



## **EUROSAF Youth Sailing, European Championship, 2014**

### **Selection Notice**

#### **Introduction**

The 2014 EUROSAF Youth Sailing European Championship will take place in Gdynia, Poland from the 18 - 23 August 2014. It is the intention of the RYA to send representation in the following classes:

- Boys One Person Dinghy - Laser Radial – 2 boats.
- Girls One Person Dinghy – Laser Radial – 2 boats.
- Open Skiff - 29er – 2 boats. 1 Boys or Boy/Girl boat & 1 Girls boat.
- Boys Two Person Dinghy – International 420 – 2 boats.
- Girls Two Person Dinghy – International 420 – 2 boats.
- Boys Windsurfer - RS:X 8.5 – 2 sailors.
- Girls Windsurfer - RS:X 8.5 – 2 sailors.

The “Selection Process” is defined as everything included in this document that relates to the selection of sailors by the RYA to represent Great Britain (“GBR”) at the 2014 EUROSAF Youth Sailing European Championship.

#### **Aim**

The aim of the Selection Process is to maximise the medal-winning potential of the British Sailing Team at the 2015 Class Youth World Championships and the effective development of sailing talent and knowledge for future major International regattas and the Olympic Games.

The Selection Process will assist the RYA in determining who it wishes to select as part of the British team at the 2014 EUROSAF Youth Sailing European Championship.

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

#### **Selection Committee**

The Selection Committee shall be the RYA UK Youth Squad Selection Committee, as defined in the notice of selection for the RYA UK Youth Squad 2014.

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

#### **Selection Principles**

The Selection Committee will select the sailors they believe will best represent GBR at the 2014 EUROSAF Youth Sailing, European Championship and subsequently the Class Youth World Championships 2015.

The Selection Committee will select in accordance with the Selection Process and may take into account any other factor they decide may influence achieving the above aim.

Should these Selection Principles be in conflict with any part of the Selection Process, these Selection Principles shall take precedence.

#### **Eligibility**

In order to be eligible for selection, sailors must:

1. Be eligible to compete for Great Britain at the 2015 Class Youth World Championships at the time of selection.
2. Be aged under 18 on the 31<sup>st</sup> December 2014.
3. Not normally have represented GBR at the ISAF World Championships in any previous year(s).
4. Be a member of an RYA Squad at the time of the EUROSAF Youth Sailing European Championship, 2014.
5. Agree to participate fully in any bespoke or generic elements of RYA Team GBR preparation for the event (outlined below).
6. Not be selected for the Great Britain 2014 ISAF Youth Worlds Team.

Failure to fully participate in any element of pre-event training without the express permission of the RYA Youth Racing Manager being granted may result in forfeiting your place in the team and that place being offered to another sailor.

### **Selection Criteria**

Selection as a member of the GBR sailing team at the 2014 EUROSAF Youth Sailing European Championship is dependent upon:

- The Selection Committee being satisfied that the sailor has the potential to finish in the top [six] positions at the 2014 EUROSAF Youth Sailing, European Championship, or, that effective development of sailing talent and knowledge for future Class Youth World Championships and the Olympic Games will take place by nominating the sailor;
- The sailor being selected for nomination by the Selection Committee;
- The sailor being eligible to compete in the 2015 Class Youth World Championships;
- The sailor being eligible to compete under the International Sailing Federation Eligibility Code
- GBR achieving the qualification criteria for the class concerned and receiving a full allocation of places.
- The sailor(s)/teams remaining free of any physical impediment to performance (illness and injury free) throughout the preparation for the event.

### **Selection Procedure**

Selections for RYA Team GBR will be made by the Selection Committee, who will exercise their discretion with a view to selecting those sailors who, in their opinion, have a combination of:

1. The best prospects of winning medals at World and European Championships now and in the future,
2. The best prospects of winning medals at the 2014 EUROSAF Youth Sailing European Championship and subsequently the Class Youth World Championships 2015,
3. The best prospects of successfully following an Olympic pathway.

However, it is the intention of the Selection Committee to select the highest ranked eligible sailor/team in each class for the 2014 EUROSAF Youth Sailing European Championship 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:

1. There has been a reasonable quality and number of races in the series at the principal selection event,
2. There have been suitable conditions at the principal selection event,
3. There has been a clear winner at the principal selection event.

Any selection will be subject to continued 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 will include compulsory attendance at agreed team building, training, racing and physical preparation sessions.

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.

### **Principal selection event**

The principal selection event for all classes will be the RYA Youth National Championships 2014, to be held at Weymouth and Portland National Sailing Academy from the 14<sup>th</sup> – 18<sup>th</sup> April, 2014, provided sufficient entries are received to satisfy the criteria outlined in the event Notice of Race.

### **Secondary Indicator events**

If in the opinion of the Selection Committee the conditions outlined in the above selection procedure are not met at the principal 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 additional national or international events for each class in order to inform their decision to select members for Team GBR. These (secondary) indicator events are as follows:

Laser Radial (boys and girls)	UKLA 2014 Spring Qualifier Series 8-9 Mar.
RS:X 8.5 (boys and girls)	RYA Olympic classes spring series, 8-9 <sup>th</sup> March – WPNSA.
420 (boys and girls)	Winter Championships and Worlds & Junior Euros Selectors, Pwllheli. 8-9 Mar
29er (boys or boy/girl, girls)	29er Grand Prix Series 1, 29-30 <sup>th</sup> March – Rutland Water SC.

## **Announcements**

In those classes where selections have been made, the team which will represent GBR at the 2014 EUROSAF Youth Sailing European Championship will be announced at the prize giving of the 2014 RYA Youth National Championships at WPNSA. Any later selections will be announced upon completion and will be posted on the RYA website.

## **Indicative Training/Competition Commitments**

It is our intention to hold a 2014 EUROSAF Youth Sailing European Championship meeting after the prize giving at the RYA Youth Nationals, at this meeting the lead Coach will deliver a presentation on current plans for the event, included in this meeting will be an update on training arrangements prior to the event in August. It will be important for the successful sailors to ensure that they have their training diary's at this meeting.

## **Appeals**

Any appeal relating to the Selection Process will be conducted in accordance with the RYA Racing Department Selection Appeals Policy.

There will be no appeals against the published Selection Process or the actions of the Selection Committee, provided they follow the Selection Process. By entering the Selection Process sailors agree to this condition.

Grounds for appeal are limited to allegations of:

- I. Failure to follow due process.
- II. Bias/undue influence.
- III. Some other misconduct.

Grounds for appeal shall not include any alleged error of judgement of the Selection Committee.

Appeals should be submitted to the Racing Manager within five days of the selection being announced. The full RYA Racing Department Selection Appeals Policy document is available on request from the RYA Racing Operations Manager.

## **Status**

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.

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