



NEWS RELEASE

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RYA Scotland is frankly delighted to announce further support for the Tiree Wave Camp as The Mailing Room gets behind the event on the 15th- 19th October, as part of the 30th Tiree Wave Classic.

RYA Scotland in partnership with Wild Diamond Tiree and the British Wave Sailing Association (BWA) are holding a camp for young windsurfers providing coaching from some of the best and newest windsurfers in the UK and to be part of the World's longest running windsurfing event.

'Windsurfing is a great way for anyone to get exercise outside and have fun. The Mailing Room wanted to help the BWA and associated bodies who put so much effort into making these events happen', notes George Bevan, of the Mailing Room, in announcing the sponsorship of the camp. "We hope that on the future our sponsorship of the youth training events will bring more people into the sport."

Robin Nicol, the Tiree Youth Camp co-ordinator comments. "It is fantastic to have The Mailing Room's support powering us ahead with our plans. Last year we created a unique event with 24 young competitors of all levels getting the opportunity to experience wave sailing and develop their skills with the top coaches from around the UK. As a result, the junior and youth fleet is the biggest in the UK wave sailing series and we aim to expand on that this year with 36 places."

Nigel Treacy of the BWA said. "We are delighted to have The Mailing Room (TMR) on board once again as principal tour sponsors of the UK Wave Tour. TMR is keen to see more youngsters getting onto the waves and that fits perfectly with our objectives. The Tiree Wave Classic is the world's longest running Wavesailing event and the highlight in the UK Championship calendar. In order to futureproof the event, BWA and TMR have dedicated a fund to support the youth and junior initiatives being championed by RYA Scotland and Wild Diamond."

The inspirational camp consists of a series of sessions with coaches and pro windsurfers on the iconic beaches of Tiree. New for 2016 is the formation of the specific youth camp which will provide a tailored coach support program for 8 sailors while participating in the Tiree Wave Classic.

In addition we will continue with our junior camp to support the next generation of junior sailors progressing from Team 15. This will create a smooth pathway for future competitors and give the young people the best possible handover towards this event and other BWA events.

Along with the camps, we have created a strong relationship with the local community delivering a school activity program which precedes the camps. This activity engages local young people from Tiree, Coll and Barra in the opportunities on their doorstep and helps to develop participation at the camp and ultimately the TWC for the future. Our aim is to leave a legacy which engages with the local community and increases participation.

<http://tireewaveclassic.co.uk/>

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- **#GetAfloat - Where's My Nearest?** RYA Scotland is committed to promoting all forms of boating and making them accessible to everyone.
- **#WeRepresent** - RYA Scotland is the national body for all forms of recreational, competitive and professional boating. It represents dinghy and yacht racing, motor and sail cruising, RIBs and sports boats, powerboat racing, windsurfing, inland cruising and personal watercraft
- **#RYASPerformance** - RYA Scotland is responsible for providing successful performance pathways that lead to the British Sailing team.
- **#WeTrain** RYA Scotland maintains standards for training for both leisure and commercial boating through RYA Recognised Training Centres in Scotland. Worldwide more than 240,000 people per year complete RYA training courses.
- **#RYASDevelops** RYA Scotland is responsible for the monitoring and development of clubs, instructors and coaches within Scotland.