

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.

In Northamptonshire & South Warwickshire I am working with sailing clubs, school sport co-ordinators, local council Sport Development Officers and the County Sport Partnerships in order to create more opportunities for young people to take part in sailing and windsurfing. This includes accessing funding grants, supporting clubs with developing volunteers, taking boats into schools to demonstrate to young people what it is all about and instructing on the water in any spare time!

The network of OnBoard clubs and centres has grown since the introduction of the scheme in this area in summer 2008.

The OnBoard clubs are currently:

- Northampton Watersports Centre
- Hollowell Sailing Club
- Northampton Sea Cadets
- Banbury Sailing Club
- Draycote Water Sailing Club
- Draycote Water Windsurfing (Onboard Surf & Sail)

Development clubs are:

- Rugby & Daventry Sailing Club
- Cransley Sailing Club
- Middle Nene Sailing Club

The aim for OnBoard in the Northants & S. Warks partnership in 2010 is to get MORE YOUNG PEOPLE SAILING AND WINDSURFING REGULARLY. We will 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** – membership 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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