

## **For the attention of all Youth age windsurfers considering attending the RYA Youth Nationals 2018**

### Techno Plus country qualification and sailor selection for the 2018 Youth Olympic Games (YOG)

There are two country qualification events for the 2018 YOG with the second event also being the primary **sailor** selection event.

This second event, the 2018 Techno Plus European Championships, is an IOC country qualification event and the primary selection event for the British Team to attend the YOG.

We have just been informed that the dates for this event will be **1st - 7th April 2018**, at Club Canottieri Roggero di Lauria, Mondello, Palermo, Sicily, Italy.

### RS:X selection for 2018 Youth Sailing World Championships

The normal practice when Youth Sailing World Championships is in the Northern hemisphere summer period -July (which is the case in 2018) is to select sailors from the preceding RYA Youth National Championships (**30 March - 6 April 2018**, Largs SC)

However, as there are sailors who have aspirations to train for and be considered for selection to both the YOG and Youth Sailing World Championships and there is now clearly a direct clash between these two events, this means we cannot use the 2018 RYA Youth Nationals to select RS:X sailors to attend the 2018 Youth Sailing World Championships.

The RYA proposes to use the following events to select sailors for the 2018 Youth Sailing World Championships (and summer UK Youth Squad and teams):

Secondary event            10-11 March 2018, RYA National Ranker, WPNSA

Primary event              13-15 April 2018, RS:X Youth National Championships, WPNSA (a one off event running alongside the RYA Windsurfing Easter Camp)

Thereby allowing all sailors the same opportunity for selection to both events.

Consequently, and as a result of both projected fleet size and the desire to manage the volume of events sailors may feel they need to attend, we are **not** proposing to run a RS:X fleet at the 2018 RYA Youth National Championships in Largs.

This being the case then the primary selection event would become the 2018 RS:X Youth National Champions (April 13-15), for both the Youth Sailing World Championships and the summer UK Youth Squad and International teams.