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Feva's take over St Mawes...

The RYA Onboard Festivals are becoming ever more creative. Mark Belshaw, ODO for Cornwall has opted for an RS Feva Traveller series comprising four events.

I was lucky enough to be at the first one hosted by St Mawes Sailing Club. This most picturesque of locations provided everything from sun, breeze, fantastic sailing and some equally awesome tea and cakes at the prizegiving – thanks Mums!



40 youngsters from all over Cornwall took to the water for a day of training on the Saturday followed by a 5 race series on the Sunday.

Congratulations to Nat Warren and Christian Vroom of Roseland Paddle and Sail who pulled clear in the afternoon to claim victory after a close morning that had left 3 boats level pegging.

Also, congratulations to St Mawes SC for achieving RYA Onboard status!



Who Am I?

Name

RS Q'BA (pronounced 'cuba')

Vital Statistics

Length: 3.53m
 Beam: 1.42m
 Hull weight: 65kg
 Sport Sail: 5.7m² (reefable – furling or slab)
 Pro Sail: 7.1m² (fully battened)



Features

Bow: increased buoyancy ensures I sail really well double handed as well as single handed. Retractable painter

Mast: kicker tang forms handle for easy roller reefing single handed – even from a power boat. My main halyard and slab reefing option mean I can also be reefed when sailing with my jib.

Cockpit: dual mainsheet block position for single or double handed sailing, deep cockpit increases comfort – especially for adults

Side decks: wide to allow inboard or outboard seating depending on conditions, side toe straps

Transom: closed transom to promote a forward helming position, children can't slide out the back of the boat and naturally sit in the right place

Hull: chined to aid stability and sailing performance, righting lines to aid capsizing recovery

Options

- Jib Pack
- Rowlocks and Oars
- Cockpit Stowage Bag

Who do I compare against?

Laser Pico, Topaz Uno, Topper, Laser 1

Where Am I?

- Rockley Watersports
- Plas Menai
- Portsmouth Outdoor Centre
- Minorca Sailing
- Oman Sail
- Datchet Watersports
- Rutland Watersports
- South West Lakes Trust
- Outward Bound
- and many others!!

What do people think of me?

"With such a variety of applications the Q'BA is an ideal boat for our centre. We use it as a single-hander for adults progressing from beginner level, and as a simple one-design fleet for introducing racing. Whack on a Jib and its great for youth double-handed sailing and for an adult going sailing with their child. The reefing system makes them easy to manage as a teaching fleet when the wind gets up." **Tim Fraser-Harris, Chief Instructor at Datchet Watersports**

"The buoyancy and shape create a lot of margin for error which helps when learning about balancing the boat. So the Q'BA gives a lot of success quickly and builds early enthusiasm for sailing." **John Perham of Weymouth Outdoor Education Centre**

"RS's Q'BA seems to clearly line up against Laser's Pico, the ubiquitous rotomoulded beginner boat for one adult or two children, as favoured by sailing schools and holiday operators far and wide. The Q'BA provides a similar package, enhanced by better sailing performance, slicker features and a wider range of use, particularly if you add the optional Pro sail. What's more, the Q'BA is a good looking boat, which is fun to sail and should be hassle free to own with minimal maintenance required." **Yachts and Yachting magazine**

"...safe yet exciting all-rounder and is frankly several steps ahead of the competition...exceptional detailing adds to an impressive package...a little honey..." **Mike Owen – Yachting World 2009 + Swanage Sailing Club junior programme trainer**

Where am I going?

My pushy parents say I have a really bright future. As you can see I have lots of fans already but most people still haven't met me properly and found out that I'm very clever and will work hard all day long. Give me an interview, and I'll show you what I can do!

RS Q'BA demo fleet...

We have recently commissioned two triple trailers stacked with RS Q'Bas. As well as making appearances at RYA Onboard festivals around the country, these boats will also be made available for you to use for demo



purposes. Give me a shout if your club/centre is keen to try them out.

Plas Menai – RS Sailing Weekend...

An event worth bringing to your attention is the RS Sailing Weekend hosted by Plas Menai in September. Plas Menai are one of our 'Academies' and have a range of our boats from Q'BAs and Fevas to 200's, 400's and an RS 800. As well as having some top water to sail on, they are a great bunch of people so why not give them a shout to find out more. There is sure to be great sailing and by the sounds of it a beer and a burger too!

[Click here](#) for further info – hopefully I'll see you there

Busy month...

May has been a particularly busy month at RS Sailing HQ. In this period when you all demand quick supply of boats we like to think we have done a pretty good job! Everyone from production to logistics and the workshop team have worked extremely hard (thanks guys!) to ensure you have your boats as and when you need them.

One such request from Rockley Watersports resulted in 8 RS Teras arriving at Poole Park just 10 days after they were ordered...we like that! Check out the picture opposite.



The RS Tera is also off to the South East as RYA Regional Chairman Tony Rowe collected the new Regional fleet on their impressive 6 boat trailer. These boats will supplement the RS Fevas delivered to the South East RYA earlier in the year.



And there is no let up as we prepare to send boats to the Isle of Man and Guernsey as well as all over the mainland.

RS Tera's hit the ground running...

2010 has already been a busy season for the RS Tera fleet.

To find out what they have been up to - and what exciting events still lay in store [click here](#) to view the latest pdf newsletter.



RS Tera World Championship 2010, Camac, France

With just under 100 days to go to the second RS Tera World Championship there is still plenty of time to make plans to participate in this exciting event. Already 52 sailors from 6 nations have registered for the Championship which takes place July 24th - 31st at Camac YC in Southern Brittany, France.



Action at the first Tera Worlds in Sweden - Photos by Richard Goldson

Not much more for me to report other than to thank you all for your continued support. It really is a pleasure to work alongside you all - I get to visit the nicest sailing venues around the UK and meet so many people that are committed to increasing both participation and standards.

The next couple of weeks hold some exciting Feva action – with the Nationals at Hayling Island Sailing Club and the London Youth Games. As ever, in the meantime please feel free to pick up the phone or drop me an email – I'm always happy to chat boats, training or generally hear how your season is going...

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Review section...

Read the reviews or ask for the number of a fleet user for an informal discussion about how our boats are used in your type of training environment.



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