

## Trainee mates news by Adrian Randall



We have started this season early with a RYA Day Skipper practical Course, run over 5 days in March & April, based in the Solent & skippered by Ted Thornton. This has gone well, despite the cold. Congratulations to Danny, Teresa and Matt for successfully completing the Day Skipper course, and to Richard, who completed the first part of the course.

Danny joined us as a trainee this season, and jumped straight into the Day Skipper course. He has also survived a weekend on Bambi with Ruth last year (see previous report from Ruth...)

It is hoped this season to get the majority of our Trainee mates to Day skipper standard, and then to agree a plan with each, to get them to a Coastal Skipper practical exam. So far this year we have plans agreed for 1 trainee mate to take the Coastal Skipper exam, as well as another trainee who is already qualified, who we hope to qualify as First Mate during the season. More news on this to follow as the season progresses.

We do need to keep developing our trainee mates, as well as looking to recruit suitable new people, as this year 3 first mates are moving to skippering (Ted Thornton, Derek Hopkins and Adrian Randall) I'm also encouraging all our Trainees to come on as many weekend sails on the ketches as possible (where a berth is free) I'll talk to all the skippers/ mates concerned to agree the type of training each trainee needs in advance.



**VHF Radio, First Aid - Basic Sea Survival - Diesel Engine** (Based around the Perkins engine fitted to our 2 ketches)

Please contact the office if you are interested in any of these. Courses will be arranged when numbers allow.



### Attention all Trainee Mates!

**RYA Day Skipper Practical course Sat 9th - Wed 13th Sept 2006**  
**Solent area**

We are running another day skipper course on the above dates, aimed at getting all our trainee mates up to day skipper standard this year. The skipper will again be Ted Thornton.

- Cost for AO members will be £150 plus food & marina costs
- Meet 1930 hours, Friday 8th Sept, Universal Marina, Hamble
- Knowledge of Day Skipper theory required
- Contact Ted Thornton, Adrian Randall or the office for info
- All practical skills to be covered, including overnight passage
- We can offer a pre day skipper weekend if required
- Course is specifically aimed at all our Trainee Mates

**Hurry.. Only  
2 places left!**

### Coastal Skipper/Yachtmaster Preparation

We are also able to offer preparation/mock exam weekends for afterguard wishing to go for an RYA practical exam. Please contact Adrian Ted, or Bob to discuss your plans.

## Meet the Adventures Offshore Trustees

The Management Committee of Adventures Offshore is made up of Trustees elected at the AGM. Each Trustee has particular areas of responsibility in running Adventures Offshore. Meetings are held around every 2 months at our headquarters in West Mersea.



**Bob Atkins** is a qualified skipper, Chairman of Adventures Offshore and Principal of the RYA Training Establishment. Bob is also our webmaster.



**Pete Camper** is a qualified skipper, our Scout District Commissioner, and Winter Refit Manager



**Rob Swan** is a qualified skipper, keen golfer & mast climber. He is also Honorary Treasurer for Adventures Offshore.



**Mark Leggett** has been a skipper and trustee for many years. He assists Pete during the refit, in particular managing the sail wardrobe for our 2 boats.



**Barry Unger** is a qualified mate & and looks after all shore-based support, including the office & provisioning for both of our boats.



**Bernard Meadows** is a qualified mate and is the Scout District Secretary for the scheme.



**Adrian Randall** is a qualified skipper & the editor of the newsletter (Logbook) he also coordinates our trainee mate scheme



**John Meggitt** sails regularly & ensures that all our sailing staff are CRB approved in a timely manner.



### New *Adventures Offshore* waterproofs

After receiving a substantial donation from the London Law Society, we have been able to replace many of our tired old oilskin sets with 14 brand new Gill Key West suits. All are embroidered with the Adventures Offshore logo, and look very smart!

Many thanks to the London Law Society for the donation. Teresa is seen here giving the new outfits a first showing at our Ipswich base.

We should now have the best dressed crews in the area!

### New *Adventures Offshore* clothing now available

We now have a new (local to the office) supplier of clothing with embroidered Adventure Offshore logo, modelled by Will below. Prices are as follows (postage extra) Colours are navy, black or grey.

<b>Rugby shirt</b>	<b>£23.00</b>
<b>Hooded tops</b>	<b>£19.00</b>
<b>Full zip hooded tops</b>	<b>£22.00</b>
<b>Crew neck sweatshirt</b>	<b>£14.00</b>
<b>Baseball caps</b>	<b>£6.50</b>
<b>Gill Waterproofs</b>	<b>£POA - Please contact the office</b>

The office can arrange for additional embroidery, for customised clothing for Tall Ships Races etc. **Please contact the office with your order!**

**Gill waterproofs** (same as the ones shown above) are also available to afterguard members at heavily discounted rates.

**Hooded top & Baseball cap**



**Rugby shirt & Baseball cap**



Gallery page



**Wet foredeck**



**Entering Cherbourg 2005**



**At the wheel**



**RNLI on exercise off Beachy Head**



**Look no hands**



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