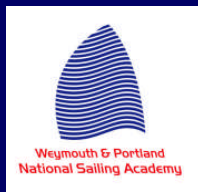


# WEYMOUTH AND PORTLAND NATIONAL SAILING ACADEMY



## WPNSA SHORTLISTED FOR PRESTIGIOUS SPORT INDUSTRY AWARD

The Weymouth and Portland National Sailing Academy (WPNSA), along with its leading sponsor Scottish and Southern Energy (SSE), has been shortlisted for a prestigious Sport Industry Award. After a record number of entries and a rigorous selection process involving over 50 leading industry figures, WPNSA is now in the running to win the Environmental Concern in Sport Award with its entry *Scottish and Southern Energy, Powering the National Sailing Academy*.

The award entry detailed how WPNSA and SSE have been working together to minimise WPNSA's impact on the environment, with SSE enabling WPNSA to generate its own renewable energy on site. The partnership between WPNSA and SSE was promoted and managed by leading sports agency Fast Track Sailing.

Ian Marchant, SSE's Chief Executive, says, "Working with a high profile venue such as WPNSA has provided us with both a vital test-bed and a platform to showcase our emerging renewable technologies and products. Through this headline sponsorship, SSE has also been able to develop community sailing programmes alongside WPNSA, demonstrating our support for grass roots sports."



### Mark Stubbings, Chief Executive, WPNSA

"I am absolutely delighted that The Academy has been shortlisted for a Sport Industry Award. It is testament to our continued commitment to being one of the most environmentally friendly sports venues in the country.

It is also great news to see that Joe Warley will be starting an apprenticeship with SailLaser. It is fantastic to see the progression of the e2e students and I would like to congratulate Joe on his apprenticeship and wish him all the best of luck for the future."



### NEWS ROUND UP

- Joe Warley, a former Weymouth College e2e Student who picked up the Weymouth and Portland National Sailing Academy Marine Achievement Award in January, is to start an apprenticeship at SailLaser based at the Weymouth and Portland National Sailing Academy.

Joe comments, "I had a brilliant time on the e2e course. To then be presented with the Marine Achievement Award, and now to be starting my apprenticeship with SailLaser is fantastic!"

- A video highlighting the Weymouth and Portland National Sailing Academy's commitment to produce a lasting community legacy is now available to view on YouTube, the video sharing website. The two part programme was filmed by Rise SW, the voice for South West social enterprise, in conjunction with Sport England. To watch the videos, please click on the following links:

<http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=LVG6OwlKNd8> (part one)

<http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=qO31NGDuJv8> (part two)

#### EVENTS:

##### RECENT:

- March 8-9 RYA Training
- March 15-16 RYA Training Optimist Class Training
- March 26-28 RYA Techno Wind surfing training

##### UPCOMING:

- April 5-6 Optimist Class association
- April 7-11 Optimist Class Training
- April 19-20 International Topper Training
- April 26-27 RYA Laser Radial Training



## SAILING FOR THE WORLD

## CHARLES RUSSELL



## 5 MINUTES WITH...GEORGE DENNY

### What does your job entail?

The management and co-ordination of all WPNSA sailing events, high performance training and shore support. However there is the unfortunate clause at the bottom of my contract which states 'anything else my directors deem necessary.'

### What are the best bits of your job?

Doing a vanishing trick when there is enough wind for a windsurf. Working with and meeting enthusiastic and talented people involved both in sailing and WPNSA. Looking out of the office window and seeing the amazing view of Portland Harbour & Weymouth Bay.

### Describe yourself in 3 words:

Determined  
Enthusiastic  
Slightly Scruffy

### What else should we know about you?!

I am told I am a "A bit of a dark horse" who looks like a cross between Johnny Wilkinson and Dennis Quaid, however I'm not so sure!!!



Above: WPNSA's own Johnny Wilkinson/Dennis Quaid — George Denny

## LOCAL LAW FIRM DONATES £5,000 TO WPNSA (right)

Local law firm Battens handed over a grant for £5,000 to the Weymouth and Portland National Sailing Academy in March.

The grant will go towards funding for WPNSA's reduced-rate local sailing initiatives. The cheque was presented to WPNSA's Director of Development John Tweed by Ray Edwards, Director at Battens Solicitors and a Trustee of the Battens Charitable Trust.



## WPNSA WORKING WITH SOUTH WESTERN AMBULANCE SERVICE

The Weymouth and Portland National Sailing Academy and the South Western Ambulance Service have been reviewing and developing the requirements for medical cover afloat and ashore in preparation for major sailing events that are to be held at the Academy. Chris Chambers, who has been appointed Project Manager for the Dorset Primary Care Trust and the South Western Ambulance Service, went afloat to watch a training camp at the Academy in early February. Chris comments, "Being able to go out on a safety boat at the training camp has given the Ambulance Service vital insight and experience of how a big event works at the Academy. It has been an extremely useful and educational experience in terms of preparing an effective model for the medical cover that will be provided at all major sailing events. We will be continuing to work closely with WPNSA to ensure that we provide the very best medical assistance possible."

