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ScotSail Exports Courses To Preston

LARGES based ScotSail Group have added another string to their sailing courses bow thanks to a recent link with Preston Marina as official training partners at the Lancashire yacht haven.

The group, headquartered in Largs Yacht Haven, comprises ScotSail Yachts Ltd, 1st ScotSail Training Ltd and now 1st ScotSail Training Ltd - Preston.


The development in England is largely due to a national increase in demand for RYA courses, explains Stephen Kerr, principal of 1st ScotSail Training.

"We became so busy last year that we had to help out our over worked Hanse 411 by taking on two additional training yachts; both Beneteaus, a First 40.7 and an Oceanis 411. We then opened our brand new RYA training

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centre at Preston Marina."

"But the big story centres on RYA shore based theory courses which are run both at Preston and Largs and are available over three weekends or 20 evenings, or six day intensives, also available as part of practical and theory combo-courses."

"We're really excited about this new centre in the north of England and Preston Marina have been very supportive with lecture and classroom facilities," said Stephen.

ScotSail Training opened for business in 2003 offering RYA practical and shore based theory courses from its offices and classroom at Largs Yacht Haven and since then the company has increased RYA theory course capacity from 75 to 140 places through the opening of its new centre at Preston, which has also meant an increase in the number

of training courses by around 35% so far this year, when compared with the same period in 2007.

ScotSail Training is now one of the largest RYA training centres in Scotland operating its three training yachts every week and weekend from Largs Yacht Haven - March through to October - and running Day Skipper and Coastal Skipper theory courses from October to February as well as one day



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Training

Heads down, dividers out: A shore-based course in full session at Scotsail Large Yacht Haven facility.



courses in VHF marine radio, diesel engine and first aid.

Graeme Kerr, managing director of Scotsail Yachts reveals that, 'so far the Day Skipper theory and practical courses have been the most popular this year, since everybody seems to want RYA qualifications so that they can either charter a yacht or go on a flotilla holiday.'

Scotsail Charter, the charter fleet arm of Scotsail, runs bareboat and skipper charters from March until October and is also heavily involved in corporate entertainment programmes. Scotsail is also partnered with Waypoint Charter of Croatia and can

offer a fleet of 50 charter yachts in the Adriatic.

Scotsail has been appointed a 'point of contact' for Elan Yachts, sold in Scotland by Bill Mackay based at Premier Marina's office in Troon Yacht Haven.

Scotsail now has a seven yacht charter fleet in addition to its trio of training yachts, all backed up by greatly increased shore-based training programmes and facilities, now available north and south of the border.

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1st Scotsail training principal Stephen Kerr standing alongside Scotsail's training menu.



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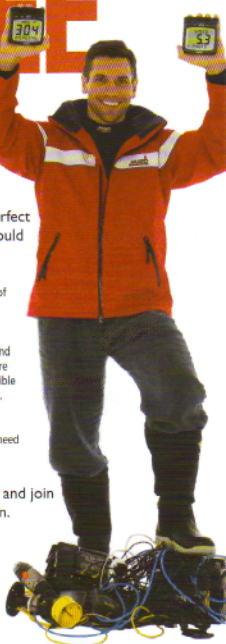
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