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Dear John

### **Blue Ride Powerboating Courses**

I just wanted to say how much I enjoyed and learnt from the two recent courses taken with Blue Ride, Introduction to Powerboating and the RYA Level 2 Course.

My son Alex (13) and I found the one day 'Introduction to Powerboating' course a great taster for the sport. We learnt so much in those 5 hours about boats, the sea and techniques. It was a great to learn so much about Ribs in such a short time and was really helpful to us making the decision to buy a Rib and also helpful in selecting an appropriate boat.

Since then we have had great fun in the Christchurch and Poole harbours and out at sea getting used to the Rib, learning what it can do and how best to handle it. Following on from a few weeks feeling our way I thought it time to go on the RYA 2 course and learn about some of the finer boats of boating and Ribmanship!

The RYA 2 course was really helpful in filling in some of the gaps in my knowledge and giving me greater knowledge and awareness of how to get the best out of the boat and in giving me (and the family) more confidence in pursuing this new sport.

In fact the weekend after completing the RYA 2 course we had our first real adventure – a trip over to Yarmouth and then a tour of Alum Bay and the Needles – truly spectacular from close-up. The following day we headed over to Poole Harbour, had a great lunch on Studland and then a (very quick trip around the harbour – Alex having realised the speed limit having been lifted for the winter!). Our return up the estuary to Christchurch Harbour was somewhat more graceful.

I would just like to express my thanks for making the two courses so enjoyable, for sharing so freely your knowledge and experience and for your part in helping us to appreciate how best to use our Rib. I would certainly recommend any novices like ourselves or those who perhaps think they know about boats should participate in one of your courses – like us they will learn so much and have a great time doing so!

Best wishes and no doubt see you on the water soon!

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read 'Robert', with a long horizontal flourish underneath.

Robert