

The RS800 Crews' Union Challenge Coin

Any crew who finishes in the top 6 at the UK National Championships is automatically a member of the RS800 Crews' Union.

This is in recognition of the enormous contribution, physical and emotional, that the often under-appreciated crew makes to the overall performance of the RS800. Crews do all the hard work, ashore and afloat, while the helms enjoy all the glory. Although this is unlikely to change, at least now the crews can enjoy the solidarity of their own private (drinking) club to console themselves.

Each and every "top 6" crew, since records began in 2001, is automatically eligible for membership and to claim their Challenge Coin. See the roll of honour below.

The idea of the Challenge Coin comes from the military, where the coin bears an organisation's insignia or emblem and is carried by the organisation's members. Traditionally, they are given to prove membership when challenged and to enhance morale. In practice, challenge coins are normally presented by unit commanders in recognition of special achievement by a member of the unit (in this case a top 6 UK National Championship result).



The Challenge!

The tradition of a challenge is the most common way to ensure that members are carrying their unit's coin. The challenge, which can be made at any time, begins with the challenger drawing his/her coin, and slapping or placing the coin on the table or bar. In noisy environments, continuously rapping the challenge coin on a surface may initiate the challenge. Everyone being challenged must immediately produce the coin for their organisation and anyone failing to do so must buy a round of drinks for the challenger and everyone else who has their challenge coin. However, should everyone challenged be able to produce their coin, the challenger must buy a round of drinks for the group!

The Roll of Honour

(in first name alphabetical order)

Adam Broughton	Jamie Stewart
Alan Sign	Jane Olive
Ali Hall	Jim Beam
Allyson Jeffries	John Mather
Amy Cartwright	Jony Clegg
Andrew Brown	Mark Hogan
Ben McGrane	Martin Gotrel
Caroline Litchfield	Nichola Groves
Chris Feibusch	Nikki Griffin
Chris Martin	Olivier Vidal
Christian Humphrey	Ollie Page
Christian King	Orwin Murray
Claire Lasko	Paul Davies
Colin Hatton	Penny Clark
Craig Davies	Pete Lindley
Dan Allin	Phil Lasko
Dave Steed	Philip Goodwin
Emma Deal	Richard Kent
Emma McEwen	Rob Partridge
Emma White	Roz Allen
Fiona Hampshire	Ryan Visser
Fiona Sayce	Sam Littlejohn
George Kingsnorth	Sarah Marriott
Guy Fillmore	Steve Hall
Hannah Tattersall	Stuart Aston
Harvey Hillary	Tim Hirst
Ian Gotts	Toby Wincer
James Hughes	Will Crocker
James Stewart	

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