

Clean sweep for Parkstone YC as 2011 Honda RYA Youth RIB champs are crowned



It was a clean sweep for Parkstone Yacht Club and the Southern Region as 12 year old Harrison Faulk and 16 year old Ben Edwards blasted their way to championship glory at the Honda RYA Youth RIB Championship at the PSP Southampton Boat Show on 18 September. Twenty eight young powerboating finalists from across the country demonstrated great skill and speed at the throttle of the two Ribcraft 4.8m RIBs.

Harrison clinched the winner's title in the 8-12 age group whilst Ben won in the 13-16 age group. Both boys skilfully manoeuvred around the tricky and testing course which included a slalom run, 360° reverse around a buoy and a stop exercise.

Harrison won a fantastic Honwave T40 RIB with BF20 engine and Ben won a Ribcraft 4.8m RIB with BF60

engine, both for lucky Parkstone Yacht Club. All the competitors picked up a certificate for taking part and the top three in each class also collected medals and chandlery vouchers courtesy of Ribcraft.

Harrison, who took part despite a sprained ankle from playing football just a few days beforehand, said: "This is the first year competing in the championship so I can't believe I came first. I found the slalom the most challenging part of the course and I will be back next year, for sure."

In his last year of competing, Ben said: "Today was awesome and I'm so happy I've won. I've been driving RIBs since I was eight. This is my



Pool winners Harrison Faulk and Ben Edwards

fourth time here in Southampton and I have finally won. It's brilliant to go out with a bang!"

Special thanks go to Championship sponsors Honda and Ribcraft. For more information about the Honda RYA Youth RIB Championship, details on how to get involved and a list of results visit www.rya.org.uk and click on the youth section.

Apply for 'Sportivate' funding for your club or centre

The RYA is encouraging clubs and centres to take part in 'Sportivate'. The Sport England initiative aims to capture the excitement of London 2012 by providing attractive sporting opportunities for teenagers and young adults.

'Sportivate' will encourage thousands of 14-25 year olds to learn a new sport by providing them with six weeks of coaching in an activity of their choice.

From Summer 2011, until March 2015 Sport England will invest £32 million of National Lottery funding into the programme, which is part of the *Places People Play* mass participation legacy programme.

The funding is distributed via the 49 County Sports Partnerships (CSPs), which will work with local providers and sports clubs to develop courses based on feedback from teenagers and young adults on the types of sports they are interested in playing.

"This really is a fantastic opportunity for clubs, not only to invite young people from the local community who could potentially become members, but to gain valuable funding to run the courses to accommodate them." Graham Manchester, Strategic Lead for the RYA Adult Participation Programme explains.

"You may have been oversubscribed for a similar course where the cost has proved a barrier, or have run an open day where a number of 14-25 year olds have expressed an interest in a dinghy or windsurfing course that you cannot afford to deliver. The funding from 'Sportivate' will enable your club to welcome more teenagers and young adults into the

sport who will hopefully continue participating for the long term."

To find out whether you are eligible for funding, contact your local CSP for details http://www.sportengland.org/about_us/places_people_play/sportivate.aspx

The RYA has developed a guide for clubs who wish to apply for funding with a case study which can be found at www.rya.org.uk/go/kyc (bottom right of page).



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