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NEW PERSONAL WATERCRAFT VIDEO RELEASED BY RYA AND RNLI TO ENCOURAGE SAFE RIDING

RYA and RNLI release new 'How to' video for personal watercraft users



The next instalment in a short series of 'How to' videos collaborated on by the Royal Yachting Association (RYA) and Royal National Lifeboat Institution (RNLI) has been released today (Monday 16 November).

The two organisations have worked in tandem with the Personal Watercraft Partnership (PWP) to curate a bite-size checklist of advice and tips for how personal watercraft (PWC) users can safely make the most of their time on the water.

The video, ['Top 5 ways to enjoy a day out on your PWC'](#), includes safety tips for PWC users as well as helpful advice on how to enjoy your time afloat whilst also causing minimal disturbance to other water users and marine wildlife. This will be the first release in a duo of PWC centric videos. The second, 'Top tips for staying safe on your PWC' will be released next Monday (23 November).

The RYA has also been working with the PWP to improve welcome signage at launch sites. It is hoped the initiative will help to make PWC users feel welcomed

and provide some reminders for safe and considerate riding. The graphics are available for free to harbour authorities, and launch sites around the UK. Visit the [PWP website](#) for more information and to register your interest.

Stuart Carruthers, RYA Cruising Manager, said: “Riding a personal watercraft is exhilarating and can give a feeling of great freedom, however it is important to remember the responsibility in your hands. We want everyone to enjoy their time on the water and hope that the video will provide some simple reminders for PWC users.”

Rachel Andrews, Chief Instructor of the RYA Personal Watercraft training scheme, added: “PWCs are great fun and one of the most accessible ways to get out on the water, but as we see in the video there’s a lot of preparation that goes into a safe and enjoyable day afloat. If you are a first time user or haven’t ridden a PWC for a while, we’d encourage you to remind yourself of the basics and get trained with the [RYA Personal Watercraft Proficiency course](#).”

You can find the ‘[Top 5 ways to enjoy a day out on your PWC](#)’ as well as other videos in the series available to watch now on both the RYA and RNLI’s social media pages and websites.

Make sure you keep a lookout for the next instalment in the series, ‘*Top tips for staying safe on your PWC*’, which will be released on 23 November.

For further information on personal watercraft safety and RYA training, please visit www.rya.org.uk/go/pwsafety.

Watch the video - <https://youtu.be/ujpn5Orxx-U>

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About the RYA

- The RYA is the national body for dinghy, yacht and motor cruising, all forms of sail racing, RIBs and sportsboats, windsurfing and personal watercraft and a leading representative for inland waterways cruising.
- The RYA is recognised by Government, the media and opinion formers as the representative body and voice for the activities that it represents. It continually fights for the rights and freedoms of its 112,000 personal members.
- The RYA has more than 1,500 affiliated clubs and classes, which represent some 350,000 boaters throughout the UK. It is estimated that 4 million people in the UK take part in boating activity annually.
- The RYA also sets and maintains recognised standards for training for both leisure and commercial boating through a network of more than 2,400 RYA Recognised Training Centres across 58 countries. More than 270,000 people per year complete RYA training courses.
- The RYA is responsible for one of the UK's most successful Olympic medal winning sports. Our coaching and development schemes actively support 800 of our country's top sailors, from talented juniors to Olympic and World champions.
- The RYA is committed to promoting all forms of boating and making them accessible to everyone. For more information please visit www.rya.org.uk.
- You can find the RYA at RYA House, Ensign Way, Hamble, Southampton, SO31 4YA