

Area Staff Officer Boats
Report for Area Conference 2008 (for period Dec 07 – Nov 08)

1) Number of Courses Run by ASO (if applicable):	9
2) Cadet courses	
Number of cadets attending	74
Number of cadet qualifications gained overall	20
3) Staff courses	
Number of Adults attending	16
Number of Staff qualifications gained overall	8
4) Number of Courses organised but run by other Instructors	4
5) Cadet courses	
Number of cadets attending	43
Number of cadet qualifications gained overall	11
6) Staff courses	
Number of Adults attending	
Number of Staff qualifications gained overall	

7) Please give an overall view of how your specialisation/proficiency is progressing within Area and at a National level:

The Standard of Boat work in Eastern Area is steadily improving we had a few successes this year at both national events. We are again National Champions in Windsurfing taking a total of 8 gold medals, We medalled in the Laser (1 gold 2 silver) and the Pico (1 Bronze) at the national sailing finishing 3rd overhaul. At the National Combined the boat handling teams medalled in the pulling (silver) and the Sailing (Bronze) finishing 2nd overhaul. These were both improvements on last year. Our own sailing regatta was the best attended for many years some say it was the appeal of going to nationals in Northern Ireland? I hope it will be an increase that will be sustained. Again in the combined we had the biggest entry for many years but still the sail boat handling is still poorly entered.

It is very difficult to keep you informed on how many qualifications are achieved in this discipline as courses are ran in so many different places maybe with Westminster improving all the time by next year I will be able to give you a more accurate report.

8) Please outline your Future Aims/Objectives for your specialisation/proficiency within our Area:

The Aims for next year is to improve the standards in the Area and increase our trophy haul at the national events.

9) Please use this space for any additional relevant comments you may have about the work you have carried out in the year:

In this section I have to mention the Area Boat Station at Thrapston. At present it is going through a bit of a rebuild with hopefully mains electricity which will enable us to get to Cat B on the sleepover regulations and new toilets and showers will be installed before the start of next season.

This is your Boat Station please use it or we will lose it.

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Date: 12/10/08

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