



Press Release

2006 sees a new leader for Derbyshire Youth Sailing

Derbyshire Youth Sailing has elected a new leader for the team of volunteers that organise the successful youth county sailing organisation. Ian Bell, a Derbyshire Head Teacher and formerly DYS Treasurer, has replaced retiring Chairman, Roger Britton who had served the organisation for three years.

Ian has a tough act to follow as during his time in office, Roger has achieved the consolidation of DYS as a leading youth sailing organisation in the country and Derbyshire youth sailors have achieved some significant successes in regional, national and international regattas.

Ian is very pleased to have been chosen to take on this important role for the County youth sailors, he and wife Jo have long been involved in the youth sailing scene and this includes their support of their own children who have enjoyed considerable sailing success. Jo Bell has also been elected to the role of Secretary for Derbyshire Youth Sailing and this brings another strong member to the volunteer team to help in the administration of the organisation.

There have been a few further changes to the line up of volunteers and all of the new post holders can be seen on the Derbyshire Youth Sailing website www.dysailing.com

Newly elected DYS Chairman, Ian Bell said "I am delighted to have been elected to take the success of DYS forward even further. Roger, my predecessor, has done a wonderful job and established a very strong foundation on which I am keen to build. I hope that existing and potential youth sailors around the whole county will get huge fulfilment through the sport of racing sailing and that among them may be the potential Ellen MacArthurs' and Olympic champions of the future."

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Derbyshire Youth Sailing (DYS) is an organisation that brings together youth sailors aged up to 18 who are from ten Derbyshire Sailing Clubs. DYS is affiliated to the National Schools Sailing Association. DYS stages a series of ten racing sailing events between April and October as well as other special events and training all year round and at venues throughout Derbyshire. Membership of DYS is FREE for sailors who go to school in Derbyshire or are members of a Derbyshire sailing club. Sailors should be at least capable of sailing a simple triangular course in order to enter Derbyshire Youth Sailing events.

Websites for further information on:-

Derbyshire Youth Sailing www.dysailing.com

National Schools Sailing Association www.nssa.org.uk