

Welcome to the 2009 Lynall Boats News Bulletin.

So much has happened in 2009 and in particular we had an amazingly successful 6 Hour Race back in July. 91 sailors from 11 different clubs took part. The event was won by Olympic hopefuls Ian McKeeman and Ross Harvey in a borrowed Phantom. We also saw the exciting RS100 compete in its development form. We all look forward immensely to its debut next year (over 70 boats pre-sold!), it looks set to be a really fun and rewarding boat to sail. For 2010 we have secured a trophy for the winning team at the 6 Hour Race. This will be partly donated by Jane, Andy & Ian Robertson. So you will all be competing for 'The Steve Robertson Memorial Trophy' next year - a fitting tribute to great guy. We are taking bookings now for next year as there are limited places – send details of your team to: shop@lynallboats.co.uk

New Face at Lynall Boats

Some of you may know that earlier this year at about the time of the 6 hour race, we had a change in management at the shop. Steve, who remains a partner, has stepped down from his role as shop manager and moved to Southampton to pursue a career with Ocean Safety. The draw of living closer to the sea just became too much! Not that we're jealous or anything! Welcome on board our new manager James Deer. James is a Gloucestershire lad but has spent about 8 years living in and around the Falmouth area in the marine industry. He is a keen sailor who originally attended Hartpury College then went on to become a fully qualified yacht skipper. Previous roles saw him delivering various large Beneteau, Jeannau and Bavaria charter yachts around the Med including a delivery from Malta to Plymouth. He also ran charter yachts including a Sundeer 75 and large Catamarans in the Cayman Islands. One of his highlights was taking care of the 50ft Topsail Gaff Ketch 'Samphire' but an equally memorable time was spent running and maintaining a Venetian water taxi (very posh and extremely powerful 'Riva' style vessels – often seen in Bond movies!). James has now settled down in Gloucestershire and is keen to get involved again with dinghy sailing. His attention to detail and dedication to customer service has been honed by the high expectations of Yacht owners and charter guests over the last 8 years. I hope you will all give him your support in what is an exiting, if a little challenging time for retail.

Forthcoming event.

Calling all RS200 owners

The Lynall Boats RS200 winter series 2009/10. Hosted by Bowmoor Sailing Club's winter program we will be running a race series starting from December 6th until 21st March 2010. Winter membership including a boat space will be £60 per boat (that's only £30 each person). Come and join us on this excellent piece of water with superb clubhouse and facilities. The racing will be top notch. In addition to the race series, there will be RS200 specific training every other

Sunday before racing run by a couple of well known Ex RS nationals winners (that's me and Buzz) Rumour has it the equally talented and home grown Andy Robertson is going to help us relay some pearls of wisdom. Bowmoor has an excellent track record with youth racing and we are keen to see the RS200 fleet grow again in the Cotswolds. All clubs welcome.

Winter Varnishing / Polishing / refurb etc.

This winter, for those keen on having a sparkling boat for next season we will be offering varnishing, painting, fibreglass polishing / gelcoat work. If you have been putting off a once over for your boat and think that you probably won't get round to it again this winter – now is the time to book in at Lynall Boats before it deteriorates too far. James has many hours experience and practice with boat maintenance and is keen to keep his hand in over the winter months. You will be pleasantly surprised at the rates too! Please phone or email to arrange a quote.

Drysuit seal repairs

If you have just pulled your drysuit out of the wardrobe and discovered a perished seal or two we have the facility to supply and fit new seals. A great service which will prolong the life of an expensive item in your sailing wardrobe. Try and remember to do it now whilst it's still warm!

Lynall Boats Youth Team Updates

From Jo Lucas – Avon and Bowmoor Sailing Club member.

At the start of the year I moved into a 29er with a friend from toppers. We trained during the winter at Oxford, but later joined Draycote, due to a strong 29er fleet.

Only our second event was the National Youth Championships in Largs, which was a difficult week in which we only raced on 2 days because of heavy winds. We were pleased to finish 11th, which was 3rd girls and 1st independent sailors.

We competed in the Harken Grand Prix series, with events at Rutland, Hayling Island, Draycote, Lymington and Northampton throughout the year. Overall in the series we finished 6th and 1st girls. We also competed in independent open meetings, finishing 3rd at Parkstone and 2nd at Datchet.

In July, we packed up and set off for sunny Lake Garda for the World Championships. This was a windy event, with the ever-reliable Garda winds, and we finished a disappointing 24th in the emerald fleet.

A few weeks later we drove down to Hayling Island for the National Championships, which was another windy week. We finished 22nd overall, which was 1st all-girl crew and 20th British boat; a few French boats had come over to compete. Following this we gained selection into the RYA National Youth Squad.

We are now preparing for the last few competitions of the season, including the Inlands at Grafham in a few weeks, and our first National Squad training weekend.

Next year we are hoping to compete in the national series and National championships, hopefully improving on our results this year.

I would like to thank Lynalls for their continued support.

Thanks for the update Jo and very well done for a first year in a radically different boat to a Topper! Looking forward to catching up over the winter in 200s.

From Alex Frost & Rory Sanderson – South Cerney Cadets.

It's been a great year for Alex & Rory, results include 6th at the UK Nationals in Pwllheli, 7th at the Flanders Youth Regatta, 2nd at Torbay Cadet Open & 1st at South Cerney Cadet open. They narrowly missed the World Squad by 3 places. For next year, Alex is teaming up with his brother Lewis in a 29er. Best of luck boys and well done for those impressive results!

And finally

I would like to thank you all for your support so far and look forward to seeing you on the water over the Autumn / Winter.

Fair Winds & all the best,

Dave Lynall.