

A Vision for the future at Avon Sailing Club

Press release

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Avon Sailing Club is aiming to encourage new sailing members and their sustained participation in sailing activities – thanks to a new National Lottery-funded project.

The new facilities have been made possible by a £9,750 grant from Sport England – which is working with local communities to get people participating in more sport. The club is also investing its own resources in the initiative.

The grant is being put towards purchase of a new 'two-handed' sailing dinghy suitable for training adults and young people alike, but also capable of providing access to competitive and exciting sailing. In addition the grant will be used to improve safety equipment and for the purchase of two further 'single-handed' sailing dinghies. The aim of the project is to improve club facilities for new and existing club members who do not have access to their own dinghies so as to allow them to participate in the organised club racing, or to simply enjoy sailing. In addition the project will offer training programmes at beginner and intermediate level to adults and young people, aiming to develop a life long interest in sailing and the desire to progress further.

Avon Sailing Club will be holding an Open Day on Saturday 28th August 2010, 11 a.m. onwards at the club site on the River Severn at Chaceley Stock near Tewkesbury. Volunteers will be available to give visitors a taste of sailing in the new Sport England funded dinghy as well as other boats in the club fleet.

Richard Thwaites, Commodore of Avon Sailing Club, said:

' Dinghy sailing is a sport which is accessible and fun for all ages and levels of skill. Avon Sailing Club is a strong local club but we're always looking to attract more members to share our passion for sailing. The project will deliver a significant development in our facilities and give existing and new members opportunities to develop their sailing skills. We're delighted to have received Lottery funding to make it all happen.'

Sport England invests National Lottery and Exchequer funding in projects that will grow and sustain participation in grassroots sport and create opportunities for people to excel at their chosen sport.

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Note to editors:

Avon Sailing Club provides organised club dinghy racing on every Sunday from March to December and on Wednesday evenings in the Summer, but is open at all times for club members who wish to simply enjoy sailing on the river.

The 'come and try' Open Day will be held at the club site at Chaceley Stock on the River Severn near Tewkesbury (GL19 4EQ) on Sat 28 Aug, 11 am to 4 pm. A training day for members will be held in September 2010 and further training days will be scheduled in our programme from April 2011.

Avon Sailing Club has received £9,750 of National Lottery funding from Sport England's Small Grants Programme. We are using the grant to purchase a new RS Vision '2-handed' sailing dinghy, two Laser single handed dinghies and a number of buoyancy aids.

We could provide a photo of an existing club RS Vision if required.

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www.avonsailingclub.co.uk