

Lieutenant General Richard Wardlaw

My interest in sailing was sparked during my YO's course in 1992 and a fabulously enjoyable weekend in the Solent under the close eye of a certain Ross Wilson! My first posting was to Hong Kong and it was here that I learned to sail dinghies and enjoyed several splendid weekends crewing the Brigade of Gurkhas yacht around the waters of the New Territories. On return to the UK I undertook my Day Skipper's course and on posting to the Falkland Islands I enjoyed some 'extreme dinghy' sailing on the inland waters there. Shortly thereafter my parents' retirement saw them elect to spend the next 7 years cruising the waters around the British Isles and later the Mediterranean on a Moody 40. I spent as much time on their yacht as work commitments allowed! A particular highlight was 3 weeks cruising around the Western Isles. Thereafter marriage and young family intruded for a few years before a more recent return to the water and some fabulous (but very easy) sailing holidays around the North and South Ionian. I joined the REYC in 2017 with a view to convincing the family that time off-shore would be well spent!