



Forum Guidelines

Participation in the PY Online Forum constitutes agreement to the following guidelines, which apply to posts, profile information, signatures, and any other content on this site and participation in general.

1. Cross posting is not allowed and will result in the removal of one or more posts. Cross posting is defined as posting the same information in two or more locations. When posting your topic, please try to post it in the most appropriate place within the organizational structure of the Forum. Identical topics posted in the same or different forums will be removed.
2. Advertisements are not allowed and will be deleted. Posts made specifically for the promotion of a website, product or service are considered advertising or, at least, posts made that unnecessarily send people to a website. It does not matter if it is a commercial website, a personal website, a non profit website, etc.
3. You may only post a link to a site that helps specifically answers the question that is being asked and the answer cannot be simply posted without the link. Even then, link directly to the page where the information can be found. When linking to outside websites, you must ensure that the content of the link is appropriate for our community, in line with the guidelines laid out here. This includes mentioning or referencing a site, even if the mention is not hyperlinked.
4. Do not post personal, real-life information such as home addresses and home phone numbers.
5. As this is an English-speaking community, we require that posted content be in the English language, so that it can be well received and properly monitored.
6. Inappropriate language and material is not allowed and will be removed. Abbreviations, and self-censoring also violate this guideline. We try to maintain a friendly atmosphere whenever possible. Please keep this in mind when participating. Do not make uninvited remarks about typos, duplicate posts, posting styles, etc. This is a friendly discussion community.
7. Do not post copyrighted materials (articles, videos, audio, etc.) that you do not have permission to reproduce or distribute. For text articles, most of the time you may quote a small portion of the article (usually no more than 1/5 or 1/6) and you must link to the source (if online) or provide the source (if offline). Posting the entire article, even with the source, constitutes copyright infringement.
8. Signatures are limited to 200 characters. This includes blank lines. No images. The text in the signature may be customized by the BBCode in use on the forums. It is recommended that you choose your Sailing Club name to form part of your signature, and that readable fonts and colors and text size is chosen.
9. Use of the Forum is intended for users of the RYA PY Online website. When signed in to PY Online, a user will then be able to access the Forum. Each user/club is allowed to create one Forum account only. Each user will be verified and activated by RYA Staff, to ensure their involvement with PY Online and sailing club.

10. If you would like to change your username, please contact us and, most likely, we can do it for you while you can keep all of your profile data, posts, and other content.

11. We know that people will have to leave our community (of their own free will or otherwise) from time to time and to that end, we do not delete accounts, posts, or other content posted on our community. All content is granted to us with perpetual electronic publishing rights because any content posted on this community becomes a part of the community, even if you no longer are. You may request an item to be removed at any time, but we will decide when and if to remove content. If you wish to no longer be identified with our community, we will be glad to close your account and alter your profile information to remove all identifying characteristics.

12. Moderators and Admins have the final say. Creating threads or posts that question or reference administrative decisions or potential administrative decisions, such as post removals and thread closures, is not permitted.

13. If a user violates our guidelines and shows a disregard for them, they risk losing their account. We reserve the right to deactivate any account and to edit or remove any content without warning. These guidelines are subject to change at any time.

Do you have a question about our User Guidelines or anything else? Or are you experiencing some trouble with the site? Please do not hesitate to contact us and we will be glad to help in any way that we can. pyreturn@rya.org.uk.

Thank you.