

The OnBoard scheme is an RYA programme developed to introduce sailing and windsurfing to more young people. Since its introduction, OnBoard has brought over 200,000 new young people into the sport, over 10,000 of who have become regular sailors. We have been responsible for over 1,500 new young people sailing or windsurfing.

My role as OnBoard Coordinator is to do three things:

- Promote sailing and windsurfing to young people
- Support the network of OnBoard clubs and centres in their provision of sailing and windsurfing
- Develop the links between schools and the network of OnBoard clubs and centres

Recently appointed as the OnBoard Coordinator for Staffordshire and North Warwickshire I am currently working with existing OnBoard clubs and sailing clubs looking to become part of the OnBoard program and to create links between schools and sailing clubs within the area. My aim is to give as many young people as possible the opportunity to have a go at sailing or windsurfing and have the opportunity to use their newly learnt skills on a regular basis at a local club.

Full OnBoard clubs:

Chase Sailing Club  
Manor Park Sailing Club  
Stanley Head Outdoor Education Centre

The aim for OnBoard in the Staffordshire and North Warwickshire partnership in 2010 is to get MORE YOUNG PEOPLE SAILING AND WINDSURFING MORE. The plan is to do this by:

- More beginners – Working with as many schools, teachers and youth groups as possible to bring more new young people into the sport
- Turning beginners into regulars – continued support for clubs and centres, members initiatives and packages, and inter school and inter-club regattas.
- Keeping the regulars sailing – continued support for your junior clubs.

If you have any queries about OnBoard, are interested in getting involved, or would just like more information then please do not hesitate to contact me.

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