



Transition to Olympic Class Project

We are excited to announce that we are opening applications for our Transition to Olympic Class Project.

This is a small scale, time and resource limited project to better help young sailors move into Olympic classes; targeted at classes where we have both gaps and sufficient numbers of sailors just moving out of Youth Classes.

The effects of Covid-19 has caused significant disruption to our normal programme but has also created some opportunities. As best as we can, we are trying to mitigate the disruption whilst responding to the opportunities. One of the opportunities that has arisen is sailors wanting to transition from Youth Classes to Olympic Classes earlier than we would expect. This is coupled with the negative impact Covid-19 has had on the normal Olympic cycle and the need to pause any changes resulting from our future strategy making it potentially harder to transition into Olympic class sailing in the short term. We are committed to retaining our best Youth sailors where we can and supporting their transition through this project.

The jump to sailing Olympic classes is hard, especially when there are changes in equipment, partnerships and education. The project will run from October 2020 to April 2021, with the aim of ensuring all sailors or teams are ready to compete internationally by Spring 2021. The project will consist of 12 coached days, designed to embed the fundamental skills and behaviours needed to progress within the pathway.

This project is aimed at the following classes: 470 (Mixed), Laser Radial (Female), Laser Standard (Male), IQ Foil (Female & Male), 49er (Male), 49er FX (Female).

To help give some more detail on who should apply, what will be delivered and how to apply we have created a FAQ information sheet that can be seen via the following link:

<https://venngage.net/pl/iuOX3jKWnPg>

Please note that only classes with both sufficient new sailors transitioning and with potential gaps are being considered for support.

In addition, this winter there will be no Laser Standard Youth Squad and we would encourage Standard rig sailors to apply for the transition project.

With regards to iQFoil, due to the recent changes in equipment we will not be running a Youth Squad this winter and would encourage sailors that are competent foiler's to apply for the transition project which will be selected after the iQFoil World Championships in Garda.

If you are interested in applying, please fill out the following application form:

<https://www.cognitofrms.com/RYA2/YouthToOlympicTransitionProjectApplication>

Applications will open **28th August** and close **midday 4th September**. Interviews will take place week commencing 21st September. Sailors should apply as an individual and we will also consider sailors not in a confirmed partnership for double handed classes.