



# Owners Club Newsletter



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## RS Tera junior development programme for Denmark

The Danish Sailing Union has just announced a huge initiative to encourage junior sailing in Denmark using the RS Tera dinghy. This follows the success of their RS Feva programme which saw over 100 Fevas introduced into Danish sailing clubs in 2007. The new programme this year will allocate 50 more Fevas to Danish clubs together with up to 200 Teras.



Danish Tera sailors in action at the RS Tera 2008 World Championship in Sweden  
(photo by Richard Gibbons)

The Danish Sailing Union tested a range of modern and traditional junior single handed dinghies with junior sailors before choosing the RS Tera as the most suitable for developing junior sailing. Announcing the programme they explained:

*“When our goal is to have more children and young people sailing, we must have more varied and modern options for them. Especially if we want to keep the children who do not catch the interest in sailing in the current traditional one-person craft.*

*The Danish Sailing Union and the clubs who have already purchased new and modern equipment have learnt that this is an important tool in efforts to get more children and young people to sail, and to keep them sailing.”*

The new Teras are provided to sailing clubs at reduced cost thanks to sponsorship of the programme by the shipping company Torm.



## RS boats adopted for RYA OnBoard



RS are pleased to have been appointed by the RYA OnBoard scheme as an official supplier in recognition of the RS Tera, Feva and Q'ba being ideal boats to get more youngsters onto the water in 2009 and beyond.

OnBoard Clubs will be able to arrange the use of an RS Tera loan fleet (left) through their local OB Officers and a special pricing package is available. If your club wants to know more about the suitability of the RS Tera for junior training, or would like a demonstration, please contact Dan Jaspers at RS: [Dan@RSsailing.com](mailto:Dan@RSsailing.com)



*RS Teras - recognised by the RYA OnBoard scheme as ideal for training*

## Tera sailing in the sun

After trialling a few Teras for a year, the sailing holiday company Minorca Sailing is expanding their RS Teras fleet in Minorca to 20 boats this year. Minorca Sailing found the Tera to be an ideal modern small boat that is a fun way to introduce children to sailing.

The Minorca Sailing Teras have Minisails (just 2.7sqm) for the smallest sailors, plus Sport sails and Pro sails to help junior s progress and improve sailing techniques whilst on holiday with them. Could be the ideal place to improve your Tera sailing in the sun - see [www.minorcasailing.co.uk](http://www.minorcasailing.co.uk) for details of their holiday training and racing packages.



*Tera learning is fun in the sun at Minorca sailing*

## Allen Brothers sponsor RS Tera Europeans



Allen Brothers, the dinghy performance hardware manufacturers, will sponsor the RS Tera European Championship taking place at Lake Garda in Italy this August.

The Tera will be sharing the event with RS Fevas and RS 500s for the first combined RS Classes Europeans – full details are already on a new website at [www.rseuropeans.com](http://www.rseuropeans.com) This website has photos and videos of Fevas and RS 500s in action on beautiful Lake Garda, plus some great photos of Teras in action at last year's Worlds in Sweden.

You will also find the championship programme on the website and there is on-line registration, so you can easily book a place now. The event will be the first RS Tera Europeans and following on from the success of the first RS Tera World Championship last year, which had 50 competitors from eight nations, we expect it to be very popular. Also this will be the first RS Tera international event to combine RS Tera Sport and Tera Pro racing – more details will follow on this soon.

## German Tera sailors announce RS Tera Two-Nations Cup



**RS TERA Zweiländer-Cup  
Dänemark – Deutschland  
4<sup>th</sup> – 5<sup>th</sup> July 2009  
Wassersport-Vereinigung Mönkeberg**



Some more great news from Germany - there will be the first RS Tera Two-Nations Cup between German and Danish Tera sailors this summer. The racing will take place at Mönkeberg near to the famous yacht racing area of Kiel in Germany on the 4th and 5th July 2009. The event has been developed by Tera sailors from Wassersport-Vereinigung Mönkeberg in Germany and their friends at the Aabenraa Sejl Club in Denmark. Both of these sailing clubs competed in the RS Tera Worlds in Sweden last year.



*German Tera sailors and team at the RS Tera Worlds in Sweden*

The Notice of Race (German version) can be found on the RS Tera Owner's Club website – [www.terasailing.com](http://www.terasailing.com) . Depending on the number of entrants the event may be open to sailors from other nations - please contact Andreas Bock [yachtsport@t-online.de](mailto:yachtsport@t-online.de) if you are interested in attending.

## UK RS Tera Race Squad

We have now received 20 registrations for the RS Tera Race Squad 2009 and there is still the opportunity to get involved if you would like to take advantage of a structured race training programme this year.

To join the squad sailors need not be racing experts but must be confident enough to sail a triangular course. The registration fee is £20 for the year and there are two national training weekends planned with RYA Coaches which will cost £40 each. RS Tera Race Squad jackets are also available for registered members. Contact the RS Tera Owners Club Secretary for more details about squad registration: [zoehandley@talktalk.net](mailto:zoehandley@talktalk.net)

Preparations for the first squad training weekend at Hayling Island SC, 4/5<sup>th</sup> April, are well under way now. Coaches will include RYA Racing Coaches Debbie Darling and Alex Grassick. Debbie, a former GBR Olympic sailing competitor, is also taking registrations for the event: [debbie@rs-association.com](mailto:debbie@rs-association.com) The briefing will start at 10am on the Saturday.

The second national training weekend will be at Dabchicks SC, 9/10<sup>th</sup> May, the host club for the RS Tera Nationals in September this year, so a chance to get some really useful local knowledge in advance! More details of this training weekend and other events will be sent to squad members and published on the website.



*This year's RS Tera race training will be underway soon  
(photo by Dave Spensley-Corfield)*

## 2009 RS Tera race and training programme

There will be plenty of fixtures for RS Tera racing and training in the UK this season:

Ardleigh SC, East Coast – 14<sup>th</sup> March, East Region training

Hayling Island SC, South Coast - 4<sup>th</sup>/5<sup>th</sup> April, RS Tera Race Squad training

Bough Beech SC, Kent - 18<sup>th</sup> April, Open racing

Desborough SC, Thames – 19<sup>th</sup> April, Open racing

Dabchicks SC, East coast - May 9<sup>th</sup>/10<sup>th</sup>, RS Tera Race Squad training

UK Inland Nationals, Draycote SC, Midlands, June 6/7<sup>th</sup>

Aldeburgh Yacht Club, East Coast, 5<sup>th</sup> July, Open racing

Royal Burnham YC, East Coast, 11/12<sup>th</sup> July, Open racing  
Hayling Island SC, South Coast, 25<sup>th</sup> July, Open racing  
Europeans, Lake Garda, Italy, 2<sup>nd</sup> to 6<sup>th</sup> August  
UK Nationals – Dabchicks SC, East coast – 19<sup>th</sup>/20<sup>th</sup> September  
Hill Head SC, South Coast, 17<sup>th</sup> October – Open racing

The first event is almost upon us - a Tera training day at Ardleigh SC on 14<sup>th</sup> March with training for racers and improvers. The day will start with boats and sailors ready at 9.30am and Alex Grassick will be coaching the racers. For details of registration (prior to the event) contact Ru Watkins: [ruandjo@aol.com](mailto:ruandjo@aol.com) This will be followed by the first national race training weekend at Hayling Island SC, described above.

In April there will be back to back open racing days over the weekend 18<sup>th</sup> and 19<sup>th</sup> at Bough Beech SC in Kent, Saturday, and Desborough SC at Sheperton, Sunday. Bough Beech is a reservoir with plenty of open sailing water and the Desborough racing takes place on the River Thames (river racing is an essential skill for all would-be future experts to master!).

Both promise to be fun days with plenty of prizes including the Nauticalia Trophy and Ayton Endeavour trophies at Desborough.



*River Tera racing at Desborough SC in April*

Several other dates for opens and training may be added soon – check the ‘Events’ section of the class website [www.terasailing.com](http://www.terasailing.com) to get the latest information.

### **New look website coming soon**

Watch out for a new RS Tera website coming soon as part of the RS Youth Sailing website. To get an idea of things to come take a look at [www.rsyouthsailing.org](http://www.rsyouthsailing.org) and click on the RS Feva button (the RS Tera button will re-direct to the current Tera Owner’s Club website).

## Tera UK Committee to meet at Hayling Island

If you volunteered (or were volunteered!) at some stage to join the RS Tera Owner's Club UK Committee, please note that we are planning to have a short meeting some time (probably Saturday PM) during the Hayling Island SC National training weekend (4<sup>th</sup>/5<sup>th</sup> April). More details and an agenda will be sent out soon.

## When the lakes are frozen...

With some sailing lakes in the UK frozen over this winter for the first time in 40 years, some sailors found other ways to have fun with their Teras (and it was fast too!). Please note that any such activities will void your warranty!



## For Sale

We know of a few second-hand Teras for sail. If interested, please contact the Secretary (contact details below) for further details.

Also some new Pro sails made of Dacron and suitable for the Win Design (silver) spars are available complete with long mast top at cost price (also contact the Secretary).

**Online registration for RS Tera Owner's Club** To join just click the 'Join owner's club' button and fill in the form on the Owners Club website [www.terasailing.com](http://www.terasailing.com). It's free for now but there may be a small charge later this season.

**New E-mail address for RS Tera Owners Club Secretary** Please contact Zoë Handley using the new email address [zoehandley@talktalk.net](mailto:zoehandley@talktalk.net) or call 01737 243127