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Purpose

As part of the Northern Ireland RYA Strategy “Navigating the Future” our mission is to support participation across all aspects of our sport. “Project Theia” is the beginning of a Pilot Project developed by the Pathways Officer, the project aims to shine upon Pathway routes and opportunities within the world of sailing. With “Re-Imagined Pathways” embedded in our strategy, Project Theia aims to inspire and develop sailors across Northern Ireland.

The Project name “Theia” is based on the Goddess of Sight & Vision in Greek mythology. We want people who are involved in all aspects of our sport, **to see the pathways that sailing can offer them** and **embrace the opportunities that sailing provides**. Project Theia encourages additional opportunities for sailors across Northern Ireland, making pathways more accessible across our sport.

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WHAT DOES THE PROJECT STAND FOR?

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Training & Racing Opportunities

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Eighteen support for Women + Girls & Disabled People

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Educational opportunities across all aspects of the sport

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Inspiring people to develop & progress in their chosen pathway

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Achieving goals & celebrating success

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AREAS OF FOCUS



**Women on Water
Development
Programme**



**Sailability
Participation &
Competition**



**RYANI Team
Racing
Programme**



**Development
Academy**

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WHAT SUPPORT IS THERE FOR SAILABILITY?

We want to support Sailability participation and competition within Northern Ireland. Previously sailors would travel to participate in larger events however, this has become more challenging with the cost of living and cost of travel, entry and accommodation for a weekend of racing.

RYA Northern Ireland will support three Sailability hubs, Lough Erne Yacht Club, Foyle Sailability and Belfast Lough Sailability with funding to host three Sailability Racing Events throughout the year, to support participation and embed a passion for racing.

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1. To encourage more regional competition for disabled sailors and drive participation.
2. Disabled people feel like boating is a place for them, they feel listened to and valued, and that issues preventing them from enjoying the sport and staying in the sport are being addressed.
3. Providing more support for Sailability Clubs and recognition for their Volunteers, Officials and Sailors.





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To find out more about Sailability within Clubs in Northern Ireland or how you can introduce Sailability at your club please contact the Pathways Officer

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