

Honda RYA Youth RIB Championship, July 11th

The Banbury heat of the championship will be held in the afternoon. It should take around an hour to complete. The morning will be used for practise. Note that an extra Junior Sailing day has been scheduled for the 11th, and that part of the reservoir will be being used for their activities.

Eligibility

To be eligible to take part you must:

- be a member of Banbury Sailing Club.
- have the RYA Powerboat Level 1 or 2 certificate. If you do not have this certificate you will not be permitted to use the powerboats.
- Have the disclaimer form completed.
- be available to take part in the regional heat to be held at Notts County SC on July 18th.
- Be available to take part in the National Finals at the Southampton Boat Show on September 13th 2009.
- be between 8 and 16 years old.
 - The 8-12 years old category is for those who have not had their 13th birthday before 14th September 2009 .
 - the 13-16 years old category is for those who have not had their 17th birthday before 14th September 2009.

The course

The course comprises a start/finish line, a slalom section, a 'man overboard' exercise, where you should stop the boat within touching distance of a free floating buoy, and reversing around a buoy. Times are recorded for completion of the course. An instructor or competent adult will be in the boat, attached to the killcord. The course will probably be laid out in the area between the pontoon and buoy 5. Although the southern part of the reservoir (say roughly buoys 1, 7, 8 and the finishing mark will be available for other sailing, anyone sailing should be aware of the wake which powerboats generate.

Penalties

Time penalties will be awarded for the following:

- touching a buoy – 5 seconds
- missing a buoy – 5 seconds
- failing to complete the stop in the man overboard exercise – 5 seconds
- getting water into the boat when in reverse – 5 seconds
- miscellaneous – 10 seconds each (includes crashing through the gears, missing the man overboard, and any other misdemeanours the instructor or competent adult deems appropriate).

Winners

The winner in each age category is the person taking the shortest time (including any penalties). In the event that the winner cannot attend the regional heat, the runner-up may take part in his or her place.