



## 2016 EUROSAF Youth Sailing European Championships

### Selection Notice

#### 1. Introduction

1.1. The 2016 EUROSAF Youth Sailing European Championships will take place in Neusiedl am See, Austria from the 15 – 21 August. It is the intention of the RYA to send a team (subject to confirmation once the Notice of Race has been published), with representation in each class as follows:

- Laser Radial Boy
- Laser Radial Girl
- 420 Boys
- 420 Girls
- 29er Boys
- 29er Girls
- Neil Pryde RS:X 8.5 Boy
- Neil Pryde RS:X 8.5 Girl

1.2. This Selection Notice should be read in conjunction with the “British Youth Sailing Programme - Selection Policy & Procedures” which is available from the RYA website

1.3. The “Selection Process” is defined as everything included in this Notice of Selection and in the British Youth Sailing Programme - Selection Policy & Procedures that relates to the selection of sailors by the RYA to represent Great Britain (“GBR”) at the 2016 EUROSAF Youth Sailing European Championships.

#### 2. Aim

2.1. The aim of the Selection Process is to maximise the medal-winning potential of the British Youth Sailing Team at the 2016 EUROSAF Youth Sailing European Championships and the effective development of sailing talent and knowledge for future major International regattas and the Olympic Games whilst making the best use of the resources available to the RYA British Youth Sailing Programme.

2.2. The Selection Process will assist the RYA in determining who it wishes to select as part of the British Youth Sailing Team at the 2016 EUROSAF Youth Sailing European Championships.

2.3. **The aim may be best achieved by not nominating a sailor in one or more of the disciplines.**

#### 3. Eligibility

3.1. In order to be eligible for selection for the British Youth Sailing Team for the 2016 EUROSAF Youth Sailing European Championships, sailors must:

3.1.1. Be eligible to compete for Great Britain at the 2016 EUROSAF Youth Sailing European Championship at the time of selection.

3.1.2. The sailor being eligible to compete under the World Sailing Eligibility Code;

3.1.3. be competing in a class for which GBR have achieved any qualification criteria for the class concerned and received a full allocation of places

3.1.4. On the 31 December 2016 be under the age of 19.

3.1.5. Agree to participate fully in any British Youth Sailing Team preparation for the event. Failure to participate fully without the written and express permission of the RYA

Youth Racing Manager being granted may result in a sailor's place in the team being forfeited and that place being offered to another sailor.

3.1.6. The sailor(s)/teams remaining free of any physical impediment to performance, i.e. all sailors remaining free from any illness and injury which may be perceived by the selectors to be detrimental to performance throughout the preparation for the event.

3.2 In the event of a sailor not complying with point 3.1.6 then the selectors reserve the right to either withdraw the nomination of that sailor/team, or nominate another sailor to replace the sailor within a team. Normally, it will result in the team (in the case of double-handers) forfeiting their place and a reserve team being selected.

#### 4. Selection Practice

4.1. The Selection Committee shall be as per the British Youth Sailing Programme 'Selection Policy & Procedures'.

Chair of Selectors – Youth Racing Committee  
RYA Performance Director  
RYA Youth Racing Manager  
RYA Single-handed Pathway Manager  
RYA Double-handed Pathway Manager

4.2. This Selection Committee has authority delegated by the RYA Council and Racing Committee to take decisions on all matters concerning the Selection Process.

#### 5. Selection Process

5.1. The Selection Committee will select in accordance with this Notice of Selection and the British Youth Sailing Programme 'Selection Policy & Procedures'. They may also take into account any other factor they decide may influence achieving the Aim, as set out in Section 2 above

5.2. Should this Notice of Selection be in conflict with any part of the British Youth Sailing Programme - Selection Policy & Procedures this Notice of Selection shall take precedence.

5.3. The primary selection event for all classes will be the:

**RYA Youth National Championships** to be held at Plas Heli, WNSA from 2 – 8 April 2016.

5.4. If in the opinion of the selection committee the conditions outlined in the above selection procedure are not met at the primary selection event, the Selectors will exercise their discretion which will include taking into account performances from the following additional nominated secondary indicator event(s), and as necessary any additional major national or international events for each class in order to inform their decision to select members for the British Youth Sailing Team. These (secondary) indicator events are as follows, but events may be added later at the discretion of the selection committee:

- **Laser Radial (boys & girls)** UKLA Qualifier 2, 12 & 13 March – Mount Batten SC. UKLA Qualifier 3 19 & 20 March – Stokes Bay SC.
- **420 (boys & girls)** 19 - 20 March 2016 – Draycote Water SC
- **RS:X 8.5 (boys & girls)** RYA Olympic classes spring series, 12 – 13 March 2016 – WPNSA.
- **29er (boys & girls)** 19 & 20 March 2016 – Marconi SC

#### 6. Selection Criteria

6.1. Selections for the British Youth Sailing Team will be made by the Selection Committee, who will exercise their discretion to select those sailors who, as a team and in their opinion, have a combination of:

6.1.1. The best prospects of winning medals at World and European Championships now and in the future,

- 6.1.2. The best prospects of winning medals at the 2016 EUROSAF Youth Sailing European Championships,
- 6.1.3. The potential to finish in the top six positions of the class in question at the 2016 EUROSAF Youth Sailing European Championships
- 6.1.4. The best prospects of developing sailing talent and knowledge so that the British Youth Sailing Programme will optimally feed the Olympic pathway.
- 6.2. However, it is the intention of the Selection Committee, to normally select the highest ranked eligible sailors/teams in each class for the 2016 EUROSAF Youth Sailing European Championships from the principal selection event, on a first-past-the-post basis, provided that in the opinion of the selection committee the following conditions have been met:
  - 6.2.1. There has been a reasonable number and quality of races in the series at the principal selection event;
  - 6.2.2. There has been a clear winner at the principal selection event.
- 6.3. Any selection will be subject to continued eligibility per section 3 and conformance with the terms and conditions, attainment of any physical standards set by the RYA, and full participation in an agreed training and competition programme in preparation for the regatta. Each selected sailor will normally have their own individual programme and this may include compulsory attendance at agreed team building, training, racing and physical preparation sessions.
- 6.4. For the avoidance of doubt and notwithstanding any other provision in the Selection Process, the Selection Committee reserves the right to revoke a nomination once made or to choose to nominate no-one to sail in a particular class.
- 6.5. **For Laser Radial class only**, sailors selected for the EUROSAF Youth Europeans team will not be able to compete in the Laser Radial Youth European Championships in Tallinn, Estonia as due to the proximity of dates, travel times make this unrealistic.

## **7. Indicative Training/Competition Commitments**

- 7.1. **ALL** – There are no additional training or competition commitments involved with selection.

## **8. Announcements**

- 8.1. In those classes where selections have been made, the sailors will be announced at the prize giving of the 2016 RYA Youth National Championships WPNSA. Any later selections will be announced upon completion and will be posted on the RYA website.

## **9. Appeals**

- 9.1. No legal action may be taken arising from a decision made by the Selectors.
- 9.2. Any appeal relating to the selection process will be conducted in accordance with the RYA Racing Department Selection Appeals Policy. A copy of this document is available on request from the RYA Racing Operations Manager.

## **10. Status**

- 10.1. The Royal Yachting Association's policies and procedures are subject to change from time to time, including variations required to comply with Sports Councils' directions on the investment of National Lottery funds.  
The RYA reserves the right to amend, supplement and/or discontinue at its absolute discretion, for whatever reason, any or all of its policies and procedures.

## **11. Contact**

- 11.1. For further information please contact the RYA Youth Racing Manager at the RYA on 02380 604197.