



## Owners Club Newsletter

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

### ISAF Recognised Status for RS Tera

Great news - following the rapid international growth of the class, the RS Tera has been granted ISAF Recognised Class status.

ISAF (the International Sailing Federation) is currently celebrating 100 years as the governing body for the sport of sailing. It was formed in 1907 to administer the International Rating Rule for yachts and subsequently expanded to recognise many international One-Design classes, including the Olympic classes. The RS Tera Owner's Club will continue to administer the class but in future any changes to the Class Rules must be approved by ISAF – this way ISAF helps ensure that the competition stays fair as the class expands internationally. ISAF Recognised status also gives the Tera the right to hold a World Championship and plans are now being made for the first RS Tera World Championship to take place in Sweden.



### RS Tera World Championship in Sweden

The first RS Tera World Championship will be held in Sweden hosted by BKSS at Gottskar 8<sup>th</sup>/9<sup>th</sup>/10<sup>th</sup> Aug 2008, immediately after the RS Feva World Championships in Sweden. RS Tera racing in Sweden has been well supported this year and the Swedish are hoping to field a large entry for the event. It will be a great opportunity for all Tera sailors to compete in an international event – more details to follow soon.



*Start training now for the first RS Tera World Championship in Sweden 2008*

## RS Tera Nationals at Hill Head

The first UK RS Tera National Regatta will be held during summer 2008 at Hill Head Sailing Club on the South Coast over the weekend 16<sup>th</sup>/17<sup>th</sup> August.

The weekend will include racing, training and other fun events on the water. Hill Head ran a very successful RS Tera regatta this year and now have a rapidly growing Tera fleet.

It's an ideal family venue on the Solent and a very friendly club so well worth a visit. We'll give more details on this regatta with dates soon.

Also Hill Head SC are planning training sessions in Teras with visitors welcome – see [www.hillheadsc.org.uk](http://www.hillheadsc.org.uk)



*RS Teras at Hill Head SC, venue for the 2008 Nationals*

## More events in 2008

After the success of several RS Tera race and training days this year, more UK open events are planned for 2008.

The first open will be held at Desborough Sailing Club on the River Thames, Sunday 13<sup>th</sup> April with a chance to win the Nauticalia Trophy and Ayton Endeavour Cup.

Chipstead SC in Kent will run a combined RS Tera and Feva open, 6<sup>th</sup> July and the Mountbatten centre will host open Tera racing, 20<sup>th</sup> July. There will be more events at other clubs - the programme for these is currently being prepared. If you are a club with Teras and would like to host either a training or racing event (or both), please contact the Owner's Club Secretary, details below.



*Perfect for spectators at Desborough Sailing Club*

## From small fry....

**Sailing News** has published a good feature on the RS Tera in their latest edition called "From small fry big things grow". It gives plenty of background on the Tera and a review of this year's events. This issue of Sailing News will be on-line only and you can read the article free at [www.sailing-news.co.uk](http://www.sailing-news.co.uk) The Tera feature is on pages 21 to 22.

## RS Tera 'winner' at Danish trials

The Danish Sailing Federation recently held a day of trials for new, and not so new, dinghies suitable for junior sailing, including the Europe, Zoom 8, Laser 4.7, O'pen Bic and RS Tera. Translated on line they say that the Youth Chairman, Hans Jorn Thomsen, stated that the "RS Tera came in from the sideline and became the day's winner".

Good to hear, especially as the Danish sailing Federation has already got behind the RS Feva in a big way, arranging a sponsored deal for over 100 Fevas for Danish sailing clubs this year. Let's hope the RS Tera will follow in its big sisters footsteps in Denmark.



*The RS Tera with other boats tested in Denmark*

## Another Tera winner

Congratulations to Crispin Beaumont who sailed Tera Sport 220 to win the Bartley Junior Trophy and finish 2<sup>nd</sup> overall out of 39 boats in the Wednesday evening series, a mixed fleet of adults and juniors.

Crispin has been sailing for 15 months; he is 9, weighs just 4 stone and loves his Tera. His family say that they have found the Tera to be a great little racing boat and that apart from stepping the mast Crispin can setup and launch the boat himself. They're hoping the club takes up the class so that Crispin gets the chance to race other Teras. Crispin was also planning to do the Bala Junior open in his Tera.



*Well done Crispin!*

## Tera Grand Masters?

We received this encouraging message from a more senior Tera sailor:

*"This summer a Tera Pro took part in a short Slow Handicap series at a South Coast club. Its helm, who is 61 years old and over 6ft, usually potters around in the back half of the Slow Handicap fleet, but his usual boat was out of action. Despite his lack of skill and experience in the boat, he kept up with many of the Picos. No names here to protect the innocent, but I think it demonstrates what an easy boat the Tera is to sail even for tall geriatrics."*

Many thanks for the feedback – perhaps this is the start of a trend and we should be planning a Tera 'Grand Masters' event?



*Good result achieved by a senior Tera sailor*

## Fat Face Teras

If you shop in Fat Face look out for an RS Tera in the store! The Fat Face RS Tera with special Fat Face graphics was unveiled at the Southampton Boat Show and now they have Teras in some of their flagship stores.

### Teras popular at Spray Watersports

Spotted in 'Eastbourne today', an article on the opening of Spray Watersports new beach-side premises. Peter Towner, manager of the centre said the equipment had also been updated and is quoted as saying that the "new RS Tera dinghies have proved immensely popular with the youngsters – some as young as even seven sailing these solo with great confidence."



*Spray Watersports find Teras inspire confidence in youngsters*

### RS Tera Club reps

The number of sailing clubs and schools adopting Teras is growing rapidly and we'd like to keep in contact with as many of these as possible, whether UK or overseas, to provide relevant news and support for Tera events. If your sailing club or school has Teras please could you encourage an interested party to volunteer as your RS Tera rep and send their contact details to the Owner's Club Secretary (details below). We are also looking for a few more members for the RS Tera Owner's Club Committee – we'd be very pleased to hear from anyone who would like to be involved, the time commitment will be minimal.

### Sails for sale

Some old stock Tera sails are being sold at special low prices. These include Minisails (2.7m training sail), Dacron Pro Sails (like the Mylar Pro sail, but made of Dacron), Cruising sails (4.2m vertical batten furling Dacron sail that fits the Pro mast) and Sport sails with horizontal batten. Note that all these sails are for the WinDesign spars originally supplied and do not all fit the Selden spars supplied now. Details of these and prices will be on the Owner's Club website soon - [www.terasailing.com](http://www.terasailing.com)



*The 2.7m Mini Sail is ideal for very young sailors*

## Marathon Race for Tera.

Thanks to the Davies family for this report on what was probably the longest Tera race this year. "Having just taken delivery of a Tera intended for our 8 year old, 14 year old Ben (Feva National Squad crew extraordinaire!) decided to take the helm in the final race of the season at Aldeburgh. This is a long race, about 21 miles. We started at 11am - a J90 and 80s, a Folkboat (the rest of the family!), Dragons, K6s, RS 400s, Squibs, Shrimpers, a Feva and the Tera. The fresh Force 4 wind and the tide were both against us - however as we beat up one side of the island we could see the faster boats hoisting their spinnakers and planing back down the other side. Not so lucky for us and the other slower boats: by the time we arrived at Dove Point the tide had turned and was flowing against us once again. Ben arrived back at the clubhouse after a marathon 3 and a half hour beat and followed by the long slow run back. Only one capsized (whilst trying to extricate the drink bottle) but declaring the Tera great fun and showing the club what a versatile boat it is!"

## Caption Competition

Olympic sailor Pippa Wilson and met this unusual looking 'Tera sailor' in Southampton.

If you can think of caption for this photo please send it to the Owner's Club Secretary's e-mail, given below. The best caption judged by the Committee will win the 2008 must-have accessory - an extra large RS Beach Towel.

Good luck!



## Teras at London Boat Show

RS will be displaying the RS Tera at the official London Boat Show at Excel in January along with the rest of the RS range. Next year's race and training programme should be ready by the show, you'll be able to pick this up at the stand.

**Online registration for RS Tera Owner's Club** Thanks to all who have registered with RS Tera Owners Club. To join just click the 'Join owners club' button and fill in the form on the Owners Club website [www.terasailing.com](http://www.terasailing.com). It's free to all Tera owners, whether private, club or school.

**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](mailto:zoehandley@onetel.com).