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### RYA Press Release

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#### Entry open for 2008 RYA Zone Championships

Entry is now open for the 2008 RYA Zone Championships with around 1,000 of England's top young sailors expected to sign up for what is considered one of the premier events in the annual Junior racing calendar.

The six English Zones will stage their Championships around the country on the weekend of 27-28 September and you can get your entries for the Championships in today by visiting [www.ryaracingevents.org.uk](http://www.ryaracingevents.org.uk)

The RYA Zone Championships traditionally mark the end of the Junior racing season and the start of a hard winter's training. Meanwhile, for those sailors wishing to be selected to be part of the RYA Zone Squad training over the winter, the Zone Championships are a mandatory event.

Racing will take place in the Optimist, Topper, Mirror, Cadet and Bic Techno windsurfer classes while some areas will also offer racing for RS Feva, Laser 4.7 and the Hobie Dragoon classes.

#### **The 2008 Zone Championships will be staged at the following venues:**

North - Scaling Dam Sailing Club, North Yorkshire

South - Weymouth and Portland Sailing Academy, Dorset

West - Blithfield Sailing Club, Staffordshire

South West - Chew Valley Sailing Club, Gloucestershire

East - Dabchicks and West Mersea Yacht Club, Essex

South East - Bewl Valley Sailing Club, Kent

The entry deadline for the six Zone Championships is **Wednesday 17 September 2008** - no entries will be accepted after this date.

ALL sailors wishing to be considered for a National Junior Squad OR a Zone Squad place are also requested to complete an online application form. This can also be found at [www.ryaracingevents.org.uk](http://www.ryaracingevents.org.uk) and following the links to Junior Squad applications.

Meanwhile, online entry for the RYA Home Countries Championships – held in tandem with the Zone Championships – will be open soon.

Scotland and Wales will stage their events at Largs Sailing Club and Pwllheli Sailing Club respectively on 27-28 September while Carlingford Lough Yacht Club hosts the Northern Ireland event on 6-7 September. Keep checking the RYA Racing Events website for the latest entry information.

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### Notes for Editors

- The Royal Yachting Association (RYA) is the national governing body for all forms of sailing, windsurfing, and powerboat racing.
- The RYA is recognised by all government offices as being the negotiating body for the activities it represents. It continually fights for the rights and freedoms of its 103,000 personal members, the majority of whom choose to go afloat for purely recreational non-competitive pleasure on coastal and inland waters.
- It represents a further estimated 500,000 boat owners nationally through its 1600 affiliated clubs and boat owner associations.
- Olympic and Youth sailing is a beneficiary of the Lottery funded World Class Programmes (WCP) and administered by the Sports Councils. The Programmes focus on performance sport with the aim of achieving sporting excellence on the world stage. Further information can be found on the UK Sport website at [www.uk sport.gov.uk](http://www.uk sport.gov.uk) and Sport England's website at [www.sportengland.org](http://www.sportengland.org). The Volvo RYA Champion Club Programme and Volvo RYA Keelboat Programme are supported by Volvo.
- Further information can be found at [www.rya.org.uk](http://www.rya.org.uk)