

MEET THE TEAM



MR ED SIBSON

DIRECTOR OF SAILING AND WATER SPORTS

Mr Sibson has been instructing dinghy sailing since 1999 and coaching fleet and team racing since 2005. He specialises in performance sailing and team racing, having team raced throughout university; been qualified as an RYA National Umpire; and raced International 14s, Cherubs and International Moths.

Mr Sibson joined RHS in September 2017 following a career in outdoor education centre management and independent work as an RYA Sailing Scheme Trainer, Racing Coach and Centre Inspector. He has coached many school and university team racers and is actively involved in training and assessing Dinghy Instructors and Race Coaches.

Mr Sibson has been an RYA Sailing Scheme Trainer since 2013, training and assessing RYA Dinghy Instructors and inspecting Recognised Training Centres nationally and is also an RYA Race Coach Level 2 Tutor, training and assessing RYA Race Coaches nationally since 2017.

He has previously coached RYA Youth and Junior Team Racing National Champions, RYA Team Racing National Champions, BUSA Team Racing National Champions and Wilson Trophy (British Open Team Racing Championship) winners.

Mr Sibson developed the RYA Team Racing Training Exercises Handbook and is currently producing a series of team racing tuition videos with the RYA.

He is a current coach to winners of the Hoad Shield, NSSA Match Racing National Champions and BSDRA Keelboat Fleet Racing National Champions.

QUALIFICATIONS AND APPOINTMENTS:

- RYA Race Coach Level 3
- RYA Race Coach Level 2 Tutor
- RYA Sailing Scheme Trainer (including keelboat and multihull)
- RYA SailFoil Instructor
- RYA National Umpire
- RYA Regional Judge
- RYA Powerboat and Start Windsurf Instructor
- Professional in Outdoor Learning
- Leading Practitioner of the Institute for Outdoor Learning



MR SHAUN PRIESTLEY

ASSISTANT DIRECTOR OF SAILING

Mr Priestley brings a wealth of experience, having worked for the Andrew Simpson Foundation, RYA, World Sailing, Royal Bermuda Yacht Club, SailLaser and UKSA.

Over the last 10 years, Mr Priestley has been race coaching in a range of roles including the Paralympic Pathway programme and the British Keelboat Academy. Most notable though is Mr Priestley's experience with the ILCA (Laser) class: World Sailing Emerging Nations Laser coach, RYA National Laser 4.7 Squad coach, RYA National Radial Youth Squad coach, UKLA National coach and working with various international sailors, supporting them at inter-continental and world championship level. Mr Priestley has just returned from Lake Garda where he coached an RHS sailor to 3rd in the ILCA 6 Youth World Championship.

Mr Priestley was heavily involved with the RYA in setting up and developing the SailFoil scheme, running the pilots, training instructors, writing the book and presenting the videos. His name is synonymous with the introduction of SailFoil to the National Sailing Scheme and brings significant expertise in the area of foiling.

Mr Priestley is also an appointed RYA Sailing Scheme Trainer and Centre Inspector as well as being qualified to teach windsurfing and powerboating.

QUALIFICATIONS AND APPOINTMENTS:

- RYA Race Coach Level 2
- RYA Sailing Scheme Trainer
- RYA SailFoil Trainer
- RYA Windsurf Trainer (pending)
- RYA Powerboat Instructor

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MR LEO WILSON

SAILING COACH

From 2016 to 2021, Mr Wilson was a student at St Edward's School in Oxfordshire. Whilst he was there, he sailed three times a week, every week, with club competitions on Sundays; he loved every minute of it!

For the last three years of his education, he was Captain of Sailing, during which time St Edward's became a staple of the Oxford sailing arena. He organised regular extra fitness and theory sessions and was also heavily involved with preparation and coaching of on-the-water sessions. With St Edward's, he participated in many events such as Itchenor Schools Week, BSDRA competitions and keelboat racing.

Throughout his sailing career, Mr Wilson has regularly sailed Toppers, ILCA 6s & 7s, Fireflies, RS Fevas and 420s, as well as sailing high-performance keelboats, such as the SB20 and J/70. At the 2021 NSSA National Regatta, he sailed an ILCA 7, finishing in 2nd place in the class, and 10th out of the handicap Oxfordshire fleet.

QUALIFICATIONS AND APPOINTMENTS:

- RYA Dinghy Instructor



MR MARCUS GIBBS

TEACHER OF PHYSICS AND SAILING INSTRUCTOR

Mr Gibbs teaches physics and sailing at RHS, and has been a keen sailor for the greater part of his teaching career. He is a firm believer in the benefits sailing can bring to young people at all levels of ability.

As a young teacher, at Abingdon School, he was taught by his A Level students who were also trainee dinghy instructors at Farmoor Reservoir. Mr Gibbs progressed through the RYA levels as an adult and qualified as a Dinghy Instructor in 2012 and Senior Instructor in 2018.

Previous to arriving at RHS, he led school sailing at Ipswich High School, and he currently teaches seamanship and spinnaker advanced modules at RHS. In his spare time, he volunteers teaching beginner levels at Norfolk School Sailing Association (Filby), and enjoys Laser sailing at a local club level.

QUALIFICATIONS AND APPOINTMENTS:

- RYA Senior Dinghy Instructor

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