



2017 Youth Sailing World Championships **Selection Notice**

1. Introduction

1.1. The 2017 Youth Sailing World Championships will take place in Sanya, China from 9-16 December 2017. It is the intention of the RYA to send a full team, with representation in each class as follows:

- Laser Radial Boy
- Laser Radial Girl
- 420 Boys
- 420 Girls
- 29er Boys
- 29er Girls
- Nacra 15 catamaran (Open)
- Neil Pryde RS:X 8.5 Boy
- Neil Pryde RS:X 8.5 Girl

1.2. This Selection Notice should be read in conjunction with the “British Youth Sailing Programme- Selection Policy & Procedures” which is available from the RYA website

1.3. The “Selection Process” is defined as everything included in this Notice of Selection and in the British Youth Sailing - Selection Policy & Procedures that relates to the selection of sailors by the RYA to represent Great Britain (“GBR”) at the 2017 Youth Sailing World Championships.

2. Aim

2.1. The aim of the Selection Process is to maximise the medal-winning potential of the British Youth Sailing Team at the 2017 Youth Sailing World Championships and the effective development of sailing talent and knowledge for future major International regattas and the Olympic Games whilst making the best use of the resources available to the RYA British Youth Sailing Programme.

2.2. The selection process will assist the RYA in determining who it wishes to select as part of the British Youth Sailing Team at the 2017 Youth Sailing World Championships.

2.3. The aim may be best achieved by not nominating a sailor in one or more of the above disciplines.

3. Eligibility

3.1. In order to be eligible for selection for the British Youth Sailing Team for the 2017 Youth World Sailing Championships, sailors must:

3.1.1. Be eligible to compete for Great Britain at the 2017 Youth Sailing World Championships at the time of selection.

3.1.2. Be eligible to compete in the 2017 Youth Sailing World Championships;

3.1.3. Be eligible to compete under the World Sailing Eligibility Code

3.1.4. Be competing in a class for which GBR have achieved any qualification criteria for the class concerned and received a full allocation of places;

3.1.5. For all Classes on the 31 December 2017 be: under the age of 19 (born after 31 December 1998)

3.1.6. Agree to participate fully in both bespoke and generic elements of the British Youth Sailing Team preparation for the event (outlined in section 7). Failure to participate fully without the written and express permission of the RYA Youth Racing Manager being granted may result in forfeiting the sailors place in the team and that place being offered to another sailor.

3.1.7. Agree to only be coached at the primary selection event by RYA appointed Squad/Team Coaches or RYA agreed Class Association Coaches.

Class Association Coaches are defined as being proposed to the RYA by the Chair of the respective Class Association (or their representative, appointed annually) and agreed by the RYA prior to the event.

A list of all agreed coaches will be published on the RYA website prior to the primary selection event.

3.1.8. The sailor(s)/teams remaining free of any physical impediment to performance, i.e. all sailors remaining free from any illness and injury which may be perceived by the selectors to be detrimental to performance throughout the preparation for the event.

3.1.9. For all sailors to have achieved and maintained the profiling benchmarks available from the RYA on request

3.2 In the event of a sailor not complying with any or all of sections 3.1.6 to 3.1.9 then the selectors reserve the right to either withdraw the nomination of that sailor/team, or nominate another sailor to replace the sailor within a team. Normally, it will result in the team (in the case of double-handers) forfeiting their place and a reserve team being selected.

3.3 All sailors that wish to be considered for selection to the Youth Sailing World Championships should register their interest with the RYA before the first race of the 2017 RYA Youth National Championships.

Only sailors that register will be considered for selection and it is presumed that by registering their interest that they will accept a place should they fulfil the selection criteria and a place is offered.

4. Selection Practice

4.1. The Selection Committee shall be as per the British Youth Sailing Programme 'Selection Policy & procedures'.

Chair of Selectors – Youth Racing Committee
RYA Performance Director
RYA Youth Racing Manager
RYA Single-handed Pathway Manager
RYA Double-handed Pathway Manager

4.2. This Selection Committee has authority delegated by the RYA Council and Racing Committee to take decisions on all matters concerning the selection process.

5. Selection Process

5.1. The Selection Committee will select in accordance with this Notice of Selection and the British Youth Sailing Programme 'Selection Policy & Procedures'. They may also take into account any other factor they decide may influence achieving the aim, as set out in Section 2 above

5.2. Should this Notice of Selection be in conflict with any part of the British Youth Sailing Programme 'Selection Policy & Procedures' this Notice of Selection shall take precedence.

5.3. Any sailor that is eligible for selection to the Youth World Sailing Championships that is a selected member of the British Sailing Team at status D or higher will automatically be considered for selection over any other sailor in the process below unless the other sailor/s medal at the primary selection event. Should this occur then consideration will be given as to whether to select or extend the process.

5.4. The primary Indicator event for the relevant Classes will be as follows:

- 5.4.1. Laser Radial Boy - Laser Radial Youth World Championships 2017, Medemblik, Netherlands
- 5.4.2. Laser Radial Girl - Laser Radial Youth World Championships 2017, Medemblik, Netherlands
- 5.4.3. 420 Boys – 420 Open European Championships 2017, Athens Greece
- 5.4.4. 420 Girls - 420 Open European Championships 2017, Athens Greece
- 5.4.5. 29er Boys – 29er European Championships 2017, Quiberon, France
- 5.4.6. 29er Girls - 29er European Championships 2017, Quiberon, France

- 5.4.7. Nacra 15 catamaran (Open) – European Qualifier YOG 2017, Medemblik Netherlands
- 5.4.8. Neil Pryde RS:X 8.5 Boy – Youth World Championships 2017, Torbole, Italy
- 5.4.9. Neil Pryde RS:X 8.5 Girl – Youth World Championships 2017, Torbole, Italy

5.5. If in the opinion of the Selection Committee the conditions outlined in the above selection procedure are not met at the principal selection event or there is no clear winner, the Selectors will exercise their discretion which will include taking into account performances from the following additional nominated secondary indicator event(s), and as necessary any additional major national or international events for each class in order to inform their decision to select members for the British Youth Sailing Team. These (secondary) indicator events are as follows, but events may be added later at the discretion of the Selection Committee:

All Classes:

- 5.5.1 2017 RYA Youth National Championships

Nacra 15 catamaran (Open):

- 5.5.2 Nacra Sailing Championships 2017, Lake Garda, Italy

6. Selection Criteria

- 6.1. Selections for the British Youth Sailing Team will be made by the Selection Committee, who will exercise their discretion to select those sailors who, as a team and in their opinion, have a combination of:
 - 6.1.1. The best prospects of winning medals at World and European Championships now and in the future,
 - 6.1.2. The best prospects of winning medals at the Youth Sailing World Championships,
 - 6.1.3. The potential to finish in the top six positions of the class in question at the Youth World Sailing Championships
 - 6.1.4. The best prospects of developing sailing talent and knowledge so that the British Youth Sailing Programme will optimally feed the Olympic pathway.
- 6.2. However, it is the intention of the Selection Committee, to normally select the highest ranked eligible sailor/team in each class for the 2017 Youth Sailing World Championships from the primary indicator event, on a first-past-the-post basis, provided that in the opinion of the selection committee the following conditions have been met:
 - 6.2.1. There has been a reasonable number and quality of races in the series at the primary indicator event;
 - 6.2.2. That the sailors finish in the top eight Nations that are eligible to represent their own nation at the 2017 Youth Sailing World Championships.
 - 6.2.3. There is clearly a strongest team at the primary indicator event.
- 6.3. Any selection will be subject to continued conformance with the terms and conditions, attainment of any physical standards set by the RYA, and full participation in an agreed training and competition programme in preparation for the regatta. Each selected sailor will normally have their own individual programme and this may include compulsory attendance at agreed team building, training, racing and physical preparation sessions.
- 6.4. For the avoidance of doubt and notwithstanding any other provision in the selection process, the Selection Committee reserves the right to revoke a nomination once made or to choose to nominate no-one to sail in a particular class.

7. Indicative Training/Competition Commitments

- 7.1. **ALL** - Commitment to Youth Sailing World Championships preparation class training programme; usually consisting of one additional international regatta and 2 – 6 days UK based training – to be agreed with relevant class(es) Coach and announced in due course.

8. Announcements

- 8.1. Selections will be announced on the 17th July (for Laser Radial & RS:X), 7th August (for 420) and remaining classes and final team selection announcements (with the exception of Nacra 15 catamaran Open) on the 4th September after the completion of the respective events and will be posted on the RYA website.

9. Appeals

- 9.1. No legal action may be taken arising from a decision made by the Selectors.
- 9.2. Any appeal relating to the selection process will be conducted in accordance with the RYA Racing Department Selection Appeals Policy. A copy of this document is available on request from the RYA Racing Operations Manager.

10. Status

- 10.1. 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 reserves the right to amend, supplement and/or discontinue at its absolute discretion, for whatever reason, any or all of its policies and procedures.

11. Contact

- 11.1. For further information please contact the RYA Youth Racing Manager at the RYA on 02380 604197.