



## European Sailing Federation, European Youth Sailing Games, 2011

### Selection Notice

#### **Introduction**

The European Youth Sailing Games 2011 will take place in Riva del Garda, Italy from the 13-18 August 2011. It is the intention of the RYA to send representation in the following classes:

- Open 29er (All girls, all boys, or mixed teams) – up to 2 boats
- Open Sirena SL16 catamaran (All girls, all boys, or mixed teams) - 2 boats
- Boys Windsurfer, BIC Techno 293 – 2 sailors
- Girls Windsurfer, BIC Techno 293 – 2 sailors

The “Selection Process” is defined as everything included in this document that relates to the selection of sailors by the RYA to represent Great Britain (“GBR”) at the European Youth Sailing Games 2011.

#### **Aim**

The aim of the Selection Process is to maximise the medal-winning potential of the British sailing team at the 2012 ISAF Youth Sailing World Championship and the effective development of sailing talent and knowledge for future major International regattas and the Olympic Games.

The Selection Process will assist the RYA in determining who it wishes to select as part of the British team at the European Youth Sailing Games 2011.

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

#### **Selection Committee**

The Selection Committee shall be the RYA Volvo National Youth Squad Selection Committee, as defined in the notice of selection for the RYA Volvo National Youth Squad 2011.

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

#### **Selection Principles**

The Selection Committee will select the sailors they believe will best represent GBR at the European Youth Sailing Games 2011 and subsequently the ISAF Youth Sailing World Championship 2012.

The Selection Committee will select in accordance with the Selection Process and may take into account any other factor they decide may influence achieving the above aim.

Should these Selection Principles be in conflict with any part of the Selection Process, these Selection Principles shall take precedence.

#### **Eligibility**

In order to be eligible for selection, sailors must:

1. Be eligible to compete for Great Britain at the 2012 ISAF Youth Sailing World Championship at the time of selection.
2. For the 29er and SL16's be under the age of 18 on 31 December 2011, for the BIC Techno 293 classes be under the age of 17 on 31 December 2011.
3. Agree to participate fully in any bespoke or generic elements of RYA Team GBR preparation for the event (outlined below). (Failure to participate fully without the express permission of the RYA Youth Racing Manager may result in forfeiting your place in the team and that place being offered to another sailor).

#### **Selection Criteria**

Selection as a member of the GBR sailing team at the 2011 ISAF Youth Sailing World Championship is dependent upon:-

- The Selection Committee being satisfied that the sailor has the potential to finish in the top [six] positions at the European Youth Sailing Games 2011 or that effective development of sailing talent and knowledge for future ISAF Youth Sailing World Championships and the Olympic Games will take place by nominating the sailor;
- The sailor being selected for nomination by the Selection Committee;
- The sailor being eligible to compete in the 2012 ISAF Youth Sailing World Championship;

- The sailor being eligible to compete under the International Sailing Federation Eligibility Code;
- GBR achieving the qualification criteria for the class concerned and receiving a full allocation of places;

### **Selection Procedure**

Selections for RYA Volvo Team GBR will be made by the Selection Committee, who will exercise their discretion with a view to selecting 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 Championship,
3. The best prospects of successfully following an Olympic pathway.

However, it is the intention of the Selection Committee to select the highest ranked eligible sailor/team in each class for the European Youth Sailing Games 2011 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 quality and number of races in the series at the principal selection event;
2. There have been suitable conditions at the principal selection event;
3. There has been a clear winner at the principal selection event.

Any selection will be subject to continued conformance with the terms and conditions and to an agreed training and competition programme in preparation for the regatta. Each selected sailor may have their own individual programme and this will include compulsory attendance at agreed team building, training, racing and physical preparation sessions.

For the avoidance of doubt and notwithstanding any other provision in the Selection Process, the Selection Committee reserves the right to nominate no-one to sail in a particular class.

### **Principal selection event**

The principal selection event for the 29er will be the RYA Volvo Youth National Championships 2011, to be held at Hayling Island Sailing Club from the 9-15 April 2011. For the Sirena SL16, the principle selection event will be the Stone Sailing Club Cat Open and TT event on the 18<sup>th</sup> & 19<sup>th</sup> of June 2011, which will be contested in the Spitfire Catamaran. For the BIC Techno 293 the principal selection event will be the UKWA Cup 1, taking place at WPNSA from the 30<sup>th</sup> of April to the 2<sup>nd</sup> May 2011.

### **Secondary Indicator events**

If in the opinion of the selection committee the conditions outlined in the above selection procedure are not met at the principal selection event, the Selectors will exercise their discretion which will include taking into account performances from the following additional nominated secondary indicator event(s) for each class in order to inform their decision to select members for Team GBR. These indicator events are as follows:

<b>Sirena SL16</b>	Eurocat, 28 April – 1 May 2011 - Carnac YC, France.
<b>29er</b>	29er UK Grand Prix, 26 & 27 March 2011 – Rutland SC.
<b>BIC Techno</b>	UKWA Cup 2, 28 – 30 May 2011 - Minnis Bay.

### **Indicative Training/Competition Commitments**

- **29er open** – 29er European Championship, 16 – 23 July 2011, Lake Maggiore, Switzerland.
- **Techno 293 boy & girl** – Techno World Championship 2011, 17 – 24 July 2011; San Francisco, USA.

### **Announcements**

In those classes where selections have been made, the team which will represent GBR at the European Youth Sailing Games 2011 will be announced at the prize giving of the 2011 RYA Volvo Youth National Championships at HISC. Any later selections will be announced upon completion and will be posted on the RYA website.

### **Appeals**

Any appeal relating to the Selection Process will be conducted in accordance with the RYA Racing Department Selection Appeals Policy.

There will be no appeals against the published Selection Process or the actions of the Selection Committee, provided they follow the Selection Process. By entering the Selection Process sailors agree to this condition.

Grounds for appeal are limited to allegations of:

- I. Failure to follow due process
- II. Bias/undue influence

### III. Some other misconduct

Grounds for appeal shall not include any alleged error of judgement of the Selection Committee.

Appeals should be submitted to the Racing Manager within 5 days of the selection being announced. The full RYA Racing Department Selection Appeals Policy 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 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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