



# ON YOUR MARKS FOR 2011.....



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## ISLAND HOSTS HUGE ROCK FESTIVAL

The Isle of Wight hosted a hugely successful 3 day music festival attended by 50,000 people over the weekend of 9-11 June.

The festival has gradually grown since it was started in 2002 and this year's event was regarded as the biggest and best so far located on an impressive site at Seaclose Park in Newport. The headline act on Sunday night was Coldplay, one of the biggest bands in the world, playing their only European show this year.

The leader of the IW Council, Councillor Andy Sutton thanked the organisers for creating the best festival yet. He said: "The event is rapidly developing a reputation as a safe, fun event for the family. This is due to the way it is organised and the partnership with the police and Council".



Over 40,000 of the festival goers came from the mainland, Europe and other parts of the world. They were transported over the weekend without a hitch by ferry operators Red Funnel and Wightlink who will be major sponsors of the 2011 NatWest International Island Games if the Isle of Wight is successful with its bid to host the Games.

## ISLE OF WIGHT ATTRACTS OLYMPIC DELEGATION

A small element of the 2008 Beijing Olympics Sailing delegation visited the Island recently to meet with Tim Hughes, the General Manager of UKSA. The UKSA facilities are held in very high regard nationally and internationally and will be the host of the 2011 Island Games Sailing if we are successful on the 8<sup>th</sup> July. The Olympic delegation are looking to use the training facilities in the years to come.

## WOMENS FOOTBALL NEWS

Shanklin Ladies FC have just finished their most successful season in the Club's history. Managed by Trevor Thorne, the Island Games Manager, the girls successfully gained promotion to the region Southern Leagues. Their development programmes are now focusing on ensuring the Island has good representation in the Games to come.

Over the past few weeks, through this series of Newsletters, we have tried to give you up to date information about the Isle of Wight, our Island Games athletes and some of our thoughts about the Bid to host the 2011 Nat West Island Games. We hope that you have found this information useful in making your decision about where your votes will go in July. Whatever the outcome we wish you a safe and comfortable journey and look forward to meeting you again in Rhodes.

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