



## RYA Connected Conference 2025

**23<sup>rd</sup> November 2025, 9am–4:30pm**

St Wilfred's School, Crawley, RH11 8PG

Time	Session
9:00am	Registration & Networking
9:45am	Welcome & Morning Plenary
10:30am	Refreshments & networking opportunity
11:00am	Power of Community forums Select one option
12:00pm	Lunch Buffet lunch with time to socialise and connect
1:00pm	Learning from Others presentations – Session 1 Select one option
1:30pm	Learning from Others presentations – Session 2 Select one option
2:00pm	Afternoon Workshops Select one option
4:00pm	Final Plenary Connecting to deliver Together on Water
4:30pm	Close

Please note, timings are approximate and subject to change



Time	Power of Community Forums Select one forum
11:00am	<b>Non-competitive activity:</b> Connect with others leading non-competitive activity; share your successes, challenges and learning. Increase your collective voice to celebrate the impact of what you do to keep people engaged and help the community grow in strength and resilience.
	<b>Sailability:</b> Connect with others in the Sailability community; share your successes, challenges and learning. Develop a collective voice, celebrate the impact of what you do and help Sailability grown in strength and resilience. Shape the insight the RYA collects to tell the Sailability story and develop the support you need.
	<b>Club Racing:</b> Connect with others leading racing activity; share your successes, challenges and learning. Increase your collective voice to celebrate the impact of what you do to keep people engaged and help the community grow in strength and resilience.
	<b>Welfare Officers:</b> Connect with other welfare officers within clubs; share your successes, challenges and learning. Increase your collective voice to celebrate the impact of what you do to keep the Sport safe and help the community grow in strength and resilience.
	<b>Training Centres:</b> Connect with other Chief Instructors and Principals, share your successes challenges and learning. Increase your collective voice to celebrate the impact of what you do to keep people learning and help the community grow in strength and resilience.



Time	Learning from Others presentations Select one forum from Session 1 and one from Session 2
1:00pm	<b>Learning from Accidents &amp; Incidents:</b> Learning from accidents, incidents and near misses over the last year (this presentation runs for the duration of session 1 and session 2).
	<b>Delivering RYA Training flexibly:</b> Delivering RYA courses flexibly to suit your learners and your team.
	<b>Making racing easier with tech and other tools:</b> Exploring the tech, tools and support that makes it easier to run racing.
	<b>Datchet Water Sailing Club – Embracing winging:</b> Winging – an emerging discipline. Learn how Datchet Water Sailing Club have embraced this new sport.
	<b>Ahoy Centre – a successful instructor development project:</b> Hear how the Ahoy Centre has successfully grown the instructor workforce across East London and how this instructor development model might benefit your club and others in your area.
	<b>Support statements – Empowering people with disabilities to be instructors:</b> Learn how RYA support statements have empowered and enabled sailors with disabilities to become instructors. Breaking down the barriers to volunteering.
1:30pm	<b>Employing people or using volunteers – pros and cons:</b> Exploring the implications and benefits of employing or contracting staff or using volunteers.
	<b>Creating a strong volunteer culture:</b> Find out how two Class Associations (ILCA and Scorpion) and a Sailability organisation (The Woolverstone Project) have created a strong volunteer culture.
	<b>Kent Schools Sailing Association – Delivering regular racing and training opportunities:</b> Hear how the KSSA manage a successful programme of monthly racing and training, attracting young people from across Kent.
	<b>Ahoy Centre – a successful instructor development project:</b> Hear how the Ahoy Centre has successfully grown the instructor workforce across East London and how this instructor development model might benefit your club and others in your area.



Time	Afternoon Workshops Select one workshop
2:00pm	<b>Planning for key volunteer roles:</b> Identifying the need, role descriptions, mentoring / shadowing; passing the torch; identifying and preparing future leaders - mentoring strategies, leadership pipelines, knowledge transfer, embedding succession into your culture (including competency).
	<b>Protecting your organisation and people - oversight and governance:</b> Reflecting on the activities you run on the water, the people that take part, the duty of care that exists and the liabilities you face - consider the assurance and oversight you need to protect your organisation and people.
	<b>Creating a great volunteer culture:</b> Telling the human story behind volunteer hours, getting the culture right and managing volunteers.
	<b>Enabling women and girls to thrive:</b> How can you create better experiences for women and girls and places where they can thrive in volunteer and leadership roles?
	<b>Enabling disabled people to thrive with RYA Training:</b> How can you use RYA training to enable disabled people to learn and develop as sailors, volunteers and leaders?