



Reach 4 the Wind – Spring News Letter

With the new season starting to begins in earnest we are looking forward to another great season.

2011 is Rolex Fastnet year with “**Team - Reach 4 the Wind’s**” Fastnet campaign already underway having completed our on shore and on water training weekends. The race is fully booked as is this year’s “Round the Island Race” but we have places available on three of the Fastnet qualification races which are great experience and mile building opportunities.

The Launch of “Reach 4the Wind – Palma De Mallorca” proved a great success and we are looking forward to more RYA practical courses and Skippered Charters being run on board Spirit of Beaulieu, our Bavaria 38. Let’s not forget that most of the year we will also be running RYA courses at our Solent base, where we will again be sailing on board “Reach 4 the Wind”; our Ocean Village, Southampton based training yacht.

We will also be running 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.

All the details are now on the website so with Easter upon us it must be time to get back on the water, so please check out the dates and give us a call

RYA - On Water Courses - <http://www.reach4thewind.co.uk>

In 2011, we will be running a full programme of **RYA On-Water Training Courses** including: Start Yachting, Competent Crew, Day Skipper (Tidal and None Tidal), Coastal Skipper (Tidal and None 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 UK training yachts are fully centrally headed

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 weekends.

Our Palma based courses are run over six days/seven nights 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 lessons 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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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 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 2011

- **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, with The Christchurch Bay & The Solent race already fully booked, Don't miss out on the 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. The Nab tower race is held on the Saturday, with casual sailing on the Sunday.
<http://www.reach4thewind.co.uk/16112/index.html>
- **Skippered Charter – Mallorca** Various dates throughout the year. Explore the beautiful island of Majorca stopping overnight in picturesque bays and quaint harbours. Joining the boat in the centre of Palma, the perfect starting point and easily reached from a number of UK airports. Spirit of Beaulieu will have a professional skipper and therefore, the trip is suitable for the complete beginner to expert alike
<http://www.reach4thewind.co.uk/9047/Sprit%20of%20Beaulieu.html>
- **The Cervantes Trophy Race (Cowes Le Harve) – 29th April – 2nd May**, Great experience / mile builder opportunity. Join the 2011 Fastnet crew on board Bearepere our Grand Soleil 45 on their race to Le Harve, one day spent ashore then a gentle sail back to Lymington Approximately 200 plus miles
<http://www.reach4thewind.co.uk/16112/Rolex%20Fastnet%20Race%20.html>
- **The De Guingand Bowl Race (Cowes around Marks) – 13th – 15th May**, another great experience / mile builder opportunity. Join the 2011 Fastnet crew on board Bearepere our Grand Soleil 45 on their race from Cowes to Cowes via laid marks in the channel almost guaranteed upwind down wind sailing, get that spinnaker practice Approximately 160 plus miles <http://www.reach4thewind.co.uk/16112/Rolex%20Fastnet%20Race%20.html>
- **Cowes – Dinard - St Malo – 8th – 11th July**, Your final opportunity for this year to sail with our Fastnet team. Race from Cowes to St Malo before retuning after a night ashore some 300 mile of offshore sailing on board Bearepere <http://www.reach4thewind.co.uk/16112/Rolex%20Fastnet%20Race%20.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 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/Reach%20the%20Wind%20-%20Share-a-Yacht.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.

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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