

GET AFLOAT ON THE BROADS

The Norfolk and Suffolk Boating Association and its affiliated organisations (shown on pages 6-7, contact details on pages 137-139) exist to promote and secure boating on the Broads and to encourage others to participate in it.

Boating activities for anyone interested, all without having to be a boat owner, provided by NSBA affiliated organisations, include:

- opportunities for people of any age to try sailing at open days of BASC, CHSC, GYGSC, HBSC, NFSC, NPC, NRSC, NSSA and WOBYC, to try sailing with HSC at the *Horning Boat Show*, to try canoeing at BTAC's *Go Wild at Barton Turf* day and to try windsurfing at the *Come and Try It* day at HWC
- opportunities to charter a skippered-sail in, or enjoy a day aboard, a historic Broads Wherry with NWT, WMT and WYC, to be sailing on the Lowestoft smack of TET, to enjoy a skippered-sail in traditional Broads yachts provided by NHFT or, if experienced, to hire these yachts, and to take part in a training cruise aboard a GWYC traditional Broads yacht.

Our clubs welcome anyone interested to come along and participate, even if not a boat owner.

Join the club for:

- casual sailing, cruising, regular racing and social opportunities
- volunteering opportunities for 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 boats for training, some funded by the BA Sustainable Development Fund).

As the sailing programmes within this book indicate (pages 71-97), many of the NSBA affiliated organisations are committed to training and run regular training sessions.



Some of them have RYA Training Centre status to provide RYA training courses in sailing dinghies or keelboats, handling power boats or general seamanship skills – contact BTAC, GWYC, HBSC, HSC, NBYC

(which is a British Youth Sailing Recognised Club), NHFT, NOT, NPC, NSSA, RNSYC or WOBYC – or HWC for windsurfing.



Some of our clubs – HSC, NOT, RNSYC, WSL – are recognised by the RYA as specialists in delivering boating opportunities to those who would otherwise find it difficult to

get out on the water, using specially adapted or specially designed boats or providing access facilities. WSTL's passenger boats provide similar access to the water. WSL is an exemplar – providing racing opportunities at WOBYC and elsewhere.



The RYA OnBoard scheme to encourage juniors to start sailing is organised in this area by Holly Hancock. This scheme provides opportunities for young people not already associated with a sailing club to benefit from RYA Training Centre activities. Holly can be contacted at holly.hancock@rya.org.uk – NSBA OnBoard clubs are HSC, NOT and NSSA.

The Broads is unique in the huge range and large number of boats available for day or weekly hire. You can hire a canoe, rowing boat, day boat, power boat or sailing craft (big or small) or have boating tuition outside a club.

Throughout this book you will find examples of all the above activities amongst our advertisers: Colin Buttifant, Hunter's Yard, Museum of the Broads, Phoenix Fleet, Sail and Power Boat Training, Waveney River Centre, Whispering Reeds. Eastwood Whelpton even provide their hire yachts of different rigs, sizes, ages and handicaps to participate in the *Barton Charter Yacht Regatta* (12-15 October). For eco-friendly boat trips see page 32.

You can watch events on the Broads which trace their origins to before 1900; some of the competition craft may be even older. Two of the local boat classes began over a century ago and are still running class races. Two of our 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.

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.

Most of the regattas can be viewed from the shore or bankside; programmes are included on pages 54-69. In particular, 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 47-52 for the dates of open days, races and regattas ...

... and come and join us!

Why not keep an extra copy of the book at home, on the boat, in the car or on the desk in the office?

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