

# Information for Rotary Clubs

**We would like to tell you about the opportunities that Access Dinghies are opening to people with disabilities and the wonderful way that Rotary Clubs around the country are enabling the people in their districts to benefit from regularly sailing these small boats.**

The Access range of dinghies are the chosen entry level dinghy for many RYA Sailability Groups. Combined with the Access wheelchair user transfer pontoon/Hoist, their simplicity, easy handling and comparative low price has made it possible for many of our smaller Sailing Clubs and Outdoor Activity Centres to consider providing local sailing opportunities to those in their community who have disabilities.

Some are being enabled to do this by **sponsorship from their local Rotary Club.**

## Other Benefits to Rotary Clubs:

- ⚙️ High profile publicity for your sponsorship both locally and countrywide (through the Access Traveller Series of Events).
- ⚙️ Rotary Club sponsored boats are often borrowed back by the Rotary Clubs, as they make a striking display at local events, and demonstrate how your local communities benefit by the endeavours of Rotarians.

## SSM have put together the following optional package especially for Rotary sponsored boats.

- ⚙️ A special Rotary livery: white hull, dark blue deck and all yellow sails. i.e. international Rotary colours.
- ⚙️ Standard graphics: "Rotary the World Over" on both sides of the leech of the mainsail. "The name of the Rotary Club" on both sides of the hull, "The name of the Sailability Group" on the transom and the option of the "boats name" on both sides of the stern quarter of the hull. "The Rotary logo" on both sides of bow quarter of the hull and on the sail.
- ⚙️ All Rotary graphics at a 20% discount.



Belfast Lough Sailability



Rutland Sailability

For more information about Access Dinghies and equipment visit our Web Site: [www.sailingforall.com](http://www.sailingforall.com)

*"Can I say a big thank-you to the Rotary Club who arrange sailing on the broads for disabled people. Sailing gives us great fun & I am so grateful to the guys of the Rotary club who give up their time to help us. Any disabled person who, like me, feels too much has been taken away by illness. Thanks guys & I look forward to next season to get back on the water."*

**Steve Sims – Waveney Sailability**

## What your local Sailability Club may need:

- Access dinghies.
- Launch trolleys.
- Keel lifters.
- Servo Electrics
- Special support seats.
- Boat covers.
- Pontoon with person hoist and sling.
- Road Trailer.



*Just to be alone, free and independent... For some a gift beyond measure...*

## What you may want for your Rotary Club:

- Rotary colours and graphics.
- A well publicised and attended presentation/launch ceremony, possibly with celebrity guests, other Rotarians and local press.
- To name the boat in honour of someone. Some clubs choose a local benefactor, a past Rotarian or the person the boat was provided for.



*Good to be making new friends...*

## From Sailability Sailors

On land I totally depend on other people, but in a boat away from the jetty I become my own man. I have control of what I want to do and where I want to go. I'd like you to know how much being free, feeling capable and self-reliant means to me."

**Simon Harle (cerebral palsy)**

*I use my mouth and tongue to control my sailing dinghy. I now sail three times a week at Spinnaker Club in Ringwood and travel around England to Access events for disabled sailors. I hope to compete in the Paralympics in London. Being extremely competitive, I have found a sport in which I can excel.*

**Keith Harris.**

I would like to thank everyone involved for allowing me to have the greatest experience of my life.

**Greg Mott (cerebral palsy)**

*I was out in the fresh air again enjoying something new. It was a good feeling on being able to sail and be out in the lovely setting on the lake. Rory and the other volunteers are all very friendly, extremely helpful.*

**Jenny Monger (severe Osteoporosis)**

A friend introduced me to New Forest & District Sailability in Ringwood in 2001 Later I became Chairman. Now, in 2008, we have 13 boats, a volunteer force of 70 and take over 150 sailors with disabilities on the water.

**Eric Blyth (multiple sclerosis)**

Read our full stories on [www.sailingforall.com](http://www.sailingforall.com)



*And where disabled sailors can teach their skills to others.*



*Where friends are there at all times to help*

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