



Payne Hicks Beach Racing for Gold

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Payne Hicks Beach are supporting the London campaign of several of the top British sailors hoping to be competing for global success as members of the Skandia Team GBR: British Sailing Team in the Olympic and Paralympics classes.

Payne Hicks Beach has a natural affinity with sailing. Head of Dispute Resolution and Sports, Richard Butcher, is a former World Champion and five time British National Champion. Richard, who regularly acts for many of the British sailors and other sportsmen and women said "I know how tough it is to compete at these high levels. We are keen to do what we can to support our sailors and financial sponsorship is a natural extension of the work that I have been doing for many of them for a long while. The arrangement we now have will enable us to work even more closely with a number of the sailors in further support of their endeavours".

Managing partner, Simon Pizzey, himself a keen windsurfer said "As a firm we are delighted to be supporting many of our top British sailors. We look forward to having opportunities to introduce them to our staff and our clients over the next three years. Above all, we wish our sailors all the very best in their campaign."

The sailors within the team who are receiving additional support from Payne Hicks Beach as part of this initiative are:

Iain Percy and Andrew ("Bart") Simpson

Iain was victorious in Sydney in the single handed Finn class and teamed up with Bart to be on top of the podium in Beijing in the Star class. Iain and Bart went on to win the Star class World Championship in Rio de Janeiro and they are hard at work with every intent of repeating their success when the sailing events are held in Weymouth.

Sarah Ayton and Saskia Clark

Sarah won when crewing for Shirley Robertson in the Yngling class in Athens and then repeated that success, this time as the helm, in Beijing. With the Yngling class being withdrawn, Sarah teamed up with Saskia early this year to compete in the 470 Women's 470 class, finishing fifth overall in their first ever World Championship together. Saskia is a world class 470 crew having competed in Beijing and there are high hopes for success at London.

Paul Goodison

Victory in Beijing was followed by repeated success in the Laser class regattas including the subsequent World, European and British Championships. Paul has every intention of securing gold once again.

Nick Dempsey

Third in Athens and fourth in Beijing Nick went on to be the RS:X Windsurfer World Champion and no one is more motivated than him for 2012.

Bryony Shaw

Bryony is Britain's leading women's wind surfer. She memorably won bronze in Beijing and is aiming for the top at Weymouth.

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