



RYA VOLVO Youth National Championships and Trials

Largs Sailing Club
11th to 17th April 2009

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NOTICE OF RACE

The 2009 RYA VOLVO Youth National Championships and Trials will be held at Largs Sailing Club from 11th to 17th April 2009. The Organizing Authority is the Royal Yachting Association (RYA) in conjunction with Largs Sailing Club.

1 RULES

- 1.1 Racing will be governed by the rules as defined in *The Racing Rules of Sailing*.
- 1.2 Competitors should note that RYA events implement the RYA Racing Charter and that they will be required to undertake to sail in compliance with the Charter, which can be found at the front of the RYA rule book (*The Racing Rules of Sailing 2009-2012*), or at www.rya.org.uk/racing/charter.
- 1.3 The exoneration penalty, and the Advisory Hearing and RYA Arbitration, of the RYA Rules Disputes Procedures will be available.

2 ADVERTISING

Advertising will be allowed in accordance with the Class Rules of competing classes.

3 ELIGIBILITY AND ENTRY

- 3.1 Racing will be for boys in Laser Standards, girls and boys in Laser Radials and Neil Pryde RS:X 8.5, and for all-boy, all-girl or mixed crews in 420s, 29ers and Hobie 16 with spinnaker.
- 3.2 Competitors in all classes shall hold or be entitled to hold a British passport and be eligible to compete for GBR at the ISAF Youth World Championship.
To be eligible to compete at the RYA Volvo Youth National Championships and Trials sailors shall be under 19 on 1st September 2009. To be eligible for the ISAF Youth World Championship sailors shall be under 19 on 31st December 2009.
- 3.3 Entries will only be accepted on the event on-line entry form, and shall be received, together with the entry fee, on or before Sunday 29th March 2009. Entries will not be accepted after this date.
- 3.4 All helms and crews who are under 18 years of age during the event are required to present a signed Parent/Guardian Declarations at registration. (Download the form from the web site)
- 3.5 Medical forms as part of the on-line entry are required to be completed for all competitors.
- 3.6 Compliance with selector's decisions:
There will be no appeal against the published selection criteria or the actions of the selectors, provided that they follow the selection criteria. By entering the selection process, sailors agree to this condition.

4 FEES

The entry fees are as follows:

Double-hander: £140

Single-hander/Windsurfer: £110

5 QUALIFYING SERIES AND FINAL SERIES

The Laser Radial Championship may consist of a qualifying series and a final series with racing for Gold and Silver fleets, providing sufficient entries are received. Details will be given in the Sailing Instructions.

6 SCHEDULE

6.1 Registration:

Competitors shall register at the Event Office on Saturday 11th and Sunday 12th April from 1300 to 1700 (Saturday) and 0900 to 1600 (Sunday). Competitors may register outside these times by prior arrangement with the RYA.

6.2 Measurement:

Measurement will take place at Largs Sailing Club on Sunday 12th April from 0900 to 1600. Random measurement checks of boats and equipment, including personal equipment, may be made at any time during the Championships.

6.3 Dates of Racing:

Racing for each class will run from Monday 13th to Friday 17th April.

6.4 Number of Races:

29er Class: 18 races.

All other Classes: 14 Races.

Although the event is the RYA Youth National Championships, it is also used for the selection processes described in the event Selection Notice. The racing programme may therefore be subject to change at short notice to meet the needs of the selectors.

Additional races may be arranged if required for selection purposes.

The warning signal for the first races on Monday 13th April will not be before 11:25.

7 MEASUREMENTS

Laser Standards, Laser Radials, 420s, Hobie 16 and 29ers shall be checked for rule compliance. Hobie 16 and Neil Pryde RS:X 8.5 will be subject to hull weighing.

8 SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

8.1 The sailing instructions will be available for all competitors at registration at the venue.

8.2 Draft Sailing Instructions will be available on the event website from Monday 30th March 2009. Questions on the Notice of Race or Sailing Instructions may be emailed to olivia.risk@rya.org.uk Note that these are DRAFT and may be subject to change.

9 VENUE

Races will be sailed in the waters of the Largs Channel and the waters surrounding Great Cumbrae. Attachment 1 shows the approximate location of the race areas.

10 THE COURSES

The courses to be sailed will be windward/leeward and/or trapezoid.

11 PENALTY SYSTEM

11.1 For the Hobie 16 and 29er classes rules 44.1 and 44.2 are changed so that only one turn, including one tack and one gybe, is required.

11.2 Decisions of the protest committee will be final as provided in rule 70.4.

12 SCORING

The scoring system will be detailed in the sailing instructions.

13 SUPPORT BOATS

Except when requested by or agreed with the race committee, coaches and supporters may not communicate with competitors afloat, tow competitors to or from the race area, or enter the race area.

14 BERTHING

Boats shall be kept in their assigned spaces in the boat park.

15 RADIO COMMUNICATION

A boat shall neither make radio transmissions while racing nor receive radio communications not available to all boats. This restriction includes mobile telephones.

16 PRIZES

The following trophies will be presented:

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| 1st Laser Standard | Royal Bank Trophy |
| 1st English Laser Standard | Henri Lloyd Trophy |
| 1st Scottish Laser Standard | Innes Quaich Trophy |
| 1st Welsh Laser Standard | Breen Turner Trophy |
| 1st Laser Radial Overall | Crewsaver Trophy |
| 1st Laser Radial Boy | Eric Twiname Coconut Cup |
| 1st English Laser Radial Boy | Volvo Trophy |
| 1st Scottish Laser Radial Boy | John Walker Trophy |
| 1st Welsh Laser Radial Boy | WYA Chairmans Trophy |
| 1st NI Laser Radial Boy | Bain Dickinson Trophy |
| 1st Laser Radial Girl | Eric Twiname Trophy |
| 1st English Laser Radial Girl | Henri Lloyd Trophy |
| 1st Scottish Laser Radial Girl | Largs Sailing Club Trophy |
| 1st Welsh Laser Radial Girl | Williams Trophy |
| 1st 420 Boys | Royal Bank Trophy/Armarda Plate |
| 1st English 420 Boys | House of Commons Trophy |
| 1st Scottish 420 Boys | Clydesdale Bank Trophy |
| 1st Welsh 420 Boys | Trophy |
| 1st 420 Girls | Eric Twiname Trophy |
| 1st English 420 Girls | Eric Twiname Trophy |
| 1st Scottish 420 Girls | Clyde Cruising Club Trophy |
| 1st Welsh 420 Girls | British Steel Sailing Club (Portalbot) |
| 1st 29er Overall | Harmony Trophy |
| 1st 29er Boys | Edwards Trophy |
| 1st 29er Girls | Ovington Trophy |
| 1st Hobie 16 | Hobie Europe/Wildwind Trophy |
| 1st Windsurfing Boy | Trophy |
| 1st Windsurfing Girl | Trophy |
| Youngest Helm | Warsash Plate |

Trophy Definitions

Wales

Both helm and crew need to be members of the relevant (Welsh) home country squad.

Northern Ireland

Both helm and crew need to originate (born in) from Northern Ireland.

Scotland

Both Helm and crew need to originate (born in) from Scotland.

England

Both Helm and Crew need to originate (born in) from England

Eligibility for Independent Sailor Trophies

Both helm and crew must NOT have received ANY formal RYA training (NYS, TT, Girl's group or training alongside) in any YOUTH class.

We will post a list of competitors who have declared that they comply with these definitions on the official notice boards.

Mementoes will be awarded for 1st, 2nd and 3rd Laser Standards, Laser Radial boys, Laser Radial girls, 420 boys / mixed crews, 420 girls, 29er boys / mixed, 29er girls, Hobie 16s, Neil Pryde RS:X 8.5 boys and Neil Pryde RS:X 8.5 girls.

17 RIGHTS TO USE NAMES AND LIKENESSES

Competitors automatically grant to the organizing authority without payment the right in perpetuity to make, use and show any motion pictures, still pictures and live, taped or filmed television of or relating to the event.

18 SAFETY REGULATIONS

All competitors shall wear a personal flotation device to an appropriate standard at all times when afloat.

19 DISCLAIMER OF LIABILITY

A boat is entirely responsible for her own safety, whether afloat or ashore, and nothing, whether in the Notice of Race or Sailing Instructions or anywhere else, reduces this responsibility.

It is for the boat to decide whether she is fit to sail in the conditions in which she will find herself. By launching or going to sea, the boat confirms that she is fit for those conditions and her crew is competent to sail and compete in them.

Nothing done by the organisers can reduce the responsibility of the boat nor will it make the organisers responsible for any loss, damage, death or personal injury, however it may have occurred, as a result of the boat taking part in the racing. The organisers encompass everyone helping to run the race and the event, and include the organizing authority, the race committee, the race officer, patrol boats and beachmasters

The provision of patrol boats does not relieve the boat of her responsibilities

The fact that the race committee conducts inspections of a boat does not reduce the responsibilities of the boat set out in this paragraph.

20 INSURANCE

Each participating boat shall be insured with valid third-party liability insurance with a minimum cover of £2 million per event or the equivalent.

21 FURTHER INFORMATION

For accommodation list of local hotels, B&Bs camping and caravans see the information section of the club web site, www.scottishsailinginstitute.com or www.largsonline.co.uk for additional local accommodation. Alternatively please contact the Largs and Millport Information Bureau on Tel. 01475 676182

Camper Vans at Largs Sailing Club and Marina

It is regretted that mobile homes/camper vans may not be used for sleeping in overnight on the LSC premises. This includes the car park, overflow car park and the causeway.

This is a requirement of the local authorities and is outside the control of the club. Please help us by abiding with this rule so that LSC complies with the law and retains the goodwill of its neighbours.

It is intended to hold the prize giving and announcements about the National Youth Squad places on the evening of Friday 17th April.

To be considered for the RYA National Youth Squad all sailors must complete and return a NYS Application Form to the RYA. This is can be downloaded from the youth racing section of the RYA website.

There will be a welcome and briefing on the local sailing area for all competitors on Sunday 12th April at 17:00.

Drug testing may take place during the event.

End of Notice of Race

Attachment 1

