

RC Board Sports (Wind / Wing / Kite)

3 Feb 2025

RAYC Committee

RC (BS) REPORT TO RAYC COMMITTEE MEETING 05 Feb 25

1. Competitions & Awards

Upcoming forces events:

Windsurfing

28 April - 2 May: Ex Ice Dragon - Rhosneigr
24 May - 2 June: Defi Wind 25 (OSV International Competition) - Gruison, France
23 - 27 June: Army Windsurf Championships 25 (all fleets) - AISTC
22 - 26 September: Interservice Windsurf Champs & Team Racing - Weymouth

Kitesurfing

28 April - 2 May: Ex Ice Dragon - Rhosneigr
8 -12 September – Army Kitesurfing Championships – Rhosneigr
29 September -3 October – UKAF Interservice Kitesurf Championships – Hayling Island

Wing / Wind Foiling

15 March –Wind / Wing Foil Series Event 1 - AISTC
28 April - 2 May: Ex Ice Dragon - Rhosneigr
12 July – Wind / Wing Foil Series Event 2 - AISTC
9 August – Wind / Wing Foil Series Event 3 - AISTC
11 October – Wind / Wing Foil Series Event 4 - AISTC

2. Over Seas Visits

Ex ZENITH SAMBA - An Army-level Kitesurf OSV to Brazil took place from 26th October to 8th November 2024, with Sgt Kerrison (16 RA) and Bdr Sawyer (12 RA) representing as members of the Army team. The experience and skills gained during this OSV has been invaluable for future kiting events. Thanks, have been sent by the attending soldiers for the assistance from the RAYC towards their personal contributions.

Ex DEFI WIND 25 - Army Windsurfing has selected a team of 7 Army Wing and windsurfers of which 3 of the sailors are RA to compete at Defi wind 2025 in Gruission, France (24 May – 2 June 25). This competition will see them go up against some of the best professional and amateur wing foilers and windsurfers from around the world, providing invaluable experience in preparation for the upcoming water sports season. The event attracts over 1,000 wing foilers and windsurfers from 30 different nations.

A RA multi discipline (Wind, Wing, Kite) OSV is still being investigated for winter 2025 or 2026.

3. Equipment.

The RAYC audit for Wind, Wing & Kite equipment was completed Nov 2024.

4. Funding.

1. **Ex DEFI WIND 25** - It is kindly asked if the RAYC could assist in the personal contributions for the following RAYC Members: Gnr Jackson (106 RA), LBdr Harrison (47 RA) & WO2 Barnes (100 RA). All have currently paid £280 in race registration fees to the event runners to compete in both wing and wind events and £250 in personal contributions to the ASA for accommodation and travel costs (£530 total) self-funding for food will have to be made due to sporting events not gaining CILOR.
2. **Welfare grant** - A Welfare Grant for equipment is being investigated currently across the 3 disciplines. The Bid is likely to be put in late 2025 when the 2026 pre-orders are published. There may be a small bid during the year using the monthly bid process if it is identified that equipment is needed.

5. 2025 Plan.

The focus for 2025 is:

1. To have RA personnel to attend beginner courses held at AISTC, then to develop throughout the year ready with the aim to compete in 2026 events. This will be done by contact with unit sailing officers to book unit personnel onto courses, and use of social media advertising courses run to self-book onto courses.
2. Continue to concentrate on the novice and intermediate in all disciplines. Novice and Intermediate training will continue to be conducted at AISTC courses and ad hock days published on SPOND and FACEBOOK groups under a duty instructor or the RAYC RC (BS) weather and tide dependant.
3. Increase Open Fleet sailors' skills with attendance at civilian racing events throughout the year.

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