

# Shelley climbs podium at first try

**SHELLEY Jory, Britain's top woman powerboat racer secured first place in her first Powerboat P1 World Championship race at San Benedetto, Italy.**

She had little preparation time in the boat or with the team. Thanks to British weather, and the fact that the newly-rigged Lucas Oil powerboat had arrived in the UK very late from the USA Skater workshop, practice and testing had consisted of less than an hour in Torquay.

The team got to Italy on the Thursday before the race and went straight into a frenzy of preparation – putting on decals,

trying to work out fuel consumption on the new Mercury engines, moving the required lead weights around in the very light Skater hull and testing unknown props.

Sheely said: "All this and having to get used to being a rookie driver again and the first female to race in the "big boys" Evolution class.

"The Italian race commentator called me the 'Prima Donna'. It's Italian for first lady but some would say quite apt for me!

**Read how she did it in her regular column on page 10**

# Lakes summit meeting will discuss limit

**THE future of the controversial speed ban on Windermere was expected to be discussed at Lake District planning summit in early June.**

Conservation versus development was the focus for the discussion on the future of Lake Windermere,

The meeting at the Low Wood Hotel, which was the centre for water skiing and disabled skiing, was due to be hosted by the Royal Institute of British Architects think tank Building Futures in conjunction with the Lake District National Park Authority.

A spokeswoman for RIBA said: "The idea is to stimulate debate about controversial issues."

The ten mph speed restriction on Windermere that came into force in March 2005 was one of the most controversial issues in the area.

England's largest lake had been a draw for water skiers, yacht crews, rowers and pleasure boats for decades.

Businesses claimed millions of pounds was lost to the local economy as a result of the speed ban.

The RIBA spokeswoman said: "As the ten mph limit was a controversial decision then it should be discussed," and she confirmed that it would be one of the topics that would be raised.

It was planned that 19 people would attend the meeting, two as observers. Organisations

and businesses due to be represented included Cumbria County Council, Windermere Aquatic Boat Centre, South Lakes Development Trust, National Trust, English Lakes Hotel, Furness Railway Trust, Northwest Regional Development Agency and Lakeland Arts Trust.

The Lake District National Park Partnership was by far the best represented with five delegates.

The meeting was by invite only and the Keep Windermere Alive Association had not been invited.

Last year Kevin Furber, chairman of the association, accused the Lake District National Park Authority of refusing to engage in talks with the association that could result in a management plan that would benefit all users of the lake.

The RIBA spokesperson said they would be able to attend as spectators only, as delegates had already been invited.

Kevin Furber and Nick Fieldhouse have been accused of breaking the ban in protest. They were unavailable for comment about the meeting.

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# All set for Island race

**THE annual JPMorgan Asset Management Round the Island Race, organised by the Island Sailing Club, will take place on Saturday 28 June.**

Competitors come from all over the UK, Europe and the USA, to follow the 50-mile course round the Isle of Wight.

The race starts on the Royal Yacht Squadron line in Cowes, the fleet races westabout, to The Needles, round St Catherine's Point and Bembridge Ledge buoy back into the Solent.

The first race took place in 1931 with 25 entries. The winning skipper, Peter Brett, competed in a 22-foot Cornish fishing boat Merry Conceit. He had bought it, in partnership with his friend Henry Trefusis, from the builders in Looe, for the sum of £45.

This year around 1,600 boats will be competing.

Many competitors are local to the Island Sailing Club. Roger and Liz Swinney are based in Cowes. Their quarter tonne Ayanami has competed in just about every Round the Island Race for 28 years.

Louise Massey 43, from Weston-Super-Mare in Somerset, raced boats for much of her life until being diagnosed with breast cancer over four years ago. Now despite undergoing rigorous chemotherapy and radiation treatment for the cancer, which has spread to her bones and liver, Louise and her husband Andrew, also a keen dinghy racer, will be part of the crew on a Bénéteau Oceanis 37 provided by Ancasta.

Top yachtsman Simon Clarke and Ancasta have top tips on pre-race preparation at

[www.roundtheisland.org.uk](http://www.roundtheisland.org.uk)



## NEWS IN BRIEF

### Bank holiday rescue

FALMOUTH all weather lifeboat was launched on Bank Holiday Monday to assist the 65-foot Motor Fishing Vessel Chalutier that had started to drag its anchors. The vessel had one person on board and was anchored off St Mawes Castle. The lifeboat took up the weight on the towline and held the vessel head to wind while the lifeboat crew tried to recover the main anchor and release the others. Eventually the vessel was freed and towed back towards Falmouth.

### Sailing away

OPAL Marine will no longer deal with sailing boats and will focus solely on power boats. The company will not renew a distribution agreement with Legend Yachts, which ended at the end of May, and will rely on Azimut, Rodman and Mainship power brands. The decision has been described as mutual.

### New boatyard

SANDBANKS Boatyard and Marina, in Poole, Dorset, has been officially launched. Neil Gardiner of the marina said: "We are very keen to engage the local community and want the marina to be used by residents. We will be setting up a sailing club and organising local events which all ages will be able to attend." Storage ashore will be primarily for boats and jet skis needing to be manually launched and recovered up the slipway.

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