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Hello to you all

I am absolutely delighted to be given the chance to take on this exciting role at RS.

From a young age I have spent a great deal of time in sail training centres both as a participant and Instructor. I grew up sailing on the waters of the Norfolk Broads and began instructing at Whitlingham Outdoor Education Centre, Norwich. During 3 years studying in Southampton I gained a degree in Watersports Studies and Management. A return to East Anglia saw a new challenge working with Suffolk County Sport Partnership to assist various sports clubs gain NGB recognition.

During 2 years spent abroad in Turkey and Antigua I took on the role of Watersports Manager for Sunsail Clubs, before a return to the Industry in the UK at SailLaser Weymouth. Extensive time in these environments has given me good ideas of what works for a training centre. I am delighted to have the opportunity to continue working in this environment and believe the RS range can inspire thousands more to get hooked on the fantastic sport of sailing.

Over the coming days and weeks I will be getting in touch with as many of you as possible to say hi. I am really excited to already have appointments to come and see some of you with Demo boats. If I can be of help in any way, be it advice on current fleets or the development of new ones; please do drop me a line. The phone and email are always on...and as soon as I'm off the water I will get back to you!

Southampton Boatshow...

11th - 20th September once again sees us at the Southampton Boatshow. We will as ever have a range of RS boats on the stand ready for you to check out. Personally I am really excited about meeting all of you, especially those involved in clubs and training centres. If you know when you are coming do get in touch beforehand and we can arrange a time to catch up. Alternatively just grab me on the stand or give me a call if you would like to chat but are unable to make it to the show.



Rockley Watersports Learn to Sail...

During the Southampton Boatshow one of our newest and exciting RS Academies, Rockley Watersports, will be running learn to Sail sessions in RS Q'BA's. Taking place straight off the Pontoons at the show, you can 'Get Afloat' by signing up at the booking tent (Stand B0001A). Sessions last 2 hours and will offer a great chance to take to the waters for the first time with experienced, professional Instructors.

To add to the excitement, EuroMillions are getting involved by displaying Lottery numbers on the sails of the 6 RS Q'BA's – could you be lucky!



Exhibitors need not miss out on the action. Throughout the show you will have the opportunity to take a Q'BA for a spin around the course and set a time for everyone else to beat. Can you beat the RS staff?!

Q'BA...

Our APB range is by no coincidence ideally suited for the rigors and requirements of training centres. Through careful design and much liaison with you guys, our boats have a proven track record of successfully helping beginners become accomplished sailors.

On this note we have made an exciting addition to the Q'BA. To make it even more comfortable to sail double handed, a second attachment for the mainsheet block is being positioned further aft. Sailing single handed you can have the main coming from the forward attachment point. When doubling up simply move it back to allow equal room for helm and crew...perfect for sailing schools going two's up or parents teaching their kids. This adaptation has come from input from those of you out there using the boats. We really do value your experiences with the boats...so please keep them coming!



RS in the Middle East...

RS are delighted to be breaking new ground in the Middle East. With various projects to supply boats in the pipeline, Oman Sail have already made the decision to go RS. With operations spanning a custom built 105ft Trimaran and 2 Extreme 40 Cat's, Oman Sail have selected the RS Q'BA as their primary teaching boat for their Watersports Academy. Chosen for the versatility it offers through it's suitability for both youngsters and adults, the success and popularity of the Q'BA continue to grow. With Oman Sail also kitted out with RS Visions and Feva's, the signs are that many others in the Middle East are set to follow.



RS100 Update...

After going public in June regarding the RS100 development programme, we were inundated with interest from sailors in the UK and around the world. We have never seen a response like this before. In fact, there were so many keen people talking to various members of our team about the 100 and then saying they wanted a boat as soon as production starts that we started to lose track of the situation. We had already said we'd offer a special deal on the first one hundred RS100s, so in early July we decided that the fairest way was to launch that offer and start taking deposits. This way we know who's serious and can create a fair build schedule. We already have names against the first seventy three boats (!!) so if you're keen, don't hang around.



Development of the RS100 is continuing and you can follow it on our [blog](#) on RSsailing.com. The hull design was very well liked straight out of the box, so after considerable sailing and consultation only minor mods were made before signing it off and making plugs. Rig development is more time consuming and will continue through the autumn.

RS Academy Update...

We've seen some interesting developments to the RS Academies – our premier training partners – for 2009 which has really consolidated the UK network with a neatly spread range of sailing centres where students can learn in an RS.

The addition of Rockley Watersports and Datchet Watersports earlier in the year further reinforces the team. Now that we have a full network we can really start developing the way that we promote the venues to our customers and help publicise their existence. There are still some spaces left for some regions – if you think you'd like to be involved, drop me a line to talk through our plans and your eligibility.



Lest we forget the enormous number of other training venues that use RS equipment and are not RS Academies, a new scheme for the 2010 season will be useful for all those places that love training students in

their RS boats, but are not quite big enough to be eligible for RS Academy status. Watch this space for updates here.



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.



These attachments can be very useful if comparing boats for your fleet. Written with feedback from unbiased sailors, they can often be the precursor for a demonstration day at your club. Click on the picture to download.

I plan to be out and about meeting as many of you as possible over the coming weeks. I'm all kitted out with the RS van and boats, my only slight concern.....my road trailer. Supposedly designed to allow an individual to load 3 boats single handed using a winch mechanism, my latest attempt at Bewl Valley Sailing Club involved myself, the Club Pro and 2 Instructors. Maybe you will be there to witness my maiden single-handed loading!

I look forward to building and maintaining strong relationships with you all.

Happy Sailing

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