



RYA Connected Conference 2025

16th November 2025, 9am–4:30pm

Brockington College, Leicester, LE19 4AQ

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	Sailability – 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
	Training Centres – 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
	Female Futures – Connect with other women in leadership roles; share your successes, challenges and learning. Increase your collective voice to celebrate the impact of what you do for female participation and help the community grow in strength and resilience
	Committees & Boards – Connect with other committee members; share your successes, challenges and learning. Increase your collective voice to celebrate the impact of your leadership and help the community grow in strength and resilience
	Welfare Officers – 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
	Club Racing – 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
	Non-competitive Activity – 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



Time	Learning from Others presentations
	Select one forum from Session 1 and one from Session 2
1:00pm	Delivering RYA training flexibly: Delivering RYA courses flexibly to suit your learners and your team
	Making racing easier with tech and other tools: Exploring the tech, tools and support that makes it easier to run racing.
	Manor Park Sailing Club – how to create a positive culture of SI growth and development: Learn how Manor Park Sailing Club have created a culture of growing, training and nurturing SI's within the club to support RYA training activity.
	Ogston Sailing Club – creating and empowering small working groups: Learn how Ogston Sailing Club created and empowered a small working group to research and create a Development Plan to enable the club to thrive into the future.
	Shustoke Sailing Club – Creating and promoting a cruising section as part of the club: Learn how Shustoke Sailing formed a cruising section as part of the club with a small group of volunteers to support the membership and promote offshore sailing opportunities from their inland venue.
	Learning from accidents & incidents (1 hour): Learning from accidents, incidents and near misses over the last year. This presentation runs from 1pm to 1:50pm.
1:30pm	Employing people or using volunteers – pros and cons: Exploring the implications and benefits of employing or contracting staff or using volunteers.
	Creating a strong volunteer culture: Find out how two Class Associations (ILCA and Scorpion) and a Sailability organisation (The Woolverstone Project) have created a strong volunteer culture.
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Time	Afternoon Workshops
	Select one workshop
2:00pm	Planning for key volunteer roles: 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)
	Protecting your organisation and people – oversight and governance: 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.
	Creating a great volunteer culture – Telling the human story behind volunteer hours, getting the culture right and managing volunteers.
	Developing senior and chief instructors: Explore how to create pathways for senior and chief instructors and a culture of support. Consider the levels, characteristics, skills, knowledge and training needed.
	Enabling women and girls to thrive: How can you create better experiences for women and girls and places where they can thrive in volunteer and leadership roles?