

ACTIVATE YOUR LASER FLEET CONTINUES IN 2011, WITH GREAT SUCCESS

The first Activate Your Laser Fleet workshop has already taken place in 2011. [Leigh and Lowton Sailing Club](#) in Lancashire hosted Activators from [Bolton Sailing Club](#), [Redesmere Sailing Club](#), [Nantwich & Border Counties Sailing Club](#) and [Jumbles Sailing Club](#) in February.

Brett Cokayne, [Activate Your Laser Fleet](#) Co-ordinator, organised the event and spent time with the Activators discussing different ways of getting Laser fleets out of the dinghy park and back on the water. All Clubs face different challenges and barriers to participation, but the Activate Your Laser Fleet project identifies ways of combating these issues with the ultimate goal of more adults sailing, more often.

Following a morning of discussion and debate, advice and suggestions the Activators took to the water at Leigh and Lowton, in six brand new Lasers provided by [LaserPerformance](#). Different coaching techniques and ideas were shared with the Activators, not only with the aim of improving their own sailing, but providing them with ideas to take home to their own clubs.

[Trimpley Sailing Club](#) took part in the first round of [Activate Your Laser Fleet](#) workshops in 2010 and have hosted two follow up Activate Your Laser Fleet days since. The follow up days have been well attended by a mixture of sailors; young, old, new and returning Laser sailors. The Commodore of Trimpley Sailing Club's daughter, Alice Webb, decided to join the Laser 4.7 fleet after attending the event. A boat was found in an overgrown area of the dinghy park that had not been touched for over 6 years! With some effort from her father, Ralph Webb, and the support of LaserPerformance and Father Christmas, Alice's Laser has been restored to its former glory. Congratulations Alice and Trimpley Sailing Club, another Laser Activated!

Further Activate Your Laser Fleet Workshops have been confirmed at the following venues:

19th March [Thornton Steward Sailing Club](#), North Yorkshire

26th March [Frampton on Severn Sailing Club](#), Gloucestershire

2nd April [King George Sailing Club](#), London

16th April [Chichester Yacht Club](#), West Sussex

17th April [Dover Water Sports](#), Kent

30th April Venue TBC

1st May [Keyhaven Yacht Club](#), Hampshire

7th May Venue TBC

If you feel that your Club would benefit from the support offered by the Activate Your Laser Fleet Project, then contact Brett Cokayne by e-mail b_cokayne@hotmail.com or your local RYA Regional Development Officer, for more information about becoming involved.