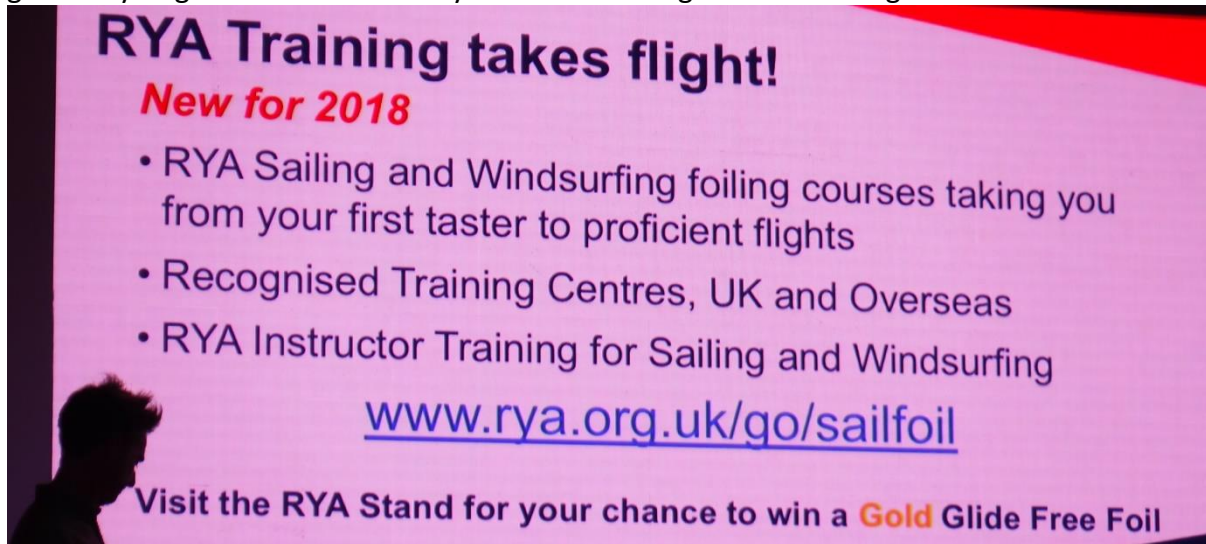


AYRS Newsletter

March April 2018

AYRS was at the RYA Dinghy Show which as usual was interesting I attended two of the lectures one of which was about the Foiling Courses to be started by the RYA, it sounds a good way to get started or even try it without risking a friends foiling boat.



The other was about the Land Rover BAR training scheme for up and coming sailors it sounds remarkably hard work but if you want to get on at the top end of competitive sailing essential.



The main theme of our stand was about the Peter Worsley's wing sail control system where a cam at the base of the mast is adjusted by a lever and the cams position controls the trim tab giving a range of angles of attack of the main wing giving no power (0 angle of attack no matter what the boats heading is) to max power depending on the displacement of the cam (I don't know what the prudent max. angle of attack is!) www.sailwings.net

As usual there was a display of our publications

including the latest copy of Catalyst which Simon our editor had collected from the printers on Friday evening after helping set up the stand.

We were able to meet some members and introduce some other visitors to the potential pleasure of becoming a member, as well as exchanging thoughts about the future of boating in all its forms.



This photo is to remind me of Zest Boat Works who specialise in hi-tech glass fibre work including making spares for some classes in carbon fibre and what particularly interested me was that they have a mould to make carbon fibre masts up to about 9m long.

www.zestboatworks.co.uk



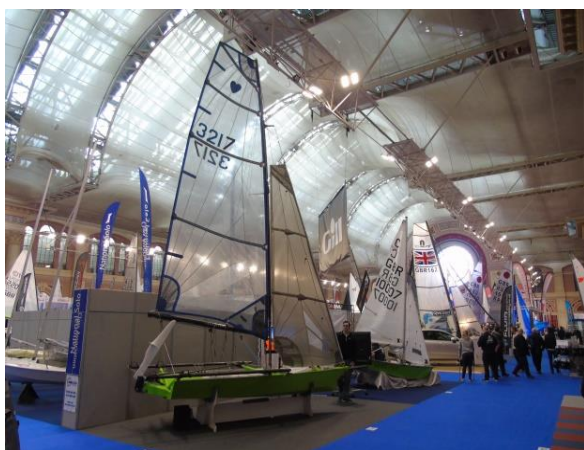
That's what you call a challenge!

Nothing to do with Speedsailing, but a web site where people post their recorded speeds of their boats.

It was on a stand introducing a new design which was offered with either a una rig or sloop rig (or both) by having two dagger board slots to adjust balance. The Seascape 14

www.thinkseascape.com

Below the Cherub class a development class and The Mirracle a one design with sophisticated kit offers.



Hints and tips



Nothing special just how I support my oars when recoating them. Just a block of wood with a hole that loosely fits the handle (left uncoated for grip) held a bench vice so that the loom is just sloping up from the horizontal, it is then firm, but by working outwards one can easily lift the loom a little to rotate it as you apply the finish, eventually reaching the tip of the blade and the very last bit you do without being able to rotate. Wear gloves to avoid skin grease and

wonder if using paint to hide the weathering etc might look smarter.

Diary Dates that may interest you

14-18th May 2018 Trials for Speedweek equipment. An opportunity to try out your boat or board with new ideas and equipment before the main event in October. Thoroughly informal and friendly; usually a good pub meal each evening. Venue Weymouth and Portland National Sailing Academy DT5 1SA Contact Norman Phillips

1st – 3rd June 2018 Beale Park Boat and Outdoor Show An excellent small venue where we will be exhibiting. In addition to shore side exhibits there is a lake where demonstrations and competitions take place. Beale Park, Lower Basildon, Nr. Reading RG8 9NW
www.bealeparkboatandoutdoorshow.co.uk

July 14-22nd 2018 British Human Powered Flying Club. The “Icarus Cup” competition; at Sywell aerodrome NE of Northampton www.bhpfc.org.uk

14-23rd September 2018 Southampton Boat Show As usual lots to see on land and water and some demonstration trips. www.southamptonboatshow.com

13-19th October 2018 Weymouth Speedweek, at the Weymouth and Portland National Sailing Academy. A chance to see some fast sailors in action and some interesting boats. AYRS provides some sponsorship for this event and members take part.
www.speedsailing.com

17th October 2018 “Speedsailing” an **AYRS** evening meeting at the Weymouth Sailing Club, Nothe Parade, Weymouth, Dorset DT4 8TX To Be Confirmed Watch www.ayrs.org

4th November 2018 **AYRS** All day meeting at Thorpe Village Hall near Chertsey TW20 8TE Doors open at 9.00am remember to bring a packed lunch, tea and coffee will be available, members will be talking about their projects and discussing many interesting things Meeting closes for 5.00pm Contact fredball@ayrs.org and office@ayrs.org

9-13th January 2019 London Boat Show New layout but there are still boats and equipment to check out and maybe some bargains to buy.

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January 20st 2019 **AYRS AGM** at Thorpe Village Hall starting at 4.00 Your opportunity to guide AYRS into the future. Contact office@ayrs.org

Any one is welcome to all AYRS meetings

Fred Ball would like contributions for the newsletters; send to fredball@ayrs.org
PS It is his opinions he is expressing so he takes any flak!