



Notice of Selection- RYA Youth Classes

Part 1

**2009 RYA National Youth Squad
2009/10 RYA National Youth Squad**

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RYA Tailored Support (TS) Programme

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Part 1 2009/10 RYA National Youth Squad Selection

1. Introduction

This document should be read in conjunction with the RYA YSG “Guidelines for Selection” which is available from the RYA website

The RYA National Youth Squad (NYS) has two separate training periods, each with a distinct squad entry point. A main entry point in September and a review point in April. Each uses specified indicator events from which both results based places and discretionary places will be allocated. The timings and principles are outlined below:

	Main entry/training period for NYS	Review entry point, International competition period
Time of year	September/October	April (after the RYA UK Youth Championships and Trials)
Purpose	Select sailors for main National Youth Squad training period (October – April).	Performance review for sailors selected for main training period, additional entry point for talented sailors international regatta period (May – August).
Approximate No. of squad sessions	6 – 7 residential training weekends.	1 or 2 residential training weekends, and an international programme.
Principles of NYS training	Key skill development phase	International competition

2. Selection

Selection of the sailors will be determined by independent Selectors who are appointed by the RYA Youth Steering Group (YSG). Their remit is to select those sailors, who in their opinion have a combination of:

- 1. The best prospects of winning medals at World and European Championships now and in the future,**
- 2. The best prospects of winning medals at the ISAF Youth Sailing World Championships,**
- 3. The best prospects of successfully following an Olympic pathway.**

Process:

A number of places will be allocated to the **highest ranked eligible sailors at the primary indicator event(s) using the criteria listed in appendices A, B, C and D.** Remaining places will be allocated at the discretion of the selectors using the criteria listed in 2.1 to 2.3 and in item 7. In exercising their discretion **selectors will consider performances at both the primary and secondary indicator events** which are listed in Appendix A and B respectively.

Sailors, who are: invited to train alongside on a trial basis, or in the opinion of the selectors are on the periphery of squad selection, maybe invited to join the squad at a later date. This will be subject to a satisfactory performance in good conditions at the ***nominated squad review event(s)***.

In exceptional cases sailors who are identified at other times may still be selected and invited to join the National Youth Squad. This may involve being invited to train alongside the National Youth Squad for one to two camps, and will usually be subject to delivering a satisfactory performance at the ***nominated squad review event(s)*** in order to confirm a full place in the squad.

3. Eligibility

Normally, to be eligible for selection, sailors must:

1. At the time of selection be eligible to compete for Great Britain at an ISAF sanctioned event as defined in ISAF Regulation 17.
2. For the International Competition period be aged U19 on the 31 December 2009, or exceptionally U19 on the 1st September 2009 (see below).
3. For the Main training period be U18 on the 31 December 2009, or exceptionally U18 on the 1st September 2009 (see below).
4. In exceptional circumstances, sailors who do not comply with 3.1 may nevertheless be eligible if expressly confirmed by the RYA Racing Manager. Such sailors will be required to carry GBR on their sails and may be required to sign a written declaration of intent to comply with 3.1

In order to help sailing partnerships stay together, and allow sailors to progress at a rate consistent with the maturation of their academic peers sailors remain eligible for selection for the international competition phase when a member of the team is U19 on the 1 September 2009, provided they were born between 1 September and 31 December inclusive. For the main training phase sailors remain eligible for selection when a member of the team is U18 on the 1 September 2009, provided their date of birth is between 1 September and 31 December inclusive. This is also applicable to singlehanded sailors.

Rationale: It is anticipated that this will help older sailors, who in some cases may be in their final school year, to remain part of the programme. Previously they would not otherwise have been eligible due to their sailing age.

Selection to the National Youth Squad (NYS) is conditional upon a full commitment to all squad training requirements and adherence to a personal competition and training programme.

Sailors who wish to be considered for a place in the National Youth Squad must be a member of the RYA and apply on-line at www.ryaracingevents.org.uk

4. Anticipated National Youth Squad sizes

Appendices A and B outline the intended National Youth Squad sizes, as well as the anticipated number of places which will be allocated from the results.

5. National Youth Squad Indicator Events

Appendices A and B also detail the three categories of events which contribute to selection decisions. These are:

- 5.1. **Primary**, which govern the allocation of results based places.

- 5.2. **Secondary**, which are used in conjunction with **primary** indicators to make discretionary selections, and
- 5.3. **Nominated squad review events** which may, in exceptional cases be used to select additional sailors, or more commonly to review the performance of those sailors invited to train alongside the National Youth Squad.

6. Selection Committee

The selection committee is appointed by the RYA Youth Steering Group, and currently consists of:

- Ben Oakley – Chair of Youth Selectors
- RYA Youth Racing Manager- Duncan Truswell
- RYA Performance Director – John Derbyshire
- Sarah Dempsey, OBE

7. Selection Criteria

RYA Selectors may use one or more of the following criteria to select sailors in accordance with the YSG Guidelines for Selection:

- Performance at the *Primary Indicator event*.
- Performance at the *secondary Indicator event(s)*.
- Performance at *nominated squad review(s)*.

Additionally, the following may be taken into account:

- Performance at other *identified squad review events*.
- Age, height and weight.
- Performance at a significant international regatta.
- Performance at major national events.
- Future potential.
- Goals and aspirations.
- Attitude and behaviour at the events in the series and during previous training.
- Factors affecting results.
- Class ranking lists.
- Any other factors the selectors consider appropriate.

Selectors or their representatives may attend events during the year to gather information upon which to make their decisions. They will also monitor the results and reports from the *primary* and *secondary indicators* and *squad review events*. In making decisions they may also seek input from coaches and class association representatives.

8. Notification

Applicants will be notified in writing as soon as is practically possible after the completion of the final indicator event, and usually within 14 days. Successful sailor's names will be published on the RYA web-site once all attendance confirmation forms/contracts have been returned to the office – it is not our policy to publish this information before this time.

9. Part 2 - 2009 RYA supported international event/grant selection

Following the secondary entry point and NYS review in April the selectors will also, where possible, allocate results based international travel grants and make discretionary decisions using the criteria listed in item 2 and item 7. The likely size of any RYA teams, the process, number of grants available and the likely notification date is outlined in Appendix C.

Additional support may be provided for other events identified later in the year as relevant international competition experience by the head coach. This will be dependent on funding at that time.

10. Part 3 – RYA Tailored Support (TS) Programme

The RYA TS programme aims to support those youth sailors with most potential to achieve success and medal at major international regattas now and in the future. It provides additional bespoke, needs-based training for a small number of sailors supplementary to the core National Youth Squad programme designed to provide the very best progression to Olympic class sailing.

Selected sailors will normally access the following support:

- Additional individual Strength and Conditioning information and advice.
- Access to relevant performance specialists.
- Small group training, usually taking place at October and February half terms.
- Additional international regatta support – where international calendars allow.

11. TS Programme selections

TS Programme selections will be made by the selectors using the eligibility criteria and processes outlined in items 2, 3, 5, 6 and 7 and appendix D.

12. Anticipated TS Group sizes

The anticipated training group sizes, the processes which govern the allocation of places and the **primary** and **secondary** indicator events are outlined in appendix D.

A number of the TS training group places will be determined from the results of the primary indicator event; other places will be offered on the basis of performance at both the primary and secondary indicator events as well as the identified squad reviews.

13. Further Information

For further information please contact Duncan Truswell on 02380 604175 or by email duncan.truswell@rya.org.uk

14. 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.

15. Status

The Royal Yachting Association (RYA)'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 reserves the right to amend, supplement and/or discontinue at its absolute discretion, for whatever reason, any or all of its policies and procedures.

Grants will be repayable upon notification, if the competitor does not attend the regatta(s) for any reason. The RYA reserves the right NOT to provide international competition grants or withhold them over for any reason.

Appendix A- Indicator Events, Anticipated NYS size, and the selection process for Main NYS entry point 2009 (Sept/October)

Class	Phase	Primary Indicator	Secondary Indicator(s)	Identified Squad review(s)	Anticipated Squad Size	Anticipated Number of girl boats/boards	Results based places		Discretionary places
RS:X 8.5	Main NYS entry	RSX Class Youth Worlds Yalikavak Turkey, 25 July – 1 Aug 09 Yalikavak	GIRLS RSX senior Worlds WPNSA 5-11 Sep. BOYS IWA Youth & Masters Windsurf Worlds(RS:X 8.5) – WPNSA, 22 – 29 Aug 09	RYA/UKWA Windsurfing National Championships – WPNSA, 31 Oct – 1 Nov 09.	10	3	Top 2 U18 boys and top 2 U18 girls as of 31/12/09	Top U17 as of 31/12/09	5
Laser Std	Main NYS entry	Skandia Sail For Gold regatta – WPNSA, 14 – 19 Sept 09.	Laser Nationals – Paignton, 25 – 31 July 09. Laser Youth Europeans.	UKLA autumn Qualifier 3, WPNSA – 3 & 4 October 09.	10	0	Top 3 U18 as of 31/12/09	Top 2 U17's as of 31/12/09	5
Laser Radial	Main NYS entry	Laser Radial Nationals, + UKLA Autumn Q's 1 & 2. ⁱ	UKLA Q – Newhaven & Seaford, 5 & 6 Sept 09, Laser Radial Youth Worlds Japan, and Radial Youth Euro's - Denmark	UKLA autumn Qualifier 3, WPNSA – 3 & 4 October 09.	18	5	Top 2 girls aged U18 as of 31/12/09	Top 3 boys and top 1 girl aged U17 on 31/12/09	12
420	Main NYS entry	420 Nationals – Plymouth, 23 – 28 August 2009.	420 Junior Europeans, Balaton and/or 420 Worlds 2009, Garda.	420 Inlands, Datchet – 10 & 11 Oct 09, and 420 End of seasons, Grafham - 28 & 29 Nov 09.	10	4	Top 3 U18 boys on 31/12/09	Top 2 U18 girls as of 31/12/09	5
29er	Main NYS entry	29er National Championship – HISC, 24 – 28 August 2009.	4 th & 5 th July, 29er UK Grand Prix – Draycote WSC, 29er World Championship 2009, Garda.	29er Eurocup – WPNSA, 24 & 25 October 2009, 29er Inlands – 7 & 8 November 2009 Grafham WSC.	8	2 (all girl boats)	Top 3 overall U18 (on 31/12/09)		5

Appendix B - Indicator Events, Anticipated NYS sizes, and process of selection for secondary NYS entry point 2009 (April)

Class	Phase	Primary Indicator	Secondary Indicator(s)	Identified Squad review(s)	Anticipated Squad Size	Anticipated Number of girl boats/boards	Results based places (in order, left to right)			Discretionary places
							Top 2 overall	Top 2 girls	Top 2 U18's	
RS:X 8.5	April review	RYA UK Youth's and trials	Olympic National Ranker – WPNSA (14/15 March 09)	UKWA Cup 1, WPNSA: 2 – 4 May 09.	12 boards	4	Top 2 overall	Top 2 girls	Top 2 U18's	6
Laser Std	April review	RYA UK Youth's and trials	UKLA Q - Stokes Bay, 21/22 March.	UKLA Spring Qualifier3, RN&SYC – 2 & 3 May 09.	10	0	Top 2 overall	Top 3 U18's as of 31/12/09		5
Laser Radial	April review	RYA UK Youth's and trials	UKLA Q's - Stokes Bay, 21/22 March and Highcliffe, 28/29 March 09.	UKLA Spring Qualifier3, RN&SYC – 2 & 3 May 09.	18	6	Top 3 and top 2 girls	Top 2 U17's as of 31/12/09	Top 2 girls U18 as of 31/12/09	9
420	April review	RYA UK Youth's and trials	420 Team Selection Trials 1 – WPNSA, 14/15 March and 2 - Largs, 4/5 April 09.	420 Team Selection Trials 3, CVLSC – 2 & 3 May 09.	10	4	Top 3 boys	Top 3 girls	Top U18B & Top U18G if no U18's are already in)	Minimum 2
29er	April review	RYA UK Youth's and trials	29er UK Grand Prix, Rutland – 21 st & 22 nd March 2009	29er UK Grand Prix, HISC – 9 & 10 May 09.	8	2	Top 2 girls boats	Top 3 boys/open boats		3

Appendix C – 2009 RYA Coach/International travel grant supported events

<u>Class</u>	<u>Event</u>	<u>Date</u>	<u>Number of grants/sailors</u>	<u>£££ - Grant (G)/ Parental Contribution (PC)</u>	<u>How selected/trip arrangements</u>
RS:X 8.5	Holland Regatta	May 27 – 31 2009	2	£300(G)	Discretionary, post UK Youth's – own arrangements
RS:X 8.5	RSX European Championship (Senior), Tel Aviv, Israel,	June 11 – 20 2009	Top 3 girls (not funded by Olympic programme) at UK Youth's, Boys (TBC)	£600(G)	Top 3 girls from results, after the UK Youth's – sailor makes their own arrangements.
RS:X 8.5	RSX Youth Worlds, Turkey	July 25 – 1 August	6 (minimum of 2 girls)	£600(PC) including flights, accommodation, coach support. Sailor pays entry fees and food.	Discretionary selections, post UK Youth's, RYA organised trip.
RS:X 8.5	RSX (Senior) Worlds, WPNSA.	September 3 – 11 2009	TBC (Apply by e-mail)		
Laser Std	Princess Sofia	April 4 – 10 2009	4	£300 (G)	TS sailors, make own arrangements in discussion with head coach.
Laser Std	Hyeres regatta	April 18 – 24 2009	4	£300 (G)	TS sailors, make own arrangements in discussion with head coach.
Laser Std	Holland Regatta	May 27 – 31 2009	2	£300(G)	TS sailors, make own arrangements in discussion with head coach

<u>Class</u>	<u>Event</u>	<u>Date</u>	<u>Number of grants/sailors</u>	<u>£££ - Grant (G)/ Parental Contribution (PC)</u>	<u>How selected/trip arrangements</u>
Laser Std	Kiel Week	June 20 – 24 2009	8	£1400(PC) including boat travel, flights, accommodation (except Kiel), coach support, at all 3 regattas. Sailor pays entry fees and food.	Discretionary, post UK Youth's - RYA make most arrangements, sailor sorts Kiel accommodation and enters (and pays fee + food) for regattas.
Laser Std	Warnemunde Europa Cup	July 4 – 7 2009			
Laser Std	Laser Youth Europeans, Landskrona, Sweden.	August 1 – 8 2009			
Laser Std	Laser World championships (senior), Halifax, Canada	August 17 – 26 2009	TBC – Subject to selections	TBC	TBC
Laser Radial	Youth European Championships 2009, Charlottenlund, Denmark	July 1 – 8 2009	12 (upon qualification): Top 2 boys and top girl (U19), top U18 girl. 8 discretionary.	£500(PC) including boat travel, flights, accommodation, coach support, etc. Sailor pays entry fee and food.	After UKLA qualification process, RYA make all arrangements, sailor enters (and pays fee) for regatta.
Laser Radial	Laser Radial Youth Worlds, Karatsu, Japan	August 3 – 10 2009	8 (upon qualification): Top 2 boys (U19), top 2 girls (U19) and Top 3 U17 boys, and top U18 girl, all as of 31/12/09.	£850(PC) including flights, accommodation, coach support, etc. Sailor pays entry fees, food & boat charter.	Using UKLA qualification ranking, RYA make all arrangements, sailor enters (and pays fee) for regatta.
420	Kiel Week	June 25 – 28 2009	6	£250(G) per boat, RYA to provide coach support, sailor to make all other arrangements.	Top 3, top all girl boat, top U18 boy, top U18 girl from the UK Youth's – own arrangements.
420	Intervela Regatta, Riva, Garda	July 1 – 4 2009	6	£250(G) per boat, RYA to provide coach support, sailor to make all other arrangements.	Top 3, top all girl boat, top U18 boy, top U18 girl from the UK Youth's – own arrangements

<u>Class</u>	<u>Event</u>	<u>Date</u>	<u>Number of grants/sailors</u>	<u>£££ - Grant (G)/ Parental Contribution (PC)</u>	<u>How selected/trip arrangements</u>
420	Pre-worlds training, Torbole, Garda	July 6 – 9 2009	Grant direct to class association to offset parental contribution	RYA contributes £400/boat to Class Association. RYA also resources coaches fees and expenses.	GBR 420 class association
420	Worlds Garda	July 27 – August 5 2009			
420	Junior Europeans, Balaton, Hungary	August 8 – 16 2009	Grant direct to class association to offset parental contribution	RYA contributes £600/boat to Class Association. RYA also resources coaches fees and expenses.	GBR 420 class association
29er	Kiel Week	June 25 – 28 2009	5 (top 3 boats to get option to be delivered on RYA trailer)	£250(G) per boat, RYA to provide coach support, sailor to make all other arrangements.	Top girl, Top 3 U19 as of 31/12/09 from UK youth's, 1 discretionary – own arrangements
29er	Intervela Regatta, Riva, Garda	July 1 – 4 2009	5 (top 3 boats to get option to be delivered on RYA trailer)	£250(G) per boat, RYA to provide coach support, sailor to make all other arrangements.	Top girl, Top 3 U19 as of 31/12/09 from UK youth's, 1 discretionary – own arrangements
29er	World Championship, Garda	July 19 – 25 2009	8 (for 2009 29er National Youth Squad)	£600(G) per boat, RYA to provide coach support, sailor to make all other arrangements.	Discretionary, post UK Youth's – own arrangements

Appendix D- Indicator Events, Anticipated TS group sizes, and process of selection for 2009

Class	Secondary Indicator(s)	Identified review(s)	Anticipated TS Group Size	Anticipated Number of girl boats/boards	Results based places	Anticipated Number of Discretionary places	Notification
RS:X 8.5	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1) Girls: RSX Worlds – WPNSA, 5 – 11 Sept 09. 2) Boys: IWA Youth & Masters Windsurf Worlds – WPNSA, 22 – 29 Aug 09 3) Girls: Sail for Gold – WPNSA, 14 – 19 Sept 09. 	RYA/UKWA Windsurfing National Championships – WPNSA, 31 Oct – 1 Nov 09.	4	2	100% discretionary due to complications around indicator events been during term time.	4	After S4G
Laser Radial	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1) Laser Radial Nationals – Paignton, 25 – 31 July 09. 2) Laser Radial Youth Worlds Japan. 3) UKLA Q – Newhaven & Seaford, 5 & 6 Sept 09. 	UKLA autumn Qualifier 3, WPNSA – 3 & 4 October 09.	6-8	Minimum of 2	100% discretionary due to complications around some sailors attending internationals instead of nationals.	6-8	After autumn Q1

Class	Primary Indicator	Secondary Indicator(s)	Identified review(s)	Anticipated TS Group Size	Anticipated Number of girl boats/boards	Results based places		Anticipated Number of Discretionary places	Notification
Laser Std	Skandia Sail For Gold regatta – WPNSA, 14 – 19 Sept 09.	Laser Nationals – Paignton, 25 – 31 July 09. Laser Youth Europeans.	UKLA autumn Qualifier 3, WPNSA – 3 & 4 October 09.	4	0	Top 2 U18 as of 31/12/09		2	After S4G
420	420 Worlds 2009, Garda.	420 Nationals – Plymouth, 23 – 28 August 2009, 420 Junior Europeans, Balaton/ 420 Worlds 2009, Garda.	420 Inlands, Datchet – 10 & 11 Oct 09. 420 End of seasons, Grafham - 28 & 29 Nov 09.	4	Minimum of 1	Top 1 U18 boys on 31/12/09	Top 1 U18 girls as of 31/12/09	2	After nationals
29er	29er National Championship – HISC, 24 – 28 August 2009.	4 th & 5 th July, 29er UK Grand Prix – Draycote WSC, 29er World Championship 2009, Garda.	29er Eurocup – WPNSA, 24 & 25 October 2009, 29er Inlands – 7 & 8 November 2009 Grafham WSC.	4	1 (all girl boat)	Top boy boat overall aged U18 (on 31/12/09)	Top girl boat overall aged U18 (on 31/12/09)	2	After nationals

ⁱ A number of the Laser Radial RYA National Youth Squad places will be allocated using the results of a ranking list compiled using results from the following **Primary indicator events**:

- **UKLA Laser Radial National Championship** July 25 - 31 2009
Paignton Sailing Club
- **UKLA Autumn Qualifier 1** September 5 & 6 2009
Newhaven & Seaford Sailing Club
- **UKLA Autumn Qualifier 2** September 26 & 27 2009
Eastbourne Sovereign Sailing Club

Scoring

The ranking system will be compiled by adding together the top 2 overall finishing positions from the 3 indicator events.

Related Documentation:	
Document	Version
YSG Guidelines For Selection	
RYA Racing Appeals Policy	