

## GET AFLOAT ON THE BROADS

The NSBA and its affiliates (on pages 10-11, contact details on pages 12-15) exist to promote boating on the Broads and to encourage more people to participate. There are many boating activities available including:

- opportunities for people of any age to try sailing at the open days of BASC, CHSC, GYGSC, HBSC, HSC and NBYC
- opportunities to charter or day-hire a skippered historic Broads Wherry with NWT, WMT and WYC, to enjoy a sail on the 100-year old Lowestoft smack of TET, to join a skippered traditional Broads yacht provided by NHFT or, if you have sufficient experience, even to helm some of these boats
- you can also take part in a training cruise aboard a GWYC traditional broads yacht or TET's smack.

**Where else in the world can you find these opportunities?**

**Our clubs welcome anyone interested to come along and participate – you don't need to own a boat. You can enjoy:**

- casual sailing, cruising, regular racing and social opportunities with many of our affiliates
- volunteering in the heritage vessels of the NHFT, NWT, WMT and WYC or in the Sailability centres of NOT, WSL and for WSTL
- training for adults and juniors – most clubs have their own training boats.

Two clubs sail only in the winter – NFSC on the River Yare and SFSC on the Bure. Another two sail throughout the year – RBSC and WOBYC – both on broads. Most of our sailing clubs start activities in April and continue until October; some even to Christmas.



As the sailing programmes in this book indicate (pages 25-55), many NSBA affiliates are committed to training and have RYA Training Centre status. They give training

in general seamanship as well as helming sailing dinghies, keelboats and powerboats – contact BTAC, GWYC, HBSC, HSC, NBYC and NSSA (the latter two are British Youth Sailing Recognised Clubs), NHFT (Hunter's Fleet Ltd), NOT, NPC, RNSYC, TET or WOBYC – or HWC for windsurfing. Whitlingham Adventure Centre (NR14 8TR; 01603 632307) and Oulton Broad Water Sports Centre (NR33 9JR; 01502 558487) are two commercial training centres which offer a variety of boating courses.



Some of our clubs – HSC, NOT, RNSYC, WSL – are recognised by the RYA as specialists in delivering boating opportunities, with specially adapted boats, for those who might

otherwise find it difficult to get on the water. WSL can even provide racing opportunities at WOBYC and elsewhere. WSTL's passenger boats provide similar access.



The RYA OnBoard scheme encourages juniors to start sailing. It's organised in this area by the RYA's Holly Hancock and Jen Miller.

The scheme provides opportunities for young people not already associated with a sailing club to benefit from RYA Training Centre activities.

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The Broads is unique in the range and number of boats available for daily or weekly hire. You can hire a canoe, rowing boat, day boat, powerboat or sailing craft (big or small). Examples of all these may be found amongst our advertisers, including Colin Buttifant, Hunter's Yard, Museum of the Broads, Phoenix Fleet, Sail & Power Boat Training Ltd and Whispering Reeds. Eastwood Whelpton will even provide hire yachts of different rigs, sizes, ages and handicaps to participate in the *Barton Charter Yacht Regatta* (3-7 October). For eco-friendly boat trips see page 7.

For the historians amongst you, the Broads offer events that trace their origins back to the 19th century; some of the competition craft are even older! Two of the local boat classes began over a century ago and are still running class races.

Most of the Broads regattas can be viewed from the shore or bankside; programmes are included on pages 69-82. Long-distance sailing races take place involving special skills and teamwork where bridges and tides are involved. See the **Open Meetings (Fixtures)** list on pages 57-61 for the dates of open days, races and regattas.

**Nowhere else in Britain is there such a rich and active heritage of inland boating, racing and cruising, not just in the summer but all through the year ... so come and join us!**

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