



2009 Volvo Youth Sailing ISAF World Championships Selection Notice

The 2009 Volvo Youth Sailing ISAF World Championships will take place in Buzios, Brazil from the 9-18 July 2009. It is the intention of the RYA to send a full team, with representation in each class. Sailors will be selected by the RYA National Youth Squad selectors to represent Team GBR in Brazil. This will be subject to conformance to an agreed training and performance programme. Each selected sailor will have their own individual programme and this will include attendance at agreed training, racing and physical preparation sessions.

Eligibility

In order to be eligible for selection, sailors must:

1. Be eligible to compete for Great Britain at the 2009 Volvo Youth Sailing ISAF World Championship at the time of selection.
2. Be U19 on the 31 December 2009.
3. Agree to participate in bespoke and generic elements of RYA Volvo Team GBR preparation for the event (outlined below).

The principal selection event for all classes, with the exception of the Hobie 16 Spi will be the 2009 RYA UK Youth Championships and Trials, held at Largs SC from the 11-17 April. For the Hobie 16 the principal selection event will be Eurocat, held at Carnac from the 1 – 3 May 2009.

It is the intention of the Selectors to select the first GBR sailor/team in each ISAF Youth Worlds class, from the principal selection event, on a first-past-the-post basis, provided that in the opinion of the selection committee the following conditions have been met:

1. There has been a reasonable series of races at the principal selection event;
2. There have been conditions at the event similar to those expected in Buzios in July;
3. There has been a clear winner at the principal selection event.

Secondary Indicator events:

If these conditions are not met at the principal selection event, the Selectors will take into account the additional secondary indicator event(s) nominated for each ISAF Youth Worlds class in order to select members for Team GBR. These indicator events are as follows:

Laser Radial (boys and girls)	UKLA Qualifiers – Stokes Bay SC 21/22, Highcliffe 28/29 March
420 (girls and boys)	Class selection events – WPNSA 14/15 March, Largs SC, 4/5 April
RSX (boys and girls)	RS:X 8.5 Class, Spring Series – 14/15 March, WPNSA
Hobie 16	RYA H16 training WPNSA, 7 th – 11 th April 2009.

Indicative Training/Competition Commitments:

1. **ALL** - Commitment to a bespoke ISAF Youth Worlds Preparation Training programme – 2 – 6 days UK based – to be agreed with ISAF Coach
2. **ALL** - Team training camp (for all classes) – Weymouth & Portland National Sailing Academy, 25th – 27th May 2009 – mandatory, except with express permission of Youth Racing Manager.
3. **420 boys, 420 girls** – Kiel Youth week – 25th – 28th June, Kiel, Germany
4. **Hobie 16** – to be arranged with the Catamaran National Coach, Hobie 16 French Nationals 8th - 10th May 2009.
5. **Laser Radial** – one of the following to be agreed: Laser Europa Cup 15th – 17th May, Hoorn, Netherlands, or 12th – 14th June, Aabenraa, Denmark, or Kiel Week, 20th – 24th June 2009 (women only).

Announcements

In those classes where selections have been made, the team which will represent GBR at the 2009 Volvo Youth Sailing ISAF World Championships will be announced at the prize giving at the 2009 RYA UK Youth National Championships and Trials in Largs. Other selections will be announced later and will be posted on the RYA website.

Appeals

There will be no appeals against the published selection criteria or the actions of the selectors, provided they follow the selection criteria. By entering the selection process sailors agree to this condition. The grounds for appeal are limited to allegations of:

- I. Failure to follow due process
- II. Bias/undue influence
- III. Some other misconduct

The criteria for appeal may not include any alleged error of judgement of the selectors. Should an appeal still arise then it should be submitted to the Racing Manager within 5 days of the selection being announced. The full Appeals document is available on request from the RYA Racing Operations Manager.

Status

The Royal Yachting Association's policies and procedures are subject to change from time to time, including variations required to comply with Sports Councils' directions on the investment of National Lottery funds. The RYA and YSG reserves the right to amend, supplement and/or discontinue at its absolute discretion, for whatever reason, any or all of its policies and procedures.

Contact

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