



National Multi Class Regatta 2009

August 14th-16th
Rutland Sailing Club

For all racing sailors with disabilities - invited Classes

**Access / 2.4mR / Challenger / Martin 16
SKUD / Artemis / Squib**

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RYA Sailability Multi Class Regatta

The first RYA Sailability Multi Class Regatta took place at Rutland Sailing Club in 2007 and brought together over 70 competitors in 53 boats from five different classes, ranging from the tiny Access 2.3 to the Paralympic SKUD 18. The climax of the event was a giant pursuit race, which, incredibly, was won by an Access 303, sailed by Andi Dickson and Ian McNair, who became the very first holders of the Ken Ellis Trophy, which honours the memory of an ex RYA Chairman and a strong supporter of disabled sailing.

The second Multi Class Regatta was again held at Rutland in August 2008. The event achieved many things: There was a new record entry of 68 boats sailed by 85 competitors from across the UK. Entries ranged from Britain's 2008 Paralympic representatives down to sailors competing at this level for the first time and, most important of all, everyone made new friends amongst the five different classes of boats that were competing.

The third Multi Class Regatta will follow the same format of fleet racing, with a regatta dinner and cabaret on Saturday night, followed by the Sunday pursuit race in which all the classes participate together. The event runs from Friday 14th to Sunday 16th August and will again be sponsored by RYA Sailability.

Notice of Race & Entry forms will be available in the spring on www.rya.org.uk/sailability

