

SB and RIB Show turns up the heat

THE Sports Boat and RIB Show will take place over the May Bank Holiday weekend, 3 to 5 May, with more events and exhibitors being confirmed all the time.

This year sees the return of the hugely popular Jet Ski display team who will no doubt be wowing the crowd again with their tricks and another returning part of the show is the speed of the Zapcats, which is always a firm favourite with visitors.

Sunseeker has confirmed its Team Sunseeker P1 Raceboat, the Sunseeker Challenger XS2000, will be berthed at the show, manned by their Race Team. Sunseeker is also

running a competition to win a place on one of its exclusive P1 experience days.

RIBS Marine has also announced that it will be presenting the Valiant Range of RIBS from 2.4 to 6.20 metres with a new range of consoles and duel colour tubes, together with Quicksilver Inflatables and Mariner Outboards at the show.

Some of the other exhibitors include, Suzuki, EP Barrus, ICOM, MRL Cigarette Boats, Honda, Warsash Marine and many more.

And don't forget visitors go free!

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NEWS IN BRIEF

Shelley is first woman in P1



SHELLEY Jory, one of the UK's leading powerboat racers and *All at Sea* columnist, has been signed as driver of the LUCAS OIL team. She is the first woman to enter the P1 Evolution class. Shelley, who has previously won the Honda Formula 4-Stroke Championships, will be driving the Mercury powered Skater V399 superboat and racing with team owner and throttle man, Nigel Hook. Nigel said "P1 is to boat racing as F1 is to auto racing. I believe Shelley has the perfect credentials to race in the series." Shelley is equally excited and said: "With Nigel's skill and confidence in the boat I am positive we are the perfect team to go hunting for a world championship!"

Read Shelley's column on page 10

Red tape update

THE RYA met Home Office officials last month to discuss proposed new rules to combat illegal immigration. The meeting focused on commercial maritime activities rather than the leisure. The RYA has another meeting with the Home Office scheduled in March amid fears that leisure boaters will have to return to the system of informing the authorities about every international voyage.

Fisherman overboard

HUMBER Maritime Rescue Coordination Centre received a report at 16.52 on the 4 March from fishing vessel Sanlormarho that they had lost a man overboard two nautical miles from Blyth Harbour. The missing man was reported to be from the Philippines and fell overboard when a steel wire on board the vessel snapped.



Local children Guy Leadbitter and Emily Armstrong in period costume with the bust of Grace Darling

Tribute to a true Brit lifesaver

THE UK's only museum dedicated to the iconic British life saving heroine, Grace Darling, was officially opened by the RNLI.

After a service at St Aiden's Church, where Grace Darling is buried, RNLI Chairman Sir Jock Slater declared the museum officially open on 4 March with the help of RNLI lifesavers, Dr Christine Bradshaw and Sophie Grant-Crookston, as well as local children from Seahouses School.

The original Grace Darling Museum opened in 1938, and 70 years on after a major redevelopment project that has spanned two years, its original Flemish brick facade now fronts a

new two-storey museum.

Joanna Bellis, RNLI Heritage Manager, said: "We would like to extend our grateful thanks to all those whose funding enabled us to develop the £1.5m museum project. These include the Heritage Lottery Fund, Northern Rock Foundation, the Foyle Foundation, the Sir James Knott Trust and an RNLI education appeal in the north.

"We hope the story of Grace, her father William and the lifeboat heroes and heroines of today's RNLI inspire all those who visit."



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