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We have places available throughout the year on all our RYA training courses; our 5 day courses are now run Wednesday evening to Sunday, Friday evening to Wednesday, Thursday evening to Tuesday, as well as our standard Sunday evening to Friday.

We have availability for all months, including the Easter weekend (one place only) so please contact us or visit our web site to check for the latest dates.

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 1st April, our RYA training courses are being offered at our low season prices.

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 2009

- **In – Shore Series** - (Three weekends of sailing May, July, September) Following the successes of recent years (3rd in class in 2008), 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; Saturday is practice day with racing taking place on the Sunday. Only a few places left, so please book early. <http://www.reach4thewind.co.uk/16112/index.html>
- **Spring Cruise – Majorca** (30th May – 6th June). 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"**, 19th – 21st June, again suitable for the novice to expert alike. The race is held on the Saturday with social sailing on the Sunday. Sold out for this year so get in early for 2010. <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. The world famous Rolex Fastnet Race will be starting out from Cowes on the Sunday morning, you will be able to watch and sail along with the 300 plus yachts head down the western Solent. This is a great weekend with great food and entertainment, 7th – 9th August.
- **The 23rd Phuket King's Cup**. Experience two weeks of warm water sailing in Thailand 22nd Nov – 6th Dec. The first week is warm water cruising among the wonderful and unique sailing grounds of the Andaman Sea, sailing among the many islands of the Phang Nga National Park. Second week is race week, sailing in a matched boat fleet which guarantees close racing in the day, with the legendry King's Cup partying in the evening. <http://www.reach4thewind.co.uk/16112/32796.html>
- **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 with out 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 17th – 22nd February 2009, 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. 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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