



Owners Club Newsletter

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Welcome to the RS Tera Owner's Club newsletter, reporting on RS Tera activities and events for Tera sailors.

First sea RS Tera Open

Hill Head Sailing Club hosted the first RS Tera Open on the sea, with training and racing on a sunny but breezy Solent. The young Tera sailors coped really well with the wind and waves and had some great sailing. Dan from RS was on hand to provide training tips and race debriefings so everyone was learning as well as enjoying the experience. Many thanks to Hill Head SC for running a great event and to the winner George Firth of HHSC. Chloe Barr of Lee-on-Solent SC finished second and Alastair Handley of Desborough SC third – there's a full write-up on the Owner's Club website www.terasailing.com



Teras ready to launch at Hill Head Sailing Club



RS Teras racing on the Solent

Scouts think the Tera is 'wicked'

Teras were used as the small dinghy at the recent Scouts World Jamboree Splash event. The event celebrated 100 years of Scouting world-wide and aimed to get thousands of Scouts waterborne. Scout groups in Bournemouth, Huddersfield, Lancing and Watchet have bought their own Teras and we received a letter from Lancing Sea Scouts saying the Scouts think their Teras are 'wicked'. They went on to say that they had been sailing their Teras in windy conditions and "without exception the Scouts handled them like they had been sailing for 20 years. Not just a year or so".



Scouts prepare for Tera sailing at Chipstead Sailing Club

Sponsor for Qatar Tera fleet News from the Regatta Sailing Academy in Qatar is that ConocoPhillips has sponsored their Tera fleet. This will help Regatta to develop their race series for Teras, which is already popular with regular Saturday morning racing, and Race Training weekends are planned for November and next year.



ConocoPhillips sponsor the Tera fleet in Qatar

Port of Plymouth Tera Regatta

The Mount Batten Centre hosted a beginner's dinghy racing event in RS Teras as part of the Port of Plymouth Regatta with prizes by Allspars. A series of short races was held in sunshine and Force 3 with competitors from the Royal Western and Mount Batten Sailing Clubs. Hannah Brown achieved three race wins for first overall, Aaron Martin finished 2nd and Daisy Martin 3rd. A full write-up is on www.terasailing.com



Teras at NSSA Regatta Looking at the results of the National Schools Sailing Association annual regatta at Plymouth it was pleasing to see Teras in the results.

Well done to Alice Parker of Paxton Lakes SC for finishing second in the Regatta Fleet and Ben Dixon of Plymouth Youth SC who finished 15th.

Teras also competed in the Yorkshire and Humberside Youth Sailing Association event at Ripon SC.



Teras have been competing at Junior and Youth regattas

Class Rules and age Thanks to all who provided feedback on age limits for RS Tera racing. It was clear from the response that people of all ages are enjoying sailing Teras

and may want to race them, so there will be no age limits in the Class Rules. It is likely that at large events results will be split into a Sport Junior division for up to 15 years, a Pro Junior division for up to 17 and an Open or Masters division for any rig and any age. This way anyone can compete. The draft Class Rules are now on the Owner's Club website – just click on the Documents button to see them.



Adults enjoy Teras too

First RS Tera international event in 2008 With nearly one hundred Teras now in Sweden, the Swedish Tera sailors have offered to host the first international event for RS Teras on the weekend after the RS Feva World championships. Details and dates are still being finalised – we'll keep you informed through the newsletter and website. Twenty-three Swedish Tera sailors took part in the recent **Lilla Tjörn Runt** and a Swedish team won the Feva Europeans in Ireland, so we think their Tera sailors might be pretty good!

RYA Moving Forward goes Tera sailing Good to find the RYA 'Moving Forward' article in Dinghy Magazine by Dave Ritchie, National Sailing Coach of the RYA until recently, describes his experience sailing a Tera.

Dave wrote

“as I zig-zagged around the harbour in glorious sunshine I couldn't escape the recurring thought that if a boat as simple, slick, and downright easy to sail as the Tera had been around when I was a child, I would have wanted to do a lot more sailing than I did.” Really sums up what the Tera is all about.



Tera sailing is mostly about fun

Try a Tera at Southampton Boat Show Try-a-boat at Southampton will include RS Teras this year (September 14th to 23rd). If you are not yet a Tera sailor this could be a good opportunity to try one as well as having a trip to the show. RS will have a stand as usual with Teras on display.

Online registration for RS Tera Owner's Club On-line registration for the RS Tera Owners Club is now fully functional at the Owners Club website www.terasailing.com. Just click the 'Join owners club' button and fill in the form. We encourage all Tera owners, whether private, club or school to register so we can offer the best service as an owners club – and it's free. Thanks to all who have registered so far.

Any RS Tera news? If you have any news about your RS Tera activities, stories or planned events, please let us know by contacting the RS Tera Owners Club Secretary zoehandley@onetel.com. Also please feel free to send any questions or comments you may have about Teras.