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The summer is well and truly here with us now enjoying air temperatures of up to 35 degrees being nicely moderated by the constant and cooling Atlantic breeze, cobalt blue skies and crystal clear seas... the kind of stuff sailing brochures are made of!

We thought it was about time that we let you know how we were getting on and how the season was shaping up. Well, here goes....

Wherever possible we have been involved in the local regatta scene and Annecy has pulled us into some very respectable finishing positions. In the first cup series of 5 regatta's, we entered 3 and took 2nd, 2nd and 1st positions! In the current cup series again of 5 regatta's, we have entered the first and only race so far and taken 1st place again. Very impressive for a fully loaded training boat and a lead for the other competitors to try and follow. Let's hope that we can continue to join in the fun and set the pace. She made us very proud to be taking the trophies each week.



We have made lots of new friends over the busy few months gone by who, without exception, have rewarded us with extremely good feedback and confirmed that what we are doing is right for you too. Just recently we taught a couple from Crewe, Colin and Jayne, who are looking to continue their training all the way to Instructor level. Colin is a professional trainer in his own right and a very professional individual. We have included his feedback here for you to have a read, not just because it's positive but moreover that it comes from a professional within the training industry and someone whose view we respect very highly. This is what he had to say about their week with us:

Dear Rob & Jules

I write to thank you for the fantastic week we spent aboard Annecy, Jayne and I are still buzzing and boring our friends silly about our adventures.

We really did have a great time and are amazed at how much we both learned and how our confidence grew over the 5 days. From our initial contact, to sadly saying goodbye on the last day, we were continuously cared for as professionally and courteously as we could have hoped. Indeed although initially meeting as clients I hope we left as friends.

To describe the Algarve sailing area as perfect is an understatement; I simply can't wait to return. Annecy is, as expected, a beautiful modern boat and the ideal environment to learn in.

Rob's passion for sailing is contagious and his technical knowledge and seamanship is undoubted. He is also a fantastic instructor. As the head of training & development for a major UK retailer, I have been involved with managing and developing trainers for over 12 years. Too often I have seen technically competent people who are unable to translate their skills into learning messages that stick. Rob's instructional techniques are flawless and he is as equally competent a trainer as he is a sailor (and that's saying a lot!!!). I expect high standards from my trainers at work; they are amongst the best in the industry. Rob would make my team any day.

The secret to good instruction is to get the basics right:- agreeing clear objectives and expectations, structuring, sequencing and pacing learning points correctly, communicating in the right language with the appropriate aids and accurately assessing learner progress and adapting to suit. Rob has mastered these techniques and can create a relaxed environment that is learning effective and most importantly FUN.

We really did have a great time, so much so we signed up for our next course the day we landed. Unfortunately work commitments mean that this will have to be in the UK. I wish it was in Portugal.

Thanks again and see you soon

Colin & Jayne

Colin and Jayne did indeed leave as good friends. We thank them for their feedback and wish them all the very best for their further training and their future. We will no doubt see them back here during the road to Yachtmaster - something we look forward to.

We have a number of people now who have very kindly offered to act as references should anyone want to contact them to find out more about their experience with us. If you want to ask someone independent about how they got on then just drop us a line and we'll put you in touch. We'll suggest the most appropriate contact such as couples, families, singles, people seeking a career in the industry or people who've already found a career in the industry!



Kezia & Rabbit! 12/07/06

Keep your eyes posted for a press release about rusailing - we have had a major advertising company work on our behalf to get coverage in several top level yachting magazines to spread the word on who we are, where we are and what we do. We must be doing something right. It's our promise that we'll continue to do so and provide the best possible experience for you all.

Until next time. Fair winds and good sailing.

Rob & Jules

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