

## 'Join me in Scotland' says Shirley

DOUBLE Olympic Gold medallist Shirley Robertson has called on sailors from across the UK to sign up to this year's Brewin Dolphin Scottish Series.

The 2010 series takes place during the bank holiday weekend from Friday 28 to Monday 31 May in Tarbert on Scotland's stunning West Coast.

There are 14 classes included racing for IRC Classes 1-5, CYCA Classes 6-10, Sigma 33, Sonata, RS Elites and Sportsboats on three different race courses. Pre-regatta Tarbert inbound races set off from Bangor, Northern Ireland and Inverkip on the West Coast of Scotland.

Shirley, the event ambassador said: "People don't realise what Scotland has to offer with its stunning scenery and challenging waters, it provides a completely unique sailing experience. I have sailed all over the world and must say that there is no place like home, in Scotland."

The event attracts around 200 visiting yachts to Tarbert, plus more than 1,200 crew who bring the quiet village to life over the racing weekend.

[www.scottishseries.com](http://www.scottishseries.com)



Nick Dennison (left) and Hamish Reid in training

TWO Army Doctors, Captain Nick Dennison and Captain Hamish Reid, will set out to become the first pair to row around Great Britain in order to raise money for Help for Heroes and the Army Benevolent Fund and a place in the Guinness Book of World Records this month.

The row, which is expected to take 45 days, in Komale, a 24-foot ocean rowing boat which completed a successful Atlantic crossing in 2007.

Preparations have spanned the last year starting with Nick, who represented Sheffield University at Rowing, having to show Scottish Universities Rugby player Hamish

his way around the oars. They have also undertaken rigorous navigation, ocean safety and Yachtmaster exams.

Komale has been based in Lymington for training in the

Solent and around the Isle of Wight. The start point will be made nearer the departure date depending on weather.

[www.rowforheroes.com](http://www.rowforheroes.com)

# Rowing for heroes

## Join Oscar's 199 club

YOUNG solo sailor Oscar Mead has revealed novel plans to raise enough money to enter the gruelling 2010 VELUX 5 OCEANS round the world yacht race in October. The youngest skipper to compete in the race has secured

40 per cent of his budget from an unnamed sponsor and he is offering 199 places for supporters to join him for a day's sailing on his Eco 60 yacht in return for a donation of £1,000.

[www.teamoscarmead.co.uk](http://www.teamoscarmead.co.uk)

## NEWS IN BRIEF

### Birthday cruises

KEYNES Park Cruising Association, based in the Bristol area, celebrates its 21st anniversary this year. It was formed to promote cruising and runs a series of summer sailing events which this year includes a Mayday weekend out of Plymouth, a week's sailing from Falmouth in June, a week's sailing on the West Coast of Scotland in August, long weekend based on Falmouth in September and the Solent in November. [www.kpca.org.uk](http://www.kpca.org.uk)

### Round Britain

BOATS from eight countries have confirmed entries for the Sevenstar Round Britain and Ireland Race which starts in Cowes on 23 August. The non-stop 1,760 mile race, organised by the Royal Ocean Racing Club is attracting interest from ocean sailors including Volvo Ocean 70's, IMOCA 60's and Class 40's. It is sponsored by Sevenstar.

### Eco winner

SALTASH Sailing Club has received £1,000 as one of the winners of the 2009 Volvo Eco Challenge. The money will be used to fund an environmental project designed by the club aimed at reducing energy and the club's impact on the environment.

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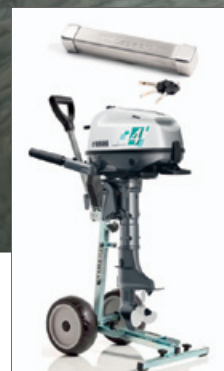
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