

Be a part of it

For six weeks during the summer of 2012, Weymouth and Portland will be home to the London Olympic and Paralympic sailing regattas



Up to 70,000 volunteers will be needed to help run the London 2012 Olympic and Paralympic Games. And you could get involved in this once-in-a-lifetime sporting event.

There are three types of volunteers, specific to the management of the sailing events, needed:

International Technical Officials (ITO) – this group of around 60 people are among the most qualified volunteers anywhere in the sailing world. They will be picked by ISAF to make sure that there is fair play in areas such as race management, measurement, umpiring and sitting on the International Jury.

National Technical Officials (NTO) – these are the volunteers who run the races, measure boats and lay the marks. The race teams will be chosen by the RYA, centred on the teams that the race officer has put together. The team will be confirmed by the London Organising Committee of the Olympic

Games and Paralympic Games Limited (LOCOG) and ISAF and there will be opportunities for eight teams across the Olympic and Paralympic Games.

Sport Specific Volunteers (SSV) – if you are a rescue boat driver with suitable RYA qualifications, speak languages or can drive press boats to get vessels into the correct positions, then these are the positions for you. Chosen by LOCOG, there will no doubt be great opportunities for those that are working on RYA/UK Sport events leading up to the Olympics.

There will also be plenty of opportunities for those who want to help on dry land in a range of tasks as diverse as collating results, working in the media centre or helping out in the boat park.

Who do you contact and when?

With LOCOG delivering its first sailing test event in 2011, the programme will start its recruiting process in mid-2010. And with a host of sailing events taking place in the run-up to London 2012, volunteers will be in demand.

There has never been such a great, inspirational time to get involved with volunteering. Register your interest in being a part of the London Games on the LOCOG website, www.london2012.com/volunteering. To get involved as an RYA Racing Events volunteer complete the online form at www.rya.org.uk/go/racingeventsvolunteering



You can be part of the London 2012 Olympics



Volunteers needed!



Weymouth and Portland will host the sailing regattas



The RYA AGM will take place on Thursday 19 November 2009 at 16.00 at: One Great George Street, Westminster, London SW1P 3AA