

# Sport Disability

## Leeds Rhinos Wheelchair Rugby League Club launches

An exciting new sports club for young people and adults has recently launched in Leeds. The Leeds Rhinos Wheelchair Rugby League club had its first session this week, with a great turn out of keen participants.

Wheelchair rugby league is open to all people able bodied and disabled, is played indoors and is very similar to 13-a-side rugby league.



The new club is being run by Spider-Y, a registered charity that runs the highly successful Leeds Spiders wheelchair basketball club. Leeds City Council, the Rugby Football League and Leeds Rugby are providing support, guidance and funding for the new project, with further funding secured through the new government Sportivate programme.

The club will be running for eight weeks over the summer at Morley leisure centre in Leeds from 7pm to 9pm on Wednesday evenings. Sessions cost £3 per person and sports wheelchairs are available to borrow, or bring your own.

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**Leeds City Council Sport Development Unit in conjunction  
with Leeds 115 Branch of British Sub Aqua Club  
Announce**

**6 Weeks of Reduced Price Diving (SCUBA) Lessons**

Leeds City Council Sport Development Unit and Leeds 115 Branch of BSAC have successfully been awarded Sportivate funding to expand its diver training programme.

Funding is to be used to offer young people the opportunity to attend a series of 6 diving lessons at the John Charles Centre for Sport Aquatics Centre. ***A superb Offer at an amazing venue!!***

The programme is a series of six weeks giving introductory quality training which could lead to the BSAC Ocean Diver Qualification (after further training).

The 6 week programme is primarily for 14 to 18 year old young people although persons older than this would be considered or offered an alternative time to attend.

The cost is £21 equating to just £3.50 per week – this includes all diving equipment, handouts and training from qualified instructors.

The benefit to the participant is the ability to find out and have a go at the sport - have an understanding of all the elements of training without having to pay to join a club or pay a commercial school's course fees at the outset.

The courses will be run on Wednesday evenings at The Aquatics Centre, Middleton Grove, Leeds, LS11 5DJ. The blocks of six weeks start on 6<sup>th</sup> July, 17<sup>th</sup> August and 28<sup>th</sup> September from 7p.m. to 8p.m.

Places are limited so book as soon as possible to avoid disappointment. The courses are funded by the sponsors as below and therefore this is a one off opportunity.

To book contact Val Walton 0113 2038555 or 07803 263580.



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## Disability Sailing Making Waves

Disabled children and adults from across Leeds recently took part in a free day of sailing at Yeadon Tarn. The event was held at Leeds Sailing & Activity Centre to mark the launch of two new Wayfarer sailing dinghies.

The new dinghies have been specially adapted to enable people with any disability to experience sailing, and were purchased with funding gained through the national Aiming High short breaks programme.

The original day planned for May had to be cancelled due to high winds but there were no such problems this time, with a nice breeze and warm temperatures ensuring everyone had a smile on their face and a great chance to experience sailing. Children from Greenmeadows and Bruntcliffe school as well as adults from Daniel Yorath House and Bramley day centre attended the day plus a range of independent participants.

Leeds Sailing and activity centre runs a weekly Disability Outdoor club during the summer, where children can take part in sailing, canoeing and other outdoor activities. The club runs on Tuesdays from 4-5pm. For adults the centre can tailor packages specially for you, so anything from a one off hour of sailing to a 6 week programme of canoeing. For further details about all the activities on offer please contact the centre:

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Adults on the water at the Leeds Sailing & Activity centre



Children from Greenmeadows school enjoy the day



The brand new adapted wayfarer dinghies in action on Yeadon Tarn

## Leeds Schools' Years 5/6 Tag Rugby Finals 7<sup>th</sup> June 2011

In partnership with the Rugby Football League, Rugby Football Union, Leeds Rugby Foundation, and Hunslet Hawks, Leeds City Council Sports Development facilitated a generic tag rugby programme throughout the city with all primary schools. The unique partnership with both rugby codes has allowed over 5500 years 5 and 6 pupils the opportunity to have coaching within schools and play in local festivals before selection to the Leeds Schools City Finals at John Charles Centre for Sport Centre for Sport



Another great day of rugby was played at JCCS during the city finals. The day concluded with an exciting final that went into extra time and a golden point which was eventually won by St Mary's Horsforth against St Mary's Rothwell. Both teams will now progress to the Rugby Football Union Yorkshire Tag2Twickenham finals with the opportunity to play in the national finals. The other two semi finalists, Strawberry Fields and Farsley Farfield will represent Leeds at the West Yorkshire Youth game in the Rugby League competition

19 schools took part in the annual finals, which is the third year of competition. They saw off challenges from over 180 primary schools who took part in the competition from across Leeds playing in the school sports partnership festivals.

St Bartholomews, Bramley, Swinnow, Drighlington A & B, Gledhow, St Josephs Hunslet, Birchfield, St Joseph's Pudsey, Shakespeare, Swillington, Bramhope, Templenewsam, St Patrick's and Richmond Hill primary schools showed to the spectators why they got to the finals. All pupils were a credit to their schools with their attitude, behaviour and commitment.

Mixed gender teams contested the Tag Rugby which is a non-contact team game where each player wears a belt with two Velcro tags attached. Play is similar to rugby league and union with attacking players attempting to dodge, evade and pass a rugby ball while defenders attempt to prevent them scoring by "tagging" – removing a tag attached to the ball carrier. The rules are an agreed combination of both rugby league and rugby union. The special partnership between the rugby codes allows a productive use of resources and enables more Leeds' schools to be accessed.



Leeds City Council executive member for Leisure Councillor Adam Ogilvie who presented certificates to all teams and medals to the winners and runners up said: "I'm honoured to have been invited to his event today. This form of rugby is an excellent way for children to enjoy the game and I hope it brings even more youngsters to this exciting sport."

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# Tag Rugby



## Sailing and activity centre half term taster day

Funding for the day was successfully secured from Area Management Outer North West.

In partnership with the manager and staff from Leeds Sailing and Activity Centre, a taster day was delivered for young people who have never tried a water sport before or are not very sporty.

Targeting young people from the Outer North West area aged 12yrs – 16yrs .

Two activities were offered for £2 per person. The activities the young people could choose from included kayaking, raft building and canoeing.

The day was a brilliant success with all the places booked two days before the project. A total of 45 girls and boys aged between 8yrs and 15yrs enjoyed all the water sports . The sun was beaming and fun was had by all.

Juliet a volunteer identified through Julie Lewis, volunteer development officer and a colleague Paul Senior supported the day.

Many of the parents that attended have already booked their children onto the next taster day planned for August .

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