



# MAKING WAVES

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## Making a splash

Unbelievably we have already started the new swimming season with 'Dual in the Pool' which took place on Saturday 24<sup>th</sup> September.

All of our clubs are back in full swing and the Isle of Man Swim Squad is getting back in to the swing of things.

I am delighted to be writing what I hope will be a regular Newsletter bringing news and information to you from the IOMSA and the affiliated Clubs – they are IOM Swimming Club, Douglas ASC, Ramseian, Southern and Manx Masters.

This is your Newsletter so if you have any ideas for articles or have any questions about Swimming on the island then let us know and you never know there may be other parents and swimmers who might benefit from the response.

### Chairman's Report

2010/2011 was an extremely busy but successful season for Isle of Man Swimming. Starting with our League Series in September last year and culminating with the Island hosting the 4<sup>th</sup> Commonwealth Youth Games in which our very own Grant Halsall won the Isle of Man's first, and to date, only medals from these Games.



The success of the CYG demonstrated how many people are involved in

## League Programme

For those of you new to swimming on the Isle of Man you may hear about the 'League Programme' that we run over the winter months.

We run one Gala per month over the winter starting in October and we are keen to see as many swimmers taking part as possible.

The events are swum on an Age Group basis and we encourage everyone to swim in as many events as they can – not only are there winners of the individual events there is an overall award in each age group for the swimmer gaining most points – points are awarded in each event depending on where you finish.

Ask your Club Coaches for more information. For the dates click on:

[http://iomswim.net/events\\_diary1](http://iomswim.net/events_diary1)

### Any Questions?

If you have any questions or want to know more please contact us or your Club representatives.

### Contact Us

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Swimming on the island and passionate about our sport.

However, our sport is not without its challenges amongst them is the ever-increasing costs of maintaining a successful training programme at a cost everyone can afford.

Accordingly, your committee is looking at ways in which it can attract sponsorship from the local business community.

A number of sponsorship packages have been designed with funding requests ranging from £1,000 to £5,000.



If you have any contacts in the business community who you think may be interested in hearing more please contact your Club representative and we will arrange for the information to be sent out to them. <http://iomswim.net>

## IOMSA v IOMSC

In 2010 the roles of the IOMSA and the IOMSC were re-defined.

In simple terms the IOMSA's main responsibilities are to focus on the current and future development of Aquatic Sport on the IOM.

The IOMSC's primary focus is to develop competitive swimming on the IOM. For more information click on: [http://iomswim.net/about\\_us](http://iomswim.net/about_us)

## Volunteers Needed

Like all organisations we rely heavily on volunteers to keep ourselves going.

Whatever your skills you can help – all the Clubs need new volunteers on Poolside – Coaches, Teachers and helpers.

Administration – paperwork and organisation – if that is your forte then you can help

Website – this needs upgrading and regular updating – if IT is your bag then let us know.

Officials – our events don't run themselves – we have a great reputation for putting on good events – why not come and learn the ropes and be part of future events.

There is a lot to be done – all the volunteers started somewhere – generally when they brought their children along.

If you think you have something to offer then please speak to your Club representative – don't be shy!!

## NEXT ISSUE

We hope to publish Making Waves at least quarterly – if you have any suggestions for articles etc please contact your Club Rep or [iomsasecretary@manx.net](mailto:iomsasecretary@manx.net)

## Club Representatives

### IOMSA

Chairman: Clive Parrish

Vice-Chairman: Basil Bielich

Hon Treasurer: Mike Kennish

Hon Secretary: Rosemary Kinley

Welfare Officer: David Nash

Douglas: Kay Wilson

Ramseian: Glynis Vickery  
Lai Corteen

Southern: Ian Harrop  
Angela Katz

Manx Masters: Shirley Coop

### IOMSC

Chairman: Bob Trimble

Vice-Chairman: Brian Lang

Hon Secretary: Paul Hansford

Welfare Officer: David Nash

Douglas: Mark Shimmin

Ramseian: Sarah Thompson

Southern: Alan Wignall

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