

Dear Competitors,

It is with immense disappointment, that we need to inform you that the British Youth Sailing Northern Regional Junior Championships due to be held at Ullswater Yacht Club this coming weekend has been cancelled.

Statement from Paul O Hara – Ullswater YC Commodore:

“It is with deep regret that I need to inform you that we, Ullswater Yacht Club, have had to make the difficult decision to Cancel the RYA Northern Junior Championships at Ullswater on the 26/27 Sep 2020.

This decision has not been made lightly, the sailing committee was engaged over the weekend, and with the unanimous decision, we felt it was the most responsible thing to do, taking into consideration the rapidly escalating Covid-19 situation. In the last few days large areas of the North of England have had local restrictions put in place. Whilst the current restrictions do not directly stop competitors or volunteers from coming to the event, we felt a duty of care and that it was the most responsible thing not to hold this event with these restrictions in place.”

Whilst we appreciate you would have all been looking forward to taking to the water at Ullswater to compete in the Championships, these are extraordinary and uncertain times, and the RYA completely respect the club’s decision and their reasoning behind it. We look forward to continuing to work with UYC to stage future events and Championships at the club in more “normal” circumstances, and would like to thank the Committee, staff and volunteers at Ullswater for all of the hard work they had put into the planning and preparation so far for the event.

We will be in touch once the remaining Regional junior Championships have concluded with information around our intentions for those sailors wanting to be considered for BYS Regional Training Groups, which we still plan to run over the coming months, as well as information on Championship entry fee refunds.

Thankyou for your understanding.

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